

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held electronically on Thursday 26th November 2020.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Pearce, A Seel, J Taylor & K Simms

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
Chris Jones

2011/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Chapman.

2011/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2020 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2011/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2011/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

2008/20 The Clerk has not received a reply from Home Choice regarding concerns that Home Choice will place residents from out of County into St Blazey once the Polgrean Development has been completed. The Clerk has sent a follow up letter but still no reply and so will keep reminding them.

2009/25 Councillor Moore reported that work has finished on the Britannia Roundabout, negotiations are ongoing with Highways regarding future maintenance and this would be a great shame if they don't maintain the areas after all the hard work by so many. The BRIT Roundabout has been landscaped and the replanted but the full benefit will not be seen until spring. Negotiations with Highways are for all the roundabouts around St Austell that have been revamped.

2011/05 **PRESENTATION ON THE WORK OF CORNWALL BEAVER PROJECT**

Chris Jones from the Cornwall Beaver Project and owner of Woodland Valley Farm gave a presentation on the work to date to introduce beavers back to Cornwall. He and

Jenny Moore had visited the area from Treemill to St Andrew's Pond to look at local potential areas for their introduction as part of the StARR project.

Chris Jones has successfully introduced beavers onto his own land and is looking at a project to introduce them to an area behind the A390 between A30. Beavers cause flooding but introduced correctly they will control the areas that flooding occurs.

Chris is keen to work with the StARR project to help their work but needs assistance from Members of Parliament. It was agreed that the TC would write to Steve Double.

2011/06 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work was up to date when the Warden was furloughed on November 5th.

2011/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Three StARR webinars have been conducted in the last weeks, and I am hopeful that we are moving towards a conclusion in 2021. I know that there are outstanding issues at the Aberdeen Close/St Blazey ponds site, which might require more investigation. I have asked that the Aberdeen Close land adjacent to the A390 be considered sympathetically, as many of the local children use that land to play on.

At the Network Panel meeting, the panel agreed to increase the budget for Old Roselyon feasibility study to £5,000. We had an interesting line-up of speakers, one talking about cyber-crime, which is on the increase. If you are suspicious of an email from your bank or service provider, best not to answer it, and contact the company direct. Millions of pounds a year are taken out of people's bank accounts, by unscrupulous individuals, best to check to be safe.

Drug dealers are availing themselves of day-glow jackets and delivering drugs under the guise of delivery drivers. At a meeting with Devon & Cornwall Police, I was asked to remind residents that if they see anything suspicious, they should report online to Crime stoppers or telephone 0800 555111. Everything is logged and can be anonymous, this intelligence gives weight to the Police and can help with a conviction. Saying nothing or moaning on Facebook doesn't help our area, and if you believe it's not happening in St Blazey, I have to say, drugs crime is rising, don't let our youngsters become victims.

I met with Network Rail to discuss the closure of the railway junction at Tywardreath Highway, from 10.15pm on Christmas Eve until 8am on 28 December. I made the point that often, not enough notice is given via signage, to inform regular users of its closure. I have noted that there are now huge lit up signs on both sides of the junction, they've obviously listened.

I am grateful that children will now get a meal even when on school holidays, often, it is the families in low paid employment who are struggling, and we must remember that furlough has meant many have lost 20% of their income.

I am now able to organise the virtual Carol Service, which will be filmed by the Cornwall Channel at the Range. A small amount of Mount Charles youth Band, will be playing the Carols, as they have done for many years at the Town Council's service at the Church. The recording will be out nearer to Christmas and the link to the concert will be promoted once the video has been completed.

I have chased up where we are with regards to the devolution of the park. I am keen to get this signed off in order to ensure that the children get their new equipment by the Spring, Covid has kept them in for long enough.

2011/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Today it was confirmed that from December 2nd onwards, Cornwall will be one of only 3 areas in the whole country to open in Tier 1 due to Corona Virus Restrictions. This is brilliant news for Cornwall and shows that because of our tenacity to do the right thing and abide by the restrictions, we have been rewarded with being in Tier 1.

Now more than ever it is important that we support our local businesses. Our businesses will bounce back, but only if we support them. I know that some businesses in the area are actually recruiting at the moment. I hope the Town Council will make use of the funding that is being offered through the Town Vitality Fund. The money can be used in a variety of different ways where you have clusters of more than 15 businesses within 150 meters.

Last week marked ten years since the St Blazey floods of 2010. A tragic event which will long last in our memories. It is why I feel so proud to now be in a position where I can influence and oversee a £32 million StARR project that will hopefully never allow St Blazey to flood like that again. The project's main aim is to ensure we are prepared for the next flood and to ensure the effects are not as devastating as the floods of 2010 whilst making Par and St Blazey a safer place to live and grow up in.

A major part of the project is changing the landscaping in the local area so that we can introduce features on our green and open spaces that, in a major flood, will be able to hold water and reduce the speed of the flow of water in to the lower catchment. One of the areas where the landscaping is set to change is at Bull Engine Park. It is proposed that a wetland meadow is introduced on the grass area adjacent to the road, with the skate park being moved back towards the football cage. It is looking like we will be able to deliver the skate park at the same time as the landscaping work, so fingers crossed this will be completed in the spring. The landscape around the park will be improved with more trees, more green features and natural landscaping.

I was so pleased this month to see that the Brit roundabout on the A390 has now been landscaped by the brilliant Darren Hawkes and the team at CORMAC. This is something we have been talking about for over three years now. I am incredibly grateful to St Austell Bay Economic Forum for including it in their 'Austell Project'. Part of the project is all about creating green corridors from the clays down to the St Austell Bay area. This is linked to the wildflower corridor on the A391. It is also refreshing to see SABEF including St Blazey in their projects. Added thanks must go to Councillor Jenny Moore for all her work on this. We now have a clean, maintained piece of landscaping with links to our clay heritage. Watch this space for spring when

the roundabout will really come in to its own.

Progression continues to be made with the work at Lesnewth so that residents can return to their homes. I have a site meeting next month with Ocean so I will find out more then.

Good progress is also being made on the active travel path at Par Moor and I am meeting with the newly appointed Project Manager for this project next month to discuss stage two. As many will recall, stage one is from the Brit Roundabout on the A390 along Par Moor Road to Cypress Avenue.

2011/09 **TO SET THE 21-22 PRECEPT**

The Clerk had written a budget within our current expenditure. Councillor Seel proposed an increase of 2% to allow for unknown expenditure, which would cost a resident of the Town with a D rated property £1 per year. Councillor Chamberlain seconded the proposal, Councillor R Taylor voted against the increase, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2011/10 **TO REVIEW THE EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk has received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from the External Auditor. They confirm that proper practice had been followed and no other matters have come to their attention to cause concern. However the original return was returned after submission for an amendment.

2011/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

There has been no further impact on the Town Council.

2011/12 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Council considered the Statement of Internal Control. No changes were made. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2011/13 **DECORATING OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

It was agreed that the trees would be decorated and assembled on Monday 7th December.

2011/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

No further progress as we are waiting until January when the consultation begins.

Devolution of Play Areas

The TC solicitor is writing a report from the abundance of paperwork received from CC and this will be shared with the Councillors once received.

The Clerk has received a draft terms of grant offer which is a standard document for devolution which she will return to CC.

2011/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk asked the Councillors if they would be happy to continue the Local Partnership initiative during 21-22. All the Councillors believe this is essential to continue with the upkeep of the footpaths.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus.

Location: St Blazey Level Crossing, Par

Timing: 24th December 2020 to 28th December 2020 (22:15 to 08:00 hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Cornwall Council have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus.

Location: Penny's Lane, Par

Timing: 25th January 2021 to 27th January 2021 (07:30 to 17:00 hours each day)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Cornwall Council have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus.

Location: Par Lane

Timing: 4th January 2021 to 25th June 2021 (24hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Cornwall Council have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus.

Please respond with any feedback within fourteen days from the date of this e-mail.

Location: Par Lane

Timing: 26th February to 16th August 2021 (24hours)

The Clerk has received the following updates on the Community Network Panel Highways Scheme.

The Panel agreed to review Old Roselyon Road to deal with the various requests.

Cornwall Council have agreed to carry out further speed monitoring along Par Lane.

The yellow lines in Penarwyn have been referred to the commissioning team.

The yellow lines in Rosehill have been referred to the commissioning team

2011/16 PLANNING MATTERS

There have been four planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them:

PA20/00007/NDP Plan Proposal Submitted for St Austell Bay Neighbourhood Development Plan
Charlestown
St Austell

PA20/08384 Two storey rear extension
1 Polgover Way
St Blazey

PA20/09228 Single storey rear extension to rear of property.
137 Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey

PA20/09628 Advertisement consent for a non-illuminated slim frame flex face sign
The Range, Par Moor Road
St Blazey

PA20/07966 Two-storey side extension
30 Ash Grove
St Blazey Gate

Results Received

PA20/09628 Advertisement consent for a non-illuminated slim frame flex face sign
The Range, Par Moor Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

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| PA20/08390 | Demolition of workshop and construction of new dwelling. 28 Rose Hill St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA20/08383 | Works to trees subject to a TPO. Height reduction of lime and sycamore trees. Rosehill House Middleway St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA20/08384 | Two storey rear extension 1 Polgover Way St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA20/08788 | Proposed New Build Land west of 65A Rosehill St Blazey APPROVED |
| PA20/09228 | Single storey rear extension to rear of property. 137 Old Roselyon Road St Blazey APPROVED |

2011/17 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

No update due to no use as a result of lockdown.

2011/18 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

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| Hall Bookings | 60.00 |
| Interest | 0.52 |
| High Deposit Int | 16.69 |
| Community Room | 96.00 |
| JA Hall | 240.00 |
| Burrows | 2,500.00 |

Expenditure

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| Clerks Wage | 1588.17 |
| Wardens Wage | 666.33 |
| Broadband | 21.95 |
| UK Fuels | 46.00 |
| Insurance | 208.25 |
| HMRC | 980.01 |
| CC (Pen) | 705.89 |
| Cumbrian Clock | 198.00 |
| Cormac | 154.84 |
| Web-site | 185.00 |
| Poppy Appeal | 165.00 |
| Stationery | 51.98 |

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| | <u>AH</u> | |
| | Chubb (parts) | 14.47 |
| | Chubb | 174.71 |
| | EDF (Elec) | 33.00 |
| | SWW | 21.50 |
| | EDF (Gas) | 1.00 |
| | Cleaners Wage | 45.60 |
| | <u>PC</u> | |
| | Electric | (5.88) |
| | Business Rates | 55.00 |
| | Locking | 30.00 |
| | Water | 123.03 |
| | <u>Community Rooms</u> | |
| | Electric | (101.06) |
| | Business Rates | 104.00 |
| | Water | 67.54 |
| | <u>JA Hall</u> | |
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| 2,913.21 | | 5,430.42 |

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2011/19 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor R Taylor attended the Community network Panel meeting on November 23rd, a Climate Emergency Meeting on November 25th and the Eden geothermal meeting on November 24th.

Eden have set up an Eden Geothermal Community Fund which is a £20,000 fund to support community projects in the parishes of Treverbyn, St Blaise, Carlyon and Luxulyan. Applications will open on 30 November 2020, with grants of between £500 and £5,000 available.

Councillor Moore attended a SABEF meeting on 25.11.2020 which discussed Business support through Growth Hub. The focus is on towns which don't get looked at as often as others. There is possible funding and support. There is to be a Zoom meeting on 9 December at 2pm. Cllr Moore has posted this on Facebook and will post the link on there.

St Austell are starting a Town Team – they are already well down the route of place shaping.

Councillor Moore was very disappointed that she was the only Town Councillor to attend the StARR webinars as £32 million coming into our area and is an amazing occurrence, attendance was from home for half an hour.

Councillor Chamberlain asked the Councillors to attend the PL24 AGM on Monday 30th November. PL24 have set up various events for all to enjoy on the run up to Christmas.

2011/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th January 2021, time and place to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.48 pm.