

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 2nd October 2008
postponed from 25th September 2008**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel – Vice Chairperson (Late Arrival)

Councillors:

M Gill, D Goddard, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller & A Putt.

In attendance: Borough Councillor Taylor
Town Clerk
2 member of the press
1 member of the public

0809/01 Before the meeting began, E Veerman, the Councils Contractor, expressed his concern about the dog fouling in the footpaths around Biscovey School and the footpath from The Mount to Par Harbour. The Council discussed the problem and do not know how to improve the situation as dog bins and signage have been placed but certain individuals still will not pick up after their own animals. Borough Councillor Taylor will arrange for the Dog Warden to visit the area.

Mr Veerman also told the Council about his concerns for Piggy Alley as the area is in a very overgrown state. Mr Veerman will send the Council a quote for the work that he suggests.

0809/02 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Allen and Scrafton.

0809/03 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th August 2008 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0809/04 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0809/05 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0808/07 The Clerk gave each Councillor a proposal written by Councillor Scrafton suggesting that the Borough and County Councillors, members of the Community Watch, Churches, local businesses and youth representatives from Four Ways Youth Club be invited to join the steering group and arrange a meeting for

October. The Council decided that the five Councillors appointed to the Steering Group should have a meeting first. This meeting will be on Friday 17th October at 10.00am in the Clerks Office.

Councillor Anderson has spoken to the Chairman and Bob Lewis of Par and Tywardreath Council and is yet to hear if their Council wish to be involved with the project. Councillor Wildish from Par and Tywardreath Council has told the Clerk that she is prepared to join the steering group if necessary.

Minute 0808/17 Councillor Miller told the Council that his first draft of his “War Dead” research was being proof read by Eleanor Hawke.

0809/06 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

September 2008

	Crimes	Detected		Crimes	Detected
Assault	3	3	Vehicle Crime	10	1
Theft	8	1	Burglary Dwelling	0	
Burglary other	3		Damage	3	
Other	1	1			
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TOTAL	28	6			

0809/07 **TALK BY ROB BEALE FROM FOURWAYS YOUTH CLUB**

Rob Beale reported that the Par/St Blazey detached project Summer 2008 went well and were able to access a different set of young people to those using the youth club. The youths appreciated why they were being visited and made use of the service being provided.

The youths wanted three key facilities, a youth shelter, a basket ball ring and a good Skate Park. Rob will look into attaining these in the future.

Councillor Seel asked if a similar event would be likely for next year as the Council would need to budget. Rob said that he hoped so and would let the Council know as soon as possible.

0809/08 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

Councillors Taylor attended the Mayors Borough Civic Parade on Sunday 21st September 2008 and said that he had enjoyed the service and was glad it was held in St Blazey.

Councillor Taylor informed the Council that the legal service department are looking into rolling over Operation Goodnight out to St Blazey. The scheme which was a great success in Redruth saw youths having a curfew in the evenings with the intention of reducing anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Taylor reported that the 'Alcohol Free Zone' signs should now be in place.

Councillor Taylor asked the Council to forward their comments to him regarding the draft Localism Charter produced by One Cornwall which had been forwarded to each Councillor.

0809/09 **AGENDA & MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED BY E MAIL**

The Clerk asked the Council if they would be prepared to receive their Agendas and minutes by E-mail as this would save money. The Clerk emphasized that the responsibility would then be on them to pick up their E-mails. The Council agreed as long as a hard copy could be available on the night of the meeting.

0809/10 **FOOTPATH SIGNAGE**

Councillor Putt asked if the Council could provide a footpath sign to be placed on Par Moor Road indicating the footpath at the Mount. The Clerk told the Council that such sign would cost £144.89. Councillor Putt proposed a sign be purchased, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0809/11 **ADDITIONAL DOG BINS**

Councillor Gill asked if two additional dog bins could be purchased for the footpath from behind Penny's Lane to Biscovey Road. Councillor Hooper asked if two additional dog bins be purchased for the green by the Burrows Centre. The Clerk explained that arrangements for emptying them would have to be made with Serco. Councillor Gill proposed that if such arrangements were made four bins should be purchased, Councillor Hooper seconded the proposal, the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0809/12 **ADOPTION OF THE ICO MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME FOR THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

The Clerk had provided each Councillor with a copy of the proposed St Blaise Town Council Freedom of Information Act Publication. Councillor Seel proposed that the Council adopt this, Councillor Goddard seconded, the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0809/13 **DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council would give a donation of £72.00 to the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal.

0809/14 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCILS CAROL CONCERT**

It was agreed that Councillor Jackie Bull be asked to do one of the readings at this years Carol Concert, Councillors Gill and Miller both agreed to read the other two.

Councillor Putt proposed that the hog roast be free at this years reception at the Football Club after the Concert, Councillor Seel seconded, the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0809/15 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider whether adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Council considered the Risk assessment, Minute Book, Attendance Book, Declarations of Interest, accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Councils Internal Controls are acceptable.

0809/16 **BULL ENGINE PLAY PARK**

Residents surrounding Bull Engine Park requested a meeting with representatives from RBC; this meeting took place at the Burrows Centre on Thursday 18th September. It became apparent that the resident's objections were mainly due to the anti-social behaviour in the area and not the modifications to the play park although some adjustments will be made.

The residents will be invited to the next meeting of St Blazey Community Watch which will be at Alexander Hall on Thursday 23rd October at 7.00pm where they will be able to air their concerns.

0809/17 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Transfer of the Burrows Centre ownership being transferred to St Blaise Town Council was discussed at the RBC Policy and Scrutiny Committee 5 on 19th September when RBC gave their support. The Council are waiting to hear from One Cornwall.

Bus Shelters – The Council discussed whether to place glass back into the bus shelters at Lamellyn and Middleway. After speaking to residents of Lamellyn who do not want the glass replaced due to the shelters being miss-used it was decided that this would not be done. Middleway is a constant target for vandalism and so will also remain without glass.

0809/18 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received a letter asking for the Councils support for the traditional Cornish emblem is kept instead of the new logo proposed by the One Cornwall Implementation Executive. All the Councillors agreed this should be done.

The owners of Moorlands Farm have written asking for the Councils views on them making their 3 acre smallholding into a Breeding, Conservation and Education Centre. The Clerk will write a letter of support.

The Clerk read the Council an invitation to a play event being organised by Cornwall County Council with the support of the Childcare Accessibility Project being held on 31st October 2008 at Bishops Forum near Gweek.

The Clerk told the Council that there is a consultation paper in the office, the making and enforcement of Byelaws. The paper invites views on the proposed new procedures which will enable authorities to make certain byelaws without the need for scrutiny by the Secretary of State and proposals for a new enforcement regime. Comments need to be received by 20th November.

The Clerk asked for the Councils permission to write to St Blazey Amateur Operatic Society in support of them taking on the old Kemutec Drawing Office. The Clerk will write a letter of support.

The Clerk has received various correspondence from Matthew Taylor MP with his views regarding the County Council are approving the incinerator at St Dennis even though the Environment Agency standards or planning guidelines have not been met.

The Clerk has received the following:-

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

Location: MOORLAND ROAD AND THE ROAD FROM MOORLAND ROAD TO PAR GREEN, PAR

Timing: 16TH DECEMBER 2008 – 3 DAYS

Reason: RENEWAL OF OVERHEAD CABLES AND POLES

0809/19 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There had been one planning application received. It was RESOLVED to not object.

08/01299 Full Planning (Amended)
Proposed conversion of disused agricultural building to dwelling
The Old Post Office
St Austell Road

Planning Application results received.

08/00991 Listed Building Consent- Replace existing roof.
Bluegates, St Austell Road.
PERMISSION REFUSED

- 08/01047 Full Planning – Conservatory.
2 Deeble Drive.
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 08/01096 Full Planning – Conservatory
137 Manor View.
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 08/01017 Full Planning – Conservatory.
30 Old Roselyon Road
PERMISSION GRANTED

0809/20 **ALEXANDER HALL**

Weight Watchers have ceased using the Hall but 5 days a week the hall remains well used.

0809/21 **ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Interest	518.82 8/08	Insurance	130.96
Hall Bookings	1090.00	C Tax	79.00
		Water	40.50
		EDF	37.00
		Broadband	25.27
		Inland Revenue	245.06
		CCC	298.82
		Clerks Salary	941.80
		Cleaner	80.04
		R Thomas	50.00
		Window Cleaning	27.00
		Web-site	358.50
		Viking Direct	22.06
		CTP	60.00
		St Austell Deaf Club	100.00
		Victim Support	200.00
		St Blazey Scouts	300.00
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	1608.82		2,996.01

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller told the Council that he would not be at the October meeting and as there would be no meeting in December he would be unable to get authorisation to roll over the fixed term investment. The Council RESOLVED to authorise Councillor Miller to roll the investment over to the end of January 09.

The Clerk emphasized that as RFO she was unhappy with the situation as it would mean making the electors of St Blaise's money unavailable for four months.

0809/22 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Anderson, Heyward, Hooper, Putt, Seel and Scrafton attended a meeting regarding Bull Engine Park on September 18th 2008.

Councillors Anderson, Miller and Scrafton attended the Mayors Borough Civic Parade on Sunday 21st September 2008.

Councillors Anderson, Scrafton and the Town Clerk attended Quality Training on Monday 22nd September. This would be discussed at next months meeting.

Councillor Goddard attended Fourways Youth Club monthly management committee meeting on Wednesday 1st October.

The Chair told the Council that she had received positive comments about the helpfulness and professionalism of the Clerk.

Councillor Putt told the Council that the Plant Pots at the end of Station Road had been damaged again. The Clerk will arrange for them to be repaired.

0809/23 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 30th October 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.