

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th October 2014**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor A Seel – Deputy Mayor (late arrival)

Councillors:

G Allen, R Blackie, G Miller, A Putt, D Scrafton, R Taylor and S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Cornwall Cllr D Scrafton (incl above)
1 member of public
Luci Isaacson.
Charles Richards

Before the meeting began David Frost who has been a resident of St Blazey all his life asked the Council how they spent the people of St Blazey's money. He was told that the Council maintained the public conveniences, the community centre, all the street furniture around the town, Trailblazer Park, Station Road town car park, the flower beds and the fountain.

The councillors liaise with Cornwall Council ensuring that the people of St Blazey get best value, they provide dog and litter bins, maintain many of the grassed areas around the town as well as all the public footpaths and street furniture.

The Christmas decorations are provided as well as putting on an Annual Carol Concert and donations are given to good local causes.

Mr Frost was invited to inspect the accounts at a convenient time for both him and the Clerk and the councillors hoped that he would come to another meeting in the future.

Luci Isaacson spoke to the council as unfortunately the probation service will be unable to carry out the leaf litter project in Par Lane. This is due to the probation service not being allowed to use stop and go for traffic which would allow them to work safely in an area without pavements.

Councillor Seel entered the meeting.

Luci asked the councillors for suggestion of alternative places where the project could safely be used. Councillor Putt suggested the bottom of Rose Hill, Councillor Taylor suggested the bottom of Middleway, Luci thought that both these areas would be deemed unsafe. Councillor Scrafton suggested the area at the bottom of the Mount which although has no pavement is a reasonably quiet area on a Sunday.

1410/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Heyward.

1410/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2014 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1410/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1410/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1409/09 Councillor Wheeler informed the council that the seat to be placed on the corner of Old Roselyon Road and Middleway has been ordered and shall be put in place shortly. The Clerk has been informed that there are grants available for bus shelters.

1409/16 Councillor Putt told us that the flower baskets to be placed on the Church wall should be situated shortly, St Blazey Town Team may make a contribution.

1410/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2014

		Detected	Under Investigation
Assault	2		
Burglary dwelling	1		1
Burglary other	3		
Theft of MV			
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	1		1
Theft (including from M/V)	1		1
Damage	2	1	
Drugs	1		
Other	2	1	1
TOTAL:	13	2	4
September 2013:	26	10	

The crime figures for September are very positive. There has been a decline in the figures compared to the same month last year. There are still 4 crimes under investigation.

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE IN September 2014: 77

1410/06 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The Warden has found fly tipping at Spit Beach car park which will be reported to Imerys. He has painted the stones in the town car park as well as his usual duties. Dave has spent the first three days of this week at Notterbridge Training Centre undertaking instruction in the use pesticides, this he did in addition to cleaning the toilets. The spray he will be using is safer than caffeine.

1410/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor is pleased to see the lights behind the Co-op are now operational again. The flood alleviation works in Tredenham Close all seem to be working well and he has managed to persuade Cornwall Council to repaint the yellow lines in Par Lane.

Councillor Taylor has attended many meetings at County Hall and has received training in corporate man slaughter. As well as chairing the Community Network Panel he has attended meetings of Biscovey Governors, Fourways, Neighbourhood Planning and PBBL. He has attended a public meeting regarding the revised plans for a wind turbine at Polharmon Farm which will be 25% shorter than the original application.

Councillor Seel asked if he knew why the de-silting of St Blazey Stream had left a significant length out. This was answered by Charles Richards later in the meeting.

1410/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton has attended many meetings at County Hall and has attended meetings of the Community Network Panel, Fourways, Neighbourhood Planning, Carlyon Bay Liaison Group, Burrows, Par Bay Community Trust and PBBL.

The developers of Carlyon Bay intend to press ahead with reserved matters with a view to begin the demolition of the derelict buildings soon. A list of these was given to the Clerk for viewing.

Councillor Scrafton attended an award ceremony for Chicks, it is in recognition of their excellent voluntary work and is regarded as a prestigious award for their services.

Wainhomes have submitted an appeal for the planning permission refusal for the application off Mount Crescent as well as simultaneously submitting a new application for the same site with marginal changes taking into account noise pollution.

The planning application for a new house at Biscovey Road which was refused also failed at appeal but couched in terms that might encourage a fresh application.

Progress on the Skatepark has been held up because other potential funders will not consider applications from groups that do not own or have a lease on the land which they propose to build. Tywardreath and Par Parish Council have been reluctant to take

on the land before the skatepark has been built. Both Cornwall Council and Tempus are willing to surrender the land in question and so Tywardreath and Par council are being asked to re-consider at their meeting next week. If they are still reluctant, Par Bay Community Trust have offered to take on the land.

1410/09 **A REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ST BLAZEY AND PAR FLOOD FORUM**

The winter of 2013/14 was officially the wettest since records began in 1910. Damage was caused to flood defences throughout the country and the Government responded by releasing funding through Defra and the Environment Agency for repairs and improvements to be carried out. Locally we have benefitted from these funds and significant works have been carried out in addition to routine maintenance.

The Environment Agency has undertaken extensive de-silting of the St Blazey Stream from Station Road all the way to Harbour Road to “allow flood waters to flow more efficiently through the stream and reduce flood risk to the people and properties in St Blazey”. Work was carried out by contractors, on behalf of the Environment Agency, through September and October with in excess of 200 tonnes of silt removed. The project was funded through Defra’s Flood Defence Grant in Aid administered by the Environment Agency. This is in addition to improvements made over the last couple of years to the St Blazey Stream culvert running below Station Road through joint working between the Environment Agency, Cornwall Council and South West Water.

The Environment Agency has also carried out repair works to various sections of the Par River. Damage had been caused to banks during periods of high river flows through the very wet winter. Repairs have been made to the bank downstream of the level crossing at St Andrews Road. Throughout October extensive repairs have been undertaken to a 65m stretch of bank along the Par River approximately 300m upstream of the level-crossing on the A390 (Bridge Street). Steel piles have been driven into the toe of the bank with pre-cast inter-locking concrete blocks being placed behind them to build the wall.

In the Brooks Corner area (intersection of St Blazey Road, Par Lane and Harbour Road) a scheme has been carried out to improve the highways drainage to help alleviate surface water. The project has been funded by Cornwall Council and carried out in August by Cormac under the direct management of Teresa Frost. On St Blazey Road and Tredenham Close 5 new gullies/gratings have been installed with a further 5 upgraded to increase capacity. To help reduce pressure on the existing drainage system one of two outfalls to the St Blazey Stream has been increased in capacity to 300mm and WASTOP non-return valves have been installed on both. Discharge consent for the scheme has been approved by the Environment Agency. On Par Lane a new gully/grating has been installed and strategically located to catch surface water flowing from Lambs Barn. Additionally, two existing 450mm gullies/gratings on Par Lane have been up-graded to 600mm.

£2.5 million have been invested into St Blazey to prevent future flooding but we can’t become complacent. Even if we don’t suffer like we did in November 2010, high water in the rivers and canals cause damage and we must ensure investment into the area continues.

Charles explained that parts of St Blazey stream were not de-silted due to budget and that loose silt can be carried and hard silt can't. Loose silt will be left as it will move which is a helpful defence.

1410/10 **TIME TEAM CHRISTMAS CARD**

St Blazey and District Town Team are organising a Christmas Card Competition for the local schools and children in the area. The competition will be broken down in to three categories; under 4's, 4-7's and 7 to 11's. With the winner from each category being presented with a prize. The winning designs will then be printed and sold via local retailers with any profits split between the Town Team for local community projects and local Children's Charity CHICKS.

They are asking all members of the Town Team to become involved in this project in any way they can no matter how big or small. Anyone who has helped financially will be mentioned in any press or publicity we send out.

Councillor Anderson proposed a £25 donation for a prize for each age group which was seconded by Councillor Seel, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1410/11 **EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Seel proposed a donation of £150 to the 2014 Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, Councillor Scrafton seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1410/12 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Clerk told the Council that the Risk Assessment is currently being re-written and would be on next month's Agenda but asked the Council to consider that the Minute Book, Attendance Book and Declarations of Interest are being kept properly, the accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Internal Controls are acceptable.

The Clerk asked the council if South West Internal Audit should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2014/15 Audit.

1410/13 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AND AMENDMENT TO 1960 ACT TO ALLOW RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

St Blaise Town Councils standing orders does not permit members of the public the right to record full council or committee meetings. On 6 August 2014, the 1960 Act was amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 ("the 2014 Regulations"). The amended 1960 Act provides that a person may not orally

report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:

- a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
- b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
- c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.

The Clerk asked the Council to suspend the standing orders and she would amend them to allow the public their right and she would update them.

Councillor Scrafton proposed they be suspended, Councillor Seel seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1410/14 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Councillor Scrafton told the Council that he had proposed that Community Chests be reduced to help fund members of the localism team and save jobs. He has also proposed that Community Chests be delivered with the Community Network Areas rather than by the Cornwall Councillors Ward. He will let us know the outcome after Cornwall Council have made a decision.

1410/15 **CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk asked the Councillors for a budget to buy this year's two Christmas Trees, the Budget for 2013 was £170. Councillor Taylor offered trees from his land. Councillor Putt will meet with Councillor Taylor to see if he has suitable trees and the Council RESOLVED a budget of £170 if the donation is not possible.

1410/16 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor June Anderson will lay the Remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church on Sunday 9th November at 9.30am. The Mayor requested that all the Councillors join her.

1410/17 **PROJECT LIST**

Burrows Centre – The Clerk has met with a builder who is currently studying the plan for the extension and she is waiting for a price.

Neighbourhood Planning – CRCC are working on a draft NP, the Clerk will distribute their work as they make it available for comment. Statements are to be displayed in the shop for comment.

1410/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has attended the Cornwall Association of Local Councils meeting where a brief overview of Cornwall Council cuts was given and a warning that 13-15 million pounds worth are still to be identified. The localism budget has been cut by 10% and various options are being discussed including the reduction in the Community Chest.

A new devolution team is to be introduced at Cornwall Council shortly with a new governance structure of which CALC will have a seat, the new team will include dedicated legal and property support and it is hoped that all requests currently registered will be completed by 2016/17 if suitable for devolution.

CALC have asked Cornwall Council for a breakdown of services that Cormac are currently being paid for as this will help the parish and town councils know what services they may need to undertake and therefore budget for.

Small cluster groups of local councils undertaking activities like grass verge cutting were discussed but most attendees were against this as they feel that Cornwall would become an area of borough councils again.

Cornwall Council are talking to various agencies including CALC and Cornwall Training Partnership about future training opportunities, currently a 13 part training programme is being considered but as the scheme would have to be accredited to gain European funding. It is proving an arduous task.

CALC are working on an Anti Bullying Project. It is becoming a major issue with many clerks having to deal with a single councillor's disruptive and difficult behaviour. South West Councils, Unison, Cornwall Council are all involved and the final outcome will be that the grievance procedure will be replaced with a Resolution Policy and a new employment handbook.

The Clerk asked the Council if we should buy some more sea gull proof sacks as we have made a small loss on the original stock. The Council agreed that it is a service that should continue.

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

Location: Par Green and Moorland Road, Par
 Timing: 27th to 31st October 2014 (0730 to 1800 hours)
 Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd – Patching and Resurfacing Works
 This Closure has been approved.

Councillor Hughes had reservation regarding this road closure which were passed to St Blazey Councillors, the work has now been completed.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

The above closure has been received. Attached for your information are a map and a copy of the intention notice.

Event: The Eden Project Marathon and Half Marathon
Date: 19th October 2014
Location: St Blazey
Times: 0930 to 1010 hours

Details were distributed to the Councillors prior to the event.

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

Location: Harbour Road and Par Moor Road, Par
Timing: 17th to 18th November 2014 (1900 to 0700 hours)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Gully Emptying
Contact: Simon Trevains, CORMAC Solutions Ltd, Tel: 0300 1234 222

The above closure has been approved.

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

Location: B3269 between Rew Pool and Sweetshouse Road and Sweetshouse Road, Nomansland, Lostwithiel
Timing: 17th to 21st November 2014 (1900 to 0700 hours)
Reason: CORMAC Solutions Ltd - Patching and Resurfacing Works
Contact: Jamie Neal, CORMAC Solutions Ltd

1410/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been four planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

PA14/09289 Listed Building Consent
 Installation of a 600mm high floor barrier to rear elevation patio doors and removal of 2 now redundant external vents. Vents to be blocked up, rendered and painted to match adjoining surfaces.
 8 Fore Street
 St Blazey

PA14/09293 Proposed parking space.
 40 Rose Hill.
 St Blazey.

Clause: We would like the planning department to look into this as we believe that there is a highway directive enforcing cars to enter a main highway in either direction front facing.

PA14/09927 Proposed extension and general alterations. Resubmission of planning application ref: PA14/04138.
 Rievaulx
 Biscovey Road
 St Blazey Gate

It was RESOLVED to object to one application.

PA14/02390 Retrospective Planning
 Conservatory built without planning permission.
 58 Bobs Road.
 St Blazey.

1. Proximity to neighbours property.
2. The Build touches the wall of 60 Bobs Road
3. The window sill is on the property of 60 Bobs
4. Rainfall is directed onto 60 Bobs Road Garden
5. The window fan lights open over 60 Bobs Road
6. Drainage is a concern is the garden of 58 Bobs Road is 3 foot higher than the garden of 60 Bobs Road.
7. The work is of a poor standard.

An appeal has been made to DCLG in respect of Planning Application PA14/01614 for the Demolition of 1 existing House and the erection of 44 New Dwellings at the land east of Mount Crescent. All representations must be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by 21st November 2014.

Councillor Scrafton will be holding a public meeting regarding this at Alexander Hall on 10th December at 7.00pm.

Results Received.

PA14/05740 Demolition of existing house and construction of a new house in a different position on the site, using same access with enlarged parking area and improved access visibility.

Colaba
Prideaux Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA14/05913 Listed Building Consent
Installation of new UPVC floor defender door to rear of property.

8 Fore Street.
St Blazey
REFUSED

1410/19 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk has a new booking for both Monday and Thursday mornings. A carpenter has been contacted to repair the rotten wood in the doorway.

1410/20 **ACCOUNTS**

October 14

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	567.50
Interest (high)	103.36

Expenditure

Broadband	35.82
UK Fuels	52.58

Black Sacks	46.00	Insurance	195.87
Interest		HMRC	481.38
War Publication	9.00	CC (pen)	452.35
Hall bookings	55.00 9/14	Clerks Sal	1307.33
Black Sacks	48.50 9/14	Wardens Wage	545.67
Interest	4.44 9/14	Eclipse	14.38
Eden Project	2250.00	Wardens Equ	38.12
Eden Project	81.82	DLH Eng	54.00
		Bodelva Tyres	52.00
		Donations	-100.00
		Cormac	420.00
		9/14 Walter Bailey	28.99
		Walter Bailey	42.28
		EDF (fou)	57.00
		Viking	363.60
		Cumbria Cl	174.00
		Drew Memorials	230.00
		Earl Haig	150.00
		<u>AH</u>	
		SWW	78.50
		EON	89.00
		SE	157.76
		Cleaners Wage	81.25
		Chubb (parts)	12.78
		PRP Lic	144.74
		<u>PC</u>	
		Bus Rates	52.00
		SWW	190.14
		Warden	30.00
		CIS	104.89
		<u>Shop</u>	
		Rent	2250.00
		Phone	81.82
	=====		=====
	3,165.62		7,868.25

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller told the Council that the Co-operative would be discontinuing the interest account that we currently use on November 5th and our funds would be transferred back to our account. He proposed that we re-invest the money with Cornwall Council as they will pay 0.98% interest on an instant access account. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1410/21 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Blackie asked that Lamellyn Road be reported to CC as it is in need of a clean.

Councillor Putt asked the Council if he could take the plaque to be placed at the entrance to the Town Car Park and have four holes put into it as he thinks it will look better placed onto the pillar rather than sat in the ground. All of the Councillors are happy for him to do this.

Councillor Blackie asked the Clerk if she had reported the overgrown tree in Lamellyn Road that hides the speed restriction sign. The Clerk explained that this had been done but the tree is actually on private land.

Councillor Taylor said that he was hopeful that the yellow lines outside Lloyds Bank would be repainted when the Fore Street road works are completed.

1410/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.