

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 25th October 2018

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

T Chapman, J Moore, T Nethercott, K Simms & J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden
 Cornwall Councillor P Giles
 Cornwall Councillor J Rowse.

1810/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors R Chamberlain, A Pearce and S Ford.

1810/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th September 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1810/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1810/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1809/05 The Clerk has received a quote for £1,210 + vat to tarmac the area adjoining a neighbour's property in Piggy Alley. Councillors agreed with the quote.

1809/06 Councillor Giles reported that the business which makes homes out of containers, Isospace, have made their 12 employees based in St Blazey redundant and will be moving their business to Kent where they will be employing 70 people. This is due to them being unable to work with Cornwall Council.

1809/13 Cornwall Councillor Rowse agreed to read at the Carol Concert.

1809/15 Various information has been distributed regarding the Crantock Judicial Review. Crantock are seeking a judicial review to ask high court judges to review the legality of CC's decision. A judicial review is a court proceeding in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision or action made by a public body. Judicial reviews

are a challenge to the way in which a decision has been made, rather than the rights and wrongs of the conclusion reached.

1810/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce has been to St Blazey Church and cleaned the War Memorial, weeded around it and cut back all the overgrowth and branches ready for Remembrance Sunday. When the flowers in the planters come out he will need to replant them before the spring bulbs come through and will be speaking to Amos Putt about this.

The Environment Agency have been cleaning the leat in Piggy Alley, have cut back all the overgrowth in Rundles Walk and have cut back all the Football Club land off of Piggy Alley and the other side of their building.

Dave is up to date with all other work.

Councillor Rowse thanked Dave for the brilliant job he has done cutting back the overgrown footpath in Penny's lane.

1810/06 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I was disappointed with the turnout of public for the Network Panel meeting on the 15th. Only two attended, despite Policing and Anti-Social behaviour being the main topics. Given the level of discussion on social media, and the fact that it had been well publicised, I had hoped for more.

The drop-in Ocean event for residents and the public interested in the possibility of purchasing a property was popular, with six households expressing a serious interest which is encouraging. Sadly, Stacey Slater, the Ocean Regeneration Officer has left, a replacement it being sought. In the interim, Lara Thorn who is the letting officer is the contact for residents. Several flats are now empty, and in the majority of cases, residents are delighted with their new homes, some have moved out of St Blazey, others who expressed an interest to stay have been found alternative accommodation locally.

I attended Soup at Cornubia Hall this week, a chance for fledgling social causes to pitch their idea to an audience, whilst we all tucked into homemade soup and crusty bread. There was a vote for the winning pitch with a prize of £500, which can be invested in their project. Better Lives, a mental health support group won.

We met in the sunshine at Trail Blazer Park yesterday, to discuss the damage to the equipment and surfacing. As the then Clerk, I got the funding for the park and was pleased to see, that some 23 years later, it was still in fairly good condition.

I attended the relaunch of St Blazey Co-Op this morning, great to see a bright and airy new look to the supermarket, with a hot food cupboard and Costa coffee machine.

I have brought along a copy of the Cormac findings on improvements St Blaise Town Council put forward for the Highways Scheme, I am happy to take back your thoughts, and hopefully, the improvements will start early 2019.

St Blaise Town Councils were as follows;

Old Roselyon Road, Double Yellow lines to in Old Roselyon Road to Improve road safety – Agreed.

Par Lane, St Blazey Double Yellow lines opposite the entrance to Porth Meadow to Improve Road Safety – Agreed.

Station Road, St Blazey, a sign saying no HGV vehicles except for access at the traffic lights at the A390 end of Station Road to improve road safety - Denied

Councillors Rowse and Councillor Giles asked for other schemes. Moveable Speed cameras were suggested.

1810/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

It was great to welcome the Cornish Tick Box Bus to County Hall recently as part of our all member briefing on Cornish Minority Status. The bus is a great way for people to think about the elements of our identity such as culture, language and heritage in an entertaining way. The project has been supported by Cornwall Council through funding allocated by the Cornish National Minority Working Group, with the bus donated by First Kernow.

This is all part of our campaign to have a Cornish tick box on the next Census in 2021. While it is important to have a tick box for people to identify as Cornish, it's also important as it helps Cornwall Council, and other government bodies, when making decisions. In the 2011 Census, 83,966 people in Britain ticked 'other' and physically wrote in 'Cornish' as their national identity. Within Cornwall the total was 73,220. Thousands more would have done so if the option had been as straightforward as it is for the other nationalities. In addition to this, more than 50% of school children identified themselves as Cornish in an education survey conducted last year.

This data sends a clear message to the Office for National Statistics that the people of Cornwall are willing, and should have the right, to self-identify as Cornish – whether by birth, ancestry, marriage or other means. I have since had another meeting to discuss the progress that is being made and pressure in continually being put on the government, ministers and the ONS to ensure that 'Cornish' is an option at the next Census.

At Full Council recently, Members voted on the Council's final submission to the Boundary Commission which has now been submitted. We are due to hear back from the Boundary Commission with their final recommendations in December. The proposals for St Blaise have not changed since the first submission by Cornwall Council. That is to do away with the Par and St Blazey Gate seat and put Biscovey and St Blazey Gate in with the current St Blazey seat. The seat will retain the name St Blazey and will have a projected electorate of 4629.

Earlier this year I reported that maintenance to the drainage and gully clearance works on Par Moor was to happen after raising concerns with both Highways and Imerys over the Winter about the standing water on Par Moor Road after heavy rain, and the state of the drainage system that runs along the road and under the train tracks by the

traffic lights. This was extremely successful and I can honestly say I have not seen any standing water on Par Moor Road since.

I am therefore delighted to see that a proper programme of works is now in place and that more works are now planned for gully clearance, emptying and maintenance works at the end of November, ahead of the wettest of the winter months.

I am also pleased to see they plan to do a proper job again as they will be closing the road at night for minimal distribution. This is really positive news that we now have a programme of works in place after putting regular pressure on Highways to do so. So, please note that Harbour Road (from Richards Fruit and Veg) and Par Moor Road (up to the Biscovey/Biscovey Road junction) will be closed overnight [from 26th – 28th](#) November from 19:00 - 07:00 to allow for these works to take place.

Please also note that during this time [from 26th November](#), Par Green will be shut during the day, for 10 days to also properly clean the drains and gully's there, something which is also years overdue.

Just to finish off, some positive and surprising news this week. I have been told that I have been nominated, and now shortlisted, for the UK's Young Councillor of the Year award at the National Councillor Achievement Awards 2018. When you do a job like this you certainly don't do it for recognition and praise, so to be recognised for the work I have done in my first year as a Cornwall Councillor and be nominated and shortlisted for this prestigious award is overwhelming.

My next councillor surgery is [Saturday 3rd November](#) at Par Library between [10:30 – 11:30](#). If anyone wants to pop in for a chat, or wants to raise any issues or concerns, then please do pop in and see me.

1810/08 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

This is to be dealt with under Trail Blazer Park as this is the only issue since the last meeting.

1810/09 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor June Anderson volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 11th November at 9.30 am. Councillor Anderson asked that all the Councillors also be in attendance.

1810/10 **MAINTENANCE OF BRITANNIA ROUNDABOUT**

Deferred to Novembers meeting.

1810/11 **ST BLAZEY GATE SPEED RESTRICTION SIGN**

Deferred until Councillors Rowse and Councillor Giles have investigated the Highways Scheme installing moveable speed cameras.

1810/12 **WARDENS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk asked the Council if the Wardens hourly rate should be increased, the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation increases from 1st November 2018. Councillors agreed that the Wardens wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage.

1810/13 **SBTC 2018 COMMUNITY AWARD**

Councillor R Taylor proposed that John Gronwalt be given the 2018 award, Councillor Tony Nethercott seconded the proposal, four of the Councillors present agreed with one abstention and so it was Resolved.

1810/14 **PURCHASE AND DECORATION OF CHRITMAS TREES**

Councillor R Taylor offered a donation of the Christmas Trees, the Warden will see if there are two suitable. The Clerk asked for a budget to purchase if necessary. The Councillors agreed £100.

1810/15 **THE FUTURE OF TRAIL BLAZER PARK**

At the end of September, the Clerk received an e-mail from Stuart Wallace, a public space officer from Cornwall Council advising us that Cornwall Council will be withdrawing the inspection & repair service for Trail Blazer Park. They have given us 3 months' notice from this evening's council meeting. Therefore they are looking for full handover on the 1st February 2019.

St Blaise Town Councillors Anderson, Moore, Nethercott and Taylor met Mr Wallace yesterday on site along with the Clerk and Cornwall Councillor Giles. Some serious safety defects were identified and it was agreed that Cornwall Council will arrange the repairs.

The Clerk has contacted Rospa (Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents) who are holding a one day Routine Playground Inspection Course on 5th March 2019 and is intending to book both herself and the Warden onto it.

The Clerk has informed our insurers that Cornwall Council are currently looking after our playground which comprises of various equipment and that they do our weekly checks but we will be doing this after January 31st 2019. They have said that they want to see our Risk Assessment and that they expect all equipment, devices and facilities, are installed to the correct standards and maintained in good condition. All equipment must be inspected at least weekly by a competent person and a record kept of these inspections. All defects or risks to health & safety are immediately rectified or the equipment/structure taken out of use. Erect where necessary suitable signs relative to the safe use of the facility. Determine where supervision is necessary and ensure that it is provided. As a result there will be no impact on our premiums.

The Clerk will contact HAGS who are the company that bought out the company that did the original installation and get prices for the repairs that Cornwall Council will not carry out.

1810/16 **TO REVIEW the INVESTMENT POICY & STRATEGY**

The Council considered the Investment Policy and Strategy. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1810/17 **INTERNAL CONTROLS - ANNUAL REVIEW**

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 asked if the Statement of Internal control with an amendment to the name of the Auditor was adequate, and 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.

1810/18 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

Huer's have sent a document to 5 contractors and are waiting to receive their quotes for the extension.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Jenny Moore told the Council that further to my email correspondence with Sarah Furley, group leader Neighbourhood Planning, regarding the Housing policy in the NP. The Crantock issue has highlighted aspects of neighbourhood planning, as confirmed by Sarah, which I frankly find depressing. Whatever we may have been led to believe regarding the weight of NPs, is not strictly the case. Neither are NPs preserving the position as regards something like housing, until 2030.

The National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plan can all be revised and the local Neighbourhood Plan has to follow those revisions. We have already seen that the NPPF has been revised, I am still awaiting a summary. So whatever is written now may well have to be rewritten. The Cornwall Local Plan can be revised and rewritten at any time during its life, and our neighbourhood plan would then have to be rewritten to comply with these amendments for the life of plans until 2030. Reading between the lines of what Sarah says, basically housing numbers and requirements are meaningless as they can all be required to be rewritten. What we can express in the NP is what we would like to see, the plan may be adopted, but will be subject to amendment according to any of the events above occurring. This will continue until 2030. It is already difficult to predict and therefore write a plan to 2030, I will not be undertaking rewrites of the plan between its adoption and 2030.

Therefore, this is a case of managing expectations, ours and that of the community, our plan may be adopted with various requirements, but these can change.

In reality, this is what Crantock has exposed and is why they are going for judicial review. They are asking High Court judges to review the legality of this aspect of neighbourhood planning.

You may ask - why have an NP? If you don't you become a developers' dream. If you do have an NP, there may well be additional benefits. But don't expect the NP to be set in stone until 2030 or that it cannot be challenged.

Councillor Moore met with the EA earlier today regarding the flood amelioration policy. The work the EA has done in relation to the StARR project is evidence based and therefore can be specifically included in the flood amelioration policy. In addition, because of this Cornwall Council will take a significant role in writing the policy.

King Edward Gardens – RDG Tree services are to start work next week.

1810/19 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk attended The Cornwall association Of Local Councils larger Councils meeting on Wednesday 17th October 2018. An excellent presentation was given by Delia Webb, a volunteer from the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition who suggested many ways that Councils could reduce plastic, the first being to commit to going single-use plastic free which St Blaise Town Council did at the February 2018 meeting. Another simple practice is to ban balloons on Council land as when they are released, the plastic will eventually go into the sea. The world is running out of helium which is necessary for many types of hospital equipment and this is another reason to ban it. All the Councillors agreed to ban balloons on St Blaise Town Council land.

We were told about a company called TerraCycle which offers free recycling programmes funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste. You choose the programs you'd like to join; start collecting in your home, school, or office; download free shipping labels; and send them waste to be recycled. You can even earn rewards for your school or favourite non-profit!

We were asked to consider carefully when supporting Community Interest Companies as a lot of these pay employees and take away funding from charities.

We were given a talk about the Cornwall Leadership Board who have a strong voice and deal with Environmental issues. Cornwall Council Archives are moving, however the new records office will not be digital. Standards Committees are still not working as well as they could, as unitary and district councils do not believe they are in the public interest and believe local councils are able to stop those not worthy from standing.

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

Location: Cornhill Road, St Blazey

Timing: 19th to 23rd November 2018 (24 hours)

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 26th to 28th November 2018 (19:00 to 07:00)

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

Location: Par Green, Par & Eastcliffe Road, Par

Timing: 26th November to 5th December 2018 (09:30 to 16:30 weekdays only)

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 2nd to 5th November 2018 (23:00 to 06:00 weekends included)

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

Location: Urban Footway F7142, St Blaise (Roselyon Crescent)

Timing: 31st October to 1st November 2018 (09:30 to 16:30)

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

Location: A390 From Trevorry To Edgumbe Road, Fowey Cross, Lostwithiel & A390 From Greenacres To Trevorry, Par & A390 From Rosemary Cottage To Greenacres, Penpillick, Par & A390 From Porcupine To Rosemary Cottage, Porcupine, Par & A390 From Bridge Street To Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par

Timing: 3rd to 5th December 2018 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

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

1810/20 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/08196	Loft Conversion with dormer window to front of property. 69 Old Roselyon Road St Blazey
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PA18/09742 To create a single-room, single-storey, pitched roofed extension to the front elevation of the property.
53 Polgrean Place
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to Object to:-

PA18/02833 Construction of single dwelling
Land West of Cornish Arms
Duke Street
St Blazey

Overdevelopment of site

Access

Duke Street is a very narrow lane and the access to the four properties already on site can be difficult.

The access to Duke Street from the A390 is already difficult due to Church parking and the Cornish Arms development parking.

Access to and from the existing Cornish Arms is already difficult and would become worse.

Emergency vehicles often have difficulty.

Drainage and sewerage are also of concern.

The risk of a future land-slide with the extra weight on the hill is of concern.

There is also the potential risk of damage to a listed building.

Results Received

PA18/07562 New Dwelling
Moorshill House
73 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA18/08592 Erection of 3m x 2.4m portable timber building in front garden of domestic property to be used as a summer house ancillary to the main residence.
45 Manor View
St Blazey
APPROVED

1810/21 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk asked if the Cleaners hourly rate should be increased in line with the increase of the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation from 1st November 2018. Councillors agreed that the Cleaners wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage.

1810/22 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The storage heater is now working. There is some rubbish coming in from the vents in the ceiling, the Clerk will have this investigated.

1810/23 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	816.00
Interest	2.53
High Deposit Int	208.57
C/R room hire	6.00
Black Sacks	14.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1431.90
Wardens Wage	612.34
Broadband	27.50
UK Fuels	45.00
Insurance	183.27
HMRC	513.30
CC (pen)	511.32
Cllr Training	36.00
The Range	15.37
EDF (foun)	115.40
S Gdn Mach	40.01
Crantock PC	1,000.00
S Blazey Clock	552.00
Hay Nursery	111.83
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Bus Rates	221.00
Cleaners Wage	65.63
Chubb (parts)	13.57
EDF (Elec)	21.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	64.00
Chubb(fire Alarm)	151.18
Trago	18.97
Cleaning Mats	95.99
<u>PC</u>	
Cornwall Council	53.00
Locking	31.00
EDF	9.00
J Gronwalt	34.95
CIS	117.48
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Cornwall Council	117.00
EDF	120.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1810/24 **TOWN BUSINESS**

There was no town business reported.

1810/25 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th November 2018 at 7.30 pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.