

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 25th October 2012**

Present

Councillor J Anderson - Chairperson

Councillors:

G Allen, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller, A Putt & D Scrafton

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
1 x PCSO
1 x member of the public.
Kevin Atkinson
Christopher Jones

1210/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill, Muskett-Geake, Seel & Cornwall Councillor Taylor.

1210/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2012 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1210/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on pecuniary and non pecuniary items on the Agenda.

1210/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1209/08 A reply had been received from Cornwall Council planning explaining the reasons that their planning meetings were to change.

1210/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2012	Detected	
Assault	3	
Burglary Dwelling	1	
Burglary Other		
Theft of M/V		
Criminal damage to M/V	2	
Theft (Including from M/V)	2	
Damage	3	
Drugs	2	2

Other	2	
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Total	15	2
September 2011	49	15

1210/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The warden has undertaken First Aid training which will not need renewing for three years. He has secured 3 stones into the Town Car Park and will cement the others next week.

1210/07 **A PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CORNISH ARMS**

Christopher Jones Architect has drawn up plans for redevelopment of the Cornish Arms on behalf of BRG construction based in Hertfordshire, one of the directors resides in St Blazey. The Architect was restricted to a certain extent as the building is listed. The current property is planned to change into 8 properties and extended for another 3 totally 11 new homes. They are to be all 2/3 bedroomed properties, a mix of flats and houses. There will be 17 parking spaces within the development and there will be an affordable element.

1210/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor sent the following report:-

Since the last meeting of the Town Council, I have been away for a one week on holiday and at the time of writing expect to be admitted to Treリスケ Hospital on Sunday 21st for vascular surgery with an anticipated stay of four or five days.

Given the above limitations I have participated in the last month in: Big Local, Biscovey Infants Governors plus one Governors school visit, St Blazey Reclaimed, Hands Together, Housing Home choice Review Working Party, Fourways Management Committee, Green Cornwall and Marine Energy briefing, Waste Development Advisory Panel, Fire and Rescue Service IWG, Cornwall Council “no confidence in the leader” meeting, Communities Scrutiny Committee, Cornwall Community Flood Forum Management Board.

Of the above, the Cornwall Council meeting when Alec Robertson was removed as leader of Cornwall Council, it has to be the highlight and was without doubt the most unusual and surreal council meeting I have ever been a part of. Suffice it to say that the leader and at least four members of the cabinet have paid the price for ignoring the wishes of the members of the council.

As you may recall, I have been working to restore the lighting of the footways between Polgreaan Place and the Co-op and on to Middleway. Research has revealed that a planning obligation was agreed between RBC and International Stores to provide adequate lighting in the hours of darkness for these areas. That obligation passes with the business to Gateway, Somerfield and the Co-op. I have asked

Planning Enforcement to obtain compliance and in response to this, the Co-op has engaged engineers to repair the three defective lights nearest to Polgrean Place. If they do not stop the practice of turning the lights off when the store closes, I will use Enforcement once again.

1210/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes also said that the meeting which saw Alec Robertson removed as leader of Cornwall Council was bizaar and much unacceptable behaviour was displayed by many of his Councillor colleagues.

The full Cornwall Council have received the petition to stop privatisation of certain services and the chief executive has 3 months with which to return with the proposals from BT and any other interested bidders.

Councillor Hughes reported that the planning committee is to change to holding meetings every 4 weeks on Mondays at 2.00pm from December. The meetings will alternate between Truro and St Austell.

During the recent high tides, St Blazey and Par were unaffected but uncovered a problem where the storm water drains that go into the Par River. When the sea is as high, the sea flows into the sewer drains causing problems. South West Water have accepted that work needs to be undertaken to correct the problem, as a reflection Harbour Road could be closed to traffic for some time.

Yellow lines at the bottom of the Mount should be installed within the next few months.

1210/10 **DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Muskett-Geake proposed that the Council give a donation of £120, Councillor Hooper seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. LGA 1972 s139.

1210/11 **COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID**

Councils and Community Groups can list any assets within the Parish that they would like to buy, which must be listed with the local authority, and then have first right to purchase them if they should ever come available for sale. It gives the enroller on the register six months to consider the option before the asset becomes available on the open market.

The Clerk asked the Councillors to consider starting a register.

1210/12 **GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

St Blaise Town qualifies to use the new power “General Power of Competence” also known as “the Power of 1st Resort”, the criteria being a fully qualified clerk and over 70% of its members elected. The new power gives the Council greater freedom to act,

influence and shape the community and work with other parishes. If the Council opts to use this power it must be renewed at every Annual meeting.

Councillor Hooper proposed that St Blaise Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal, all were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1210/13 **DOG BINS**

The Clerk has received correspondence from a resident who has requested a dog bin be installed at Old Roselyon Crescent. The cost of a bin will be £110.90 to purchase and £61.60 per year to empty. Councillor Scrafton proposed that a bin be purchased and the Town Council pay for emptying, the proposal was seconded by Councillor Hooper, all the Council were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1210/14 **CAROL CONCERT**

Discussion took place regarding who should read the lessons at this years Carol Concert, the suggestions were the Boy Bishop from Biscovey Academy, Anne Weaver from Par Church's Together and Councillor Alexia Muskett-Geake.

Canon Malcolm Bowers has written regarding the purchase of new Carol Leaflets, the leaflets are free but a donation is requested. Councillor Putt proposed a donation of £40, Councillor Miller seconded, there was one abstention but it was RESOLVED.

1210/15 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL WEB SITE**

Icon Web-services have sent the following proposal to upgrade the Council web-site.

1. Make the website multi-device friendly.

More and more people are using mobile phones and tablets to access the Internet, the website will require some alterations to allow users to view and use the website correctly.

2. Upgrade look and feel of the website

To bring the website up to date with regards to graphics/layout and accessibility.

3. Add an opt in email list

To offer the option for a user to provide their email address and receive regular updates via email for minutes, newsletters and planning etc.

This will be at a cost of £350.00. Councillor Heyward proposed that we accept the quote and make the changes, Councillor Hooper seconded the proposal, all were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1210/16 **ST BLAZEY FOUNTAIN**

Councillor Hooper has contacted the Aqua-centre regarding the cloudy water in the fountain. They suggest a new pump, UV light and filtration system which should run 24 hours a day and not turned off as it is now. There would need to be a new power

supply also which would tap into the supply already across the road, no need for a new supply. Once installed the Fountain would need cleaning once a week until the water becomes clear and then return to a two weekly cycle. The cost of these additions and a vax would be approximately £200. The cost of an additional power socket will be looked at but if costs are acceptable the council agreed that these changes to the system should be made.

1210/17 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCILS CUTS**

Cornwall Council is considering stopping the One Stop Shop out and about service as it is proving unviable.

1210/18 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk has completed an Expression of Interest form to the BIG lottery funding for buildings. The fund likes to see the local community involved in the process and therefore Councillors Anderson, Gill and Scrafton may have to become part of a user group with our current hirers.

St Blazey Car Park – A new sign has been ordered for the Town Car Park.

1210/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Councillor Anderson, Seel and Scrafton will meet with Rebecca Jacobs to discuss the options regarding affordable housing provided by developers next week.

Jan Phillips from Groundwork has written asking that we send a letter of support so that she may seek further funding to carry out the Green Space Audit in St Blaise. The Council agreed the letter should be written.

Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 2nd January to 26th March 2013 (24 hours weekends included)

Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Bridge Investigation Works

Contact: A Hoffen, CORMAC Solutions Ltd, Tel: 0300 1234 222

1210/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been two planning application received, it was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

PA12/08251 Change of use
From disused Chapel to elderly persons day care centre.
New Chapel
St Blazey Road.
St Blazey

PA12/09372 Full Planning
Retention of double Elliott unit.
Biscovey Junior School
Lamellyn Road
St Blazey

Planning Applications decisions received.

PA12/07004 Full Planning
Change of use of redundant chapel/ Sunday school to A1 use funeral directors.
The Old Sunday School, Station Road, St Blazey.
APPROVED

PA12/07197 Full Planning
Repositioning of existing conservatory and construction of new kitchen.
46 Manor View, St Blazey
APPROVED

PA12/07662 Full Planning
Proposed new pharmacy, waiting room and associated works.
Middleway Surgery, St Blazey
APPROVED

1210/21 ALEXANDER HALL

The Co-op has still not said whether they will pay for the repairs to the roof which took place in February after it was vandalised.

1210/22 ACCOUNTS

Payments

Hall Bookings	949.50
Interest	2.42 9/12

Expenditure

Broadband	31.94
SWW	66.50
Insurance	158.32
HMRC	112.74
CC (pen)	423.47
Clerks Sal	1261.46
Wardens Wage	761.03
UK Fuels	52.18
EON	88.00
Travel	215.90
Stationery	7.80
Petrol	10.00

Solicitor	5.00
Hospitality	14.98
Cleaning mats	9.51
CIS	146.43
Tools & equip	96.61
Pressure Wash	179.98
Blower/Vac	139.90
Cumbria Clock	174.00
SJA	60.00
R Thomas	60.00
Fountain elec	69.00
Chubb Fire	127.56
CEF	85.21
EHPA	120.00
Chicks	100.00
Cornwall Blind	100.00
Icon	275.00
Cleaners Wage	59.60
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The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1210/23 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that the second big Local giveaway had taken place. A vision statement has been prepared and will be examined by the Lottery commission shortly. It is available to see with other information at www.parbaybiglocal.co.uk.

Councillors Putt told the Council that culvert work was being carried out in the land behind Julian Foye.

1210/24 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 29th November 2012 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.36pm.