

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 26th October 2017**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, S Ford, T Nethercott, K Simms, J Taylor and S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.
Rachael Bice
5 members of the public.

The Mayor began the meeting by welcoming new Councillor Steve Ford.

Mrs B Hicks came to the meeting to complain that she did not know about the by-election held on 18th October. The mayor responded:-

St Blaise Town Councillors decided that they would not distribute polling cards as they did not believe there would be an election. If polling cards had been distributed and there was no election, there was concern that this would cause greater confusion. The reason they did not believe there would be an election as only 9 Candidates stood for election in May. The Council advertised to fill this space by co-option in June but had no applicants. The vacancy was again advertised in July and co-opted a Councillor from two applications. There had been 3 opportunities to fill this vacancy but only one applicant. The Councillors certainly didn't expect two candidates.

The Council posted the Notice of the Poll as required, in addition placed an advert in the St Austell Voice and put many posters around the Town. Mrs Hicks asked where posters had been displayed and was told that they were on the TC notice board, the Burrows notice Board, the Post Office notice board, outside the public toilets on lamp posts either end of Station Road and many other places. The Council was asked why we did not deliver an advert for the election to every house in the area and was told that it was not the TC responsibility and was advised not to.

Mrs Hicks asked why the Council did not advertise the candidates and was told that as neither of the candidates had made themselves known to the Town Council and therefore there was nothing to say about either of them. Because neither of the applicants made their selves known to the Town Council when the St Austell Voice asked for statements, the clerk said neither were obtainable as she didn't have their contact details. The Clerk forwarded details from the St Austell Voice onto the Councillors who she thought may be able to pass the information on.

It is the candidate's responsibility to gain votes and canvas, it is not the responsibility of the Town Council. Residents usually receive canvassing material from the candidates, it is unfortunate that this did not happen this election.

The Council accept that if a poll is ever requested in the future, polling cards will be issued and the poll will be advertised on the Town Council web-site.

Councillor Steve Ford apologised for not canvassing due to being unwell prior to the election.

Cietese Adams told the Council that she had canvassed on the eve and the day of election.

1710/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Moore and Councillor G Allen.

1710/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th September 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1710/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1710/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1709/18 The Christmas Trees have been ordered at a cost of £40 each.

1710/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2017

	Recorded 9/17	Recorded 9/16	Difference
Violence with Injury	4	3	33.3%
Violence without Injury	5	8	-37.5%
Rape	1	0	-
Other Sexual Offences	1	1	0%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	1	5	-80%
Vehicle Offences	3	3	0%
Shoplifting	0	1	-100%
Other Theft	4	1	300%
Criminal Damage	7	5	40%
Public Order Offences	2	0	-
Trafficking of Drugs	0	2	-100%
Other Offences	1	1	0%
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-3.3%</u>

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 9/17	Recorded 9/16	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	7	14	-50%
Crime Not Recorded	1	2	-50%
Crime Recorder	9	9	0%
Public Safety	21	50	-58.0%
Transport	10	11	-9.1%
TOTAL:	48	86	-44.2%

1710/06 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Warden reported that the A390 end of Rosehill Cemetery had now been cut. The Clerk and Warden checked the site and found a team of SLA staff cutting the other end as an extra job. The Clerk reported that the wrong end had been cut.

The Warden has spoken to the electrician who has serviced the lights in Piggy Alley who informed him that the lights are not working to their full potential as trees needed cutting back. The Council gave permission to employ a tree surgeon.

The Warden had a report that there was a dangerous tree at Doubletrees School, he investigated but could not see anything. He surveyed the footpath at the back of Biscovey School where contractors were working, they assured him the footpath would be put back to an acceptable condition.

1710/07A **REPORT FROM RACHAEL BICE REGARDING THE STaRR PROJECT**

The Environmental Agency, South West Water and Cornwall Council have continued to work together on understanding the causes of flooding and the potential solutions in the area. To the point now that we are aware how the different types of flooding (surface water, river flooding and tidal flooding) can be tackled.

The solutions are possible but require significant investment so we are now also doing all we can to secure funds to enable the project to be able to proceed. We have started to think about the project in phases to increase the likelihood of us getting funding for different elements. We have a significant proportion but not all the required funds identified so are working hard to source the money needed.

As previously described, the flood risks require a catchment wide approach, and in this 'critical drainage area' how all spaces are used is going to be important. Individuals, the risk management authorities (CC, EA, and SWW etc) will all have to play their part as well as developers who seek to create more housing for the area. Thus we are also discussing with planning colleagues how flood risk will be managed in the long term in light of the pressures for development.

Rachel was asked if the Wainhomes development for housing behind Rosehill on the A390 as reported in the local press was a viable proposition, she said that this could be achieved.

Following attendance at the Community Network Panel recently, we are responding to a request for more information by putting together a document for community leaders to support discussions about the flood risk the community faces and what options there are to mitigate these risks. This should be available in the next couple of weeks.

The local Councillors (at a Cornwall, town and parish level) and the Steve Double as Member of Parliament are all working positively to support the project.

1710/08 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

As Shadow Cabinet member for Children and Families, I have been working hard with fellow scrutiny members on Cornwall's new Social Care Innovation Programme. There has been and continues to be much work to be done, in order to deliver a 'one door' system for children and families in need of help delivered by the County Council. We met with Councils from other parts of the Country, who are already much farther down the implementation path. I am extremely hopeful for the future, that a better, more streamlined service delivery will improve services for many in need, lots of whom live in this division.

I was really glad I got the chance to do the Pinnock Tunnel trip, it was lovely to see that every train was full. Tony Nethercott did a great job with his commentary. Thanks to everyone involved, for their time and professionalism.

I was very disappointed that not one member of the public turned up for the Neighbourhood Plan consultation event on 10th October. I believe the residents of St Blazey to not grasp how important their input to this document will be, for the future of their Town, its infrastructure, future development and growth. If they do not get what they want, they only have themselves to blame.

I chaired the Community Network Panel meeting at the Burrows, we welcomed Rachael Bice and Peter Marsh to give us an update on the Starr Project, Edwina Hannaford, Portfolio holder for Neighbourhoods and Helen Toms, Police Anti-Social Behaviour Caseworker for our area. Items up for discussion were our areas poor results in recycling, and the change in boundaries for Council Divisions, which will see 2 of the 5 Councillors from our Network lose their seats. These meetings are a great opportunity to find out not only what is going on in their own Town/Village, but in the wider area. It is hoped the network will work much more closely in the next four years for the benefit of us all. Councillors and members of the public are very welcome, the next meeting is on 29 January, venue to be arranged.

I spent a day at County Hall discussing the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which will supersede EU funding. This workshop was to look into what shape the funding would take, and how it should be managed. I was very vocal that the application process shouldn't be so intense, so that small business would have the opportunity to apply without so much of the ridiculous red tape that's in place now.

I am pleased to say, a working party for St Andrews Rd duck pond is now in place and includes, Cllrs Virr, Rowse and myself. We see this area as a great asset to all our

divisions, and look forward to working together with other members and agencies to restore it to its former glory.

Yesterday I spent a lovely sunny morning on a Pit to Port Tour. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the whole process, from mineral extraction to completed product. I came away a little better informed and thank Wesley Pascoe and Imerys for the opportunity.

1710/09 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Last month I mentioned about a meeting with Biscovey Academy to discuss the parking issues up and around the school. I took the head up to Lesnewth, down Lamelleyn Road, up St Marys Road and into St Annes Close and School Close. Following this meeting, I then took PCSO Jamie Ward up and did the same route with him to show him the issues up here first hand. I know many, many attempts have been made tried to resolve this issue – but I am adamant to improve it. There are clear obstructions that need to be enforced and, rather than telling parents what to do and where to park, and stinging them with parking enforcement fines, I want to work with the parents, and the schools to find a way forward, which I am led to believe hasn't been done before. I am due to speak with the Head of Tywardreath School next week to discuss the issues they face up there and, although it is a very different situation there, the school do have a Traffic Management Plan, and this is something I would like to explore at Biscovey, where the parents and school work together to devise a plan that works for all involved parties.

I also took the opportunity to take PCSO Ward down to the Burrows where concerns have been raised with me about the behaviour of some children here and he will keep a close eye on it going forward. I found the walk around with PCSO Ward most helpful in understanding the ever changing crime in our area and I look forward to going out with him again soon, next time in the evening along with PC Barnicoat.

CNP- This month also saw our most recent St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel Community Network Panel. At the panel meeting we welcomed the Cornwall Council Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Cllr Hanniford, who gave a presentation to us on the importance of the Community Network Panels and how it is planned to strengthen them going forward.

We also received an update from Rachel Bice from the STARR project and, although it seems there has been a stall in progress, lots has been happening behind the scenes and I am now in the process of getting a written report from them which I can then pass on to the Town Council.

At the Panel meeting I gave a presentation on the Boundary Commission review and where we currently are with this and report on SABEF as I am the Panel's representative.

I have an update on the Britannia roundabout situation, I'm led to believe that the maintenance works for the roundabout 'slipped' off CORMAC's radar. However, after weeks and months of chasing, they assured me it was going to be pushed to the front of the maintenance programme and should be done in the next week or so, which is great. It should not have taken this long though.

Election – Disappointed with the lack of turnout. Council needs to look in to this and plan ahead going forward.

1710/10 **THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF GRASS CUTTING AT DOUBLETREES COURT**

Two residents from Doubletrees Court asked if we would continue with the grass cutting of their Green for another year. Councillor R Taylor proposed that we renew the arrangement for the year at the cost of £576, Councillor Wheeler seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

They asked that the TC write to Cornwall Council to request that they do not cut their wild flower garden, the Council agreed.

1710/11 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Last month the Clerk reported constantly being contacted by Cornwall Council with instructions to carry out work on land, buildings and property owned by them. Rachel Tatlow, Highways and Environment Manager, has offered to meet with us locally to discuss issues. The Clerk was instructed to arrange this.

1710/12 **LAYING OF THE REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor June Anderson volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 12th November at 9.30 am. Councillor Anderson asked that all the Councillors also be in attendance.

1710/13 **THE WARDENS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk asked the Council if the Wardens hourly rate should be increased, the National Working Wage increases from 1st November 2017. Councillors agreed that the Wardens wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage.

1710/14 **SBTC 2017 COMMUNITY AWARD**

Councillor R Taylor proposed that Amos Putt be given the 2017 award, Councillor Tony Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was Resolved.

1710/15 **TO REVIEW THE RETENTION OF RECORDS PROCESS**

All the Councillors agreed that the retention of records policy was adequate and did not need changing.

1710/16 **TO REVIEW THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

All the Councillors agreed that the publication scheme was adequate and did not need changing.

1710/17 **TO REVIEW THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY**

All the Councillors agreed the Investment Policy and Strategy was adequate and did not need changing.

1710/18 **TO REVIEW THE STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

All the Councillors agreed the Statement of Internal Control was adequate and did not need changing.

1710/19 **REPRESENTATION ON THE ST BLAZEY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

Councillor June Anderson volunteered for the role of Council representative to the Festival Committee, all the Councillors agreed.

1710/20 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre – The Councillors agreed that a separate meeting should be held to discuss the future of the Burrows in January 18.

Neighbourhood Planning – Nobody attended the consultation event held on 10th October, however 314 surveys have been completed. CRCC are aiming on having the results from the survey collated by the end of next week. There will be a meeting on 28th November at 6pm at the community rooms to discuss the results.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk has asked Cornwall Council to repair the fencing between the park and Rundles Walk before completion.

1710/21 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Councillors Moore, Nethercott, Simms, J Taylor and I spent yesterday on a Pit to Port Tour arranged by Councillor Moore. We saw the mineral extraction process to completed product.

The Clerk told the Council that we had received £500 from Cornwall Council for taking part in the Waste Incentive Scheme 2016/17.

The Clerk told the Council that they would be charged £2,846.94 for the By-election.

The Clerk has received an e-mail from Par running Track Group with details of their web-site and asking for support.

Cornwall Autism Partnership have asked that we display signs in each of our facilities promoting awareness of autism and warning to autistic people regarding noise levels. All the Councillors agreed that these signs should be displayed.

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 20th to 21st November 2017 (19:00 to 07:00)

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 25th to 26th November 2017 (22:00 to 09:00 hours, weekends included)

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

Location: Mount Road, Par

Timing: 20th to 24th November 2017 (19:00 to 07:00)

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

Location: Rundles Walk

Timing: 17th November to 10th December 2017 (22:00 to 06:00, weekends included)

1710/22 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been five planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to four of them.

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| PA17/08723 | Listed Building Consent to replace dilapidated flat roof of garage with tiled pitched roof.
4 Station Road
St Blazey |
| PA17/09430 | Listed Building Consent for demolition of single storey flat roofed extension, containing assisted toilet, sluice and store and replacement with larger single storey extension containing two larger assisted toilets, sluice and store, all to rear, west, of existing building.
Old Roselyon Manor Nursing Home.
St Blazey |
| PA17/09429 | Demolition of single storey flat roofed extension, containing assisted toilet, sluice and store and replacement with larger single storey extension containing two larger assisted toilets, sluice and store, all to rear, west, of existing building.
Old Roselyon Manor Nursing Home.
St Blazey |

PA17/09801 Erection of a second storey extension to existing bungalow including a single storey extension to rear.
53 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to:-

PA17/09725 Outline Planning for five dwelling houses
Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey

Access, Proximity to Fourlords, Overdevelopment of site

Results Received

PA17/07663 Demolition of garage and construction of new double garage.
45 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA17/08280 Application for the modification or discharge of a planning obligation from application 11/07103.
2 Finlay Court
Church Street
St Blazey
REFUSED

1710/23 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Notice Board at Alexander Hall has been shot by what the Clerk believes is an Air Pistol. The Clerk reported this online with a reply saying: - The main concern for us is that someone may be walking around with a gun however we have not had a visit.

The Clerk asked the Council if the Cleaners hourly rate should be increased, the National Working Wage increases from 1st November 2017. Councillors agreed that the Cleaners wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage.

1710/24 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk asked the Councillors involved with Grow St Blazey if the gardens could be tidied.

1710/25 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	936.00
Interest	1.51
High Deposit Int	
C/R room hire	144.00
NP Grant	4250.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	590.93
Broadband	25.00
UK Fuels	32.20
HMRC	554.60
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	280.90
EDF (fountain)	75.41
St Austell GM	98.00
Postage	208.00
Stationery	252.76
Icon Web	90.00
Clerks Travel	71.10
Wardens Phone	10.00
Weed Killer	35.23
Printheads	127.98
Newspapers	1.20
Hose	52.99
Newquay Voice	78.00
CALC	24.00
CRCC	3530.40
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	285.00
EON	72.00
SWW	122.00
EDF	110.00
Cleaners Wage	78.28
Chubb (parts)	13.31
Cleaning Materials	8.00
Chubb (F/A)	146.77
Window Cleaning	33.00
<u>PC</u>	
PC's Bus Rates	51.00
Locking	31.00
Electricity	16.16
Cleaning Mats	144.78
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Bus Rates	304.00
British Gas	435.68

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1710/26 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Nethercott had attended Rest Centre Training along with Councillor R Taylor, Councillor J Moore and the Clerk. The purpose of the training was to have local people manage a rest centre to save the resilience team having to attend.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the meeting with Julie Zessimedes from Cornwall Council Library Services along with Councillor J Taylor, Councillor J Anderson and the Clerk. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the relocation of Par Library believing it to be located within our boundary, when it was made clear it was within the boundary of Par and Tywardreth PC, Julie Zessimedes said she would speak with them and may speak with us again at a later date.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the CALC conference on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 at New County Hall along with Councillor Anderson. Unfortunately the speakers from the Boundary Review spoke about the Cornwall Councillors Boundaries and not the Town and Parish Boundaries. The Boundary Review will affect our Council and our community.

Councillor Nethercott met with the Head of the Environment Agency locally as did local resident, John Gronwalt, who asked the Clerk to pass on the EA comments that Piggy Alley and the Town in general was looking extremely nice. Thanks have been conveyed to the Warden.

Councillor Wheeler apologised for not attending the CNP meeting, Councillor Nethercott had attended and told the Council that Cornwall Councillor Edwina Hannaford (Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods) gave a talk on Strengthening Community Networks, and Rachael Bice (Head of Environmental Growth and Partnerships).

Councillor Wheeler told the Council that Alison Hernandez, the Police Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall has cancelled attending the Community Watch meeting on 9th November so the meeting will now be held at the Community Rooms at 7.30pm and not relocated to Alexander Hall as previously arranged.

Councillor Wheeler asked that £6,000 be added into the budget for 2018/19 to allow for a by-election if one is to be called again.

Councillors Moore and Simms have attended Code of Conduct training.

1710/27 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.