

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson - Mayor

Councillors:

R Blackie, R Heyward, G Miller, A Putt, R Taylor and S Wheeler

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)  
PCSO Rebecca Harris

1309/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Deputy Mayor A Seel, Councillors G Allen and D Scrafton.

1309/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29 August 2013 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1309/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1309/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1307/16 The Clerk has not heard back from Mike Davies regarding the fencing at Trailblazer Park and is arranging a meeting with Martin Donald regarding the play equipment.

1308/14 The Clerk has received a letter of thanks from Cornwall Blind Association.

1309/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

August 2013

		Detected
Assault	5	1
Burglary dwelling	3	
Burglary other	2	
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	6	
Theft (including from M/V)	9	3
Damage	4	

Other	7	4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>August 2012:</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>

There has been a slight increase in the crime figures for the month of August compared to the same month in 2012.

TOTAL CALLS/LOGS FOR ST BLAISE August 2013 – 115

The Clerk asked PCSO Harris if it would be possible to have a temporary speed flasher to help reduce speeding traffic in Station Road. PCSO Harris will investigate.

1309/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor has attended 20 meetings this month and earlier today he had visited the workman in Station Road. The workman have removed 30 tons of earth so far and hit problems that they were unaware of and therefore expect not to complete in the proposed time scheduled.

The First bus service is reportedly finishing in St Blazey and is to be taken over by Western Greyhound. Councillor Taylor wanted to inform us that Bus Services were run by private companies and not Cornwall Council.

Councillor Taylor has reported the large pot hole in Middleway and others. The Clerk asked if it would be possible to have a pedestrian crossing added to the traffic lights at the end of Station Road, which residents would like to see. Councillor Taylor suggested the Clerk write to Highways and he would also ask the question.

1309/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton forwarded the following report.

Since our last meeting, I have attended a number of meetings of Cornwall Council and its various committees. I am happy to provide a full list, should anyone wish to see it. I have also attended a meeting of the Burrows Centre, of which I became a Director, of the Par Beach Management Group and the Cornwall Council budget meeting held at Alexandra Hall on 9 September.

I have visited the CHICKS establishment in Tywardreath, which I consider to be a first-rate charity providing an invaluable service to young people and their families in the area, Cornwall and nationally. I would like to think that there is some way more closely to involve Chicks and its volunteers etc in our community.

Possibly the most time-consuming and challenging work I have been doing over the past month or so has related to a project I have been working on with Councillor Taylor and Councillor Tom French (St Austell Bay). I have already circulated the document which is the current state of play on that project.

Finally, the motion due to go before the last meeting of Cornwall Council relating to Sat Navs was referred to a Council committee for review. I will, however, keep it very much in mind and look forward to it coming to full Council in due course.

#### 1309/08 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

I have patrolled the Town and spoken with many residents. I already knew many people within the Town and have made them aware of my new role with the Council as well as many people I didn't know before. I have visited Hands Together residents Association several times and am pleased to say I have nothing to report.

I have reported an abandoned vehicle to the police, I have reported fly tipping left in Trailblazer Park to the Clerk. I have received a report of a broken handrail on the steps behind the Par Inn and relayed this information to the Clerk.

I have been unable to clean any parish furniture due to the pressure washer being inaccessible in the garage but I have now cleaned out the garage and disposed of most of the rubbish. I have found that the roof of the garage is in need of repair which I also reported to the clerk however due to the rain entering the garage, many of the tools will need replacing.

I am pleased to report that I have not witnessed any anti-social behaviour. I have visited the vulnerable residents but have reduced this list from eight to four.

The toilets in Station Road have been cleaned daily and apart from the day that the drains over flowed which was immediately reported to the Clerk, I have had no problems. I made some minor repairs to the toilets.

I have strimmed around both welcome stones and along Piggy Alley. Whilst working in Piggy Alley I found a Samari sword and a Hatchet/Chopper which I immediately took to St Blazey Police Station. I have also strimmed the footpath from Station Road to Polgrean, the footpath at Manor Park and the footpath between Landreath Place and Rosehill. I have trimmed some of the trees in Middleway and Bridge Street as to allow pedestrians free passage.

I assisted the builder in placing the stone pillar from the Treffry Estate to the Town Car Park and helped the Clerk assemble tables at the NP shop and have had to take several of the electrical tools for repair.

On my return from Annual Leave I intend to start the required maintenance of Alexander Hall. I am aware that the fountain has not yet been cleaned but Councillor Putt and myself will remedy this on my return.

#### 1309/09 **THE GREEN SPACE AUDIT**

Councillor Taylor reported that The Green Space Audit said that improvements could be made to Bus Stops, Play Areas, Waterways, Signs at Station Road Public Conveniences, Footpaths are overgrown and littered as well as being a lot of dog mess about. Sign posts need renewing, more cycle parking should be provided and there is a need for allotments. A lot of this could be dealt with by St Blaise Town Council.

The bus shelters that belong to the Town Council will be cleaned when the Warden returns from holiday, the Town Council is only responsible for one play area and arrangements are in hand to improve the area. The Waterways have been reported to the Co-op property managers and the signs for Station Road PC's have been ordered. The Warden has cut back all of the Town Council footpaths and will be attending "Fixed Penalty" training shortly, he will then be able to deal with dog mess and litter more efficiently.

1309/10 **STATION ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

We have received new transfer documents for the toilets and the overage restriction has been removed. The Councillors would like to see the signs replaced, emergency key for the men's cubicle supplied and the plumbing repaired before the Clerk signs. The Clerk is unable to add the Toilets to our Insurance policy as the insurers want correspondence from Cornwall Council advising the figure that they insured them for. The Clerk has this in hand.

1309/11 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Cornwall Council have not informed us of an additional reductions in service since our last meeting but an Economic and Culture Strategy officer warned of future cuts at the Cornwall Association of Local Councils meeting the Clerk had attended the previous day.

1309/12 **STATION ROAD PLANTERS**

It was agreed that as the planters remain looking so nice that a working party would be arranged for next month.

1309/13 **BULL ENGINE PARK**

The Council was informed that the green space that leads onto a pavement, then onto a highway at Lamellyn Road has a 20 mph speed limit, this is not true, the Clerk was instructed to arrange a site visit with Cormac to the area due to concerns about the children using the skate park's safety.

1309/14 **TO REVIEW THE TOWN COUNCILS 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 Council considered the Risk Assessment, Minute Book, Attendance Book, Declarations of Interest and 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 has received a letter from Brian White who after much consideration has decided that he is no longer able to carry out independent internal audits. The Clerk has spoken with other Town Councils across the County and South West Internal Audit come highly recommended and their fees are competitive. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2013/14 Audit.

### 1309/15 **REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS**

**RCLP** Rural Community Link Project have written asking the Town Council to support them in some way due to their funding streams drying up. Councillor Putt proposed that we give them 6 months free room hire, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

**EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL.** Councillor Miller proposed that the Council give a donation of £120, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED. LGA 1972 s139.

### 1309/16 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning** – The shop opened on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Clerk thanked Councillor Putt for all his help in furnishing the property and all the volunteers who have manned it so far. The next Neighbourhood Planning meeting will be on 30th September.

**WW1-Anniversary** – The new Chapel of Rest in Station Road will be happy to furnish the plaque commemorating the WW1 soldiers that fell. The undertakers will refurbish the plaque and would like to contact relatives of those that fell to attend a service.

**Bell Tower** – The Clerk asked Cornwall Council Planning department if permission would be needed to move the Bell Tower from Fourways Car Park to Station Road Car Park. There will be a fee of £37.20. Councillor Blackie does not agree with the Tower being moved, the remainder of the Council instructed the Clerk to proceed.

**New Community Centre** – The Clerk has written to Johnny Alford asking that condition 8.6 be removed from the Heads of Terms Agreement.

### 1309/17 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received correspondence from FREE (Fowey Renewable Energy Enterprise) informing us that they are a volunteer group established to realise the sustainability part of the Fowey Town Plan. Their intention was to create community owned renewable energy. Their community project is a modest one, consisting of three small wind turbines and seven small solar PV installations.

FLAG (Fowey Landscape Action Group) are against the planning application submitted to Cornwall Council and are misinforming the public that the application is for “six wind turbines and 11 solar panel sites.” FREE want to correct this and ensure you know that the application is for three small wind turbines and seven small solar PV installations.

Cornwall Council have refused St Blazey Traction Maintenance and Wagon Repair turntable into the list of assets of Community Value. The restriction can only be placed on land and not an object located on land.

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

**Location:** Par Moor Road, Par  
**Timing:** 14th to 15th October 2013 (2200 to 0600 hours)  
**Reason:** Centurion Site Services - Bridge Works

**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:** 20th October 2013  
**Location:** St Blazey  
**Times:** 1000 to 1030 hours

St Austell Bay have taken over the Charlestown PC's and would like our Warden to cover their cleaners holiday, Dave is willing but would like the Councils agreement. This was given.

Fowey Town Council would like permission for their Mayor to wear his chain of office at the official opening of the new Chapel of Rest. Council gave permission.

St Austell Town Council would like permission for their Mayor to wear his chain of office to an event in St Blazey on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Council gave permission.

Par Community Association have asked that they delay the placing of the Boat at St Blazey Gate until the spring. Council gave permission.

Cornwall Association of Local Councils would like our views on the proposal to add a paragraph that reads "Where a Member has a non-register able interest in a manner to which paragraph 3.5 relates that does not benefit from a valid dispensation and that interest affects the financial position or well being of you; a member of your family or any person to whom you have a close association the Member may (with the permission of the Chairman of the meeting or until such time as the Chairman directs the Member to stop) address the meeting provided the public are also allowed to address the meeting to provide such information as they reasonably consider might inform the debate and decision to be made before complying with paragraphs 3.5(i), (ii) and (iii).

St Blaise Town Council agreed that this would be an added benefit.

Cornwall Association will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Larger Councils Conference on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Trispen. Councillor Wheeler will attend with the Clerk.

St Blazey and District Labour Party would like to place a seat opposite the junction to Landreath Place in Middleway in memory of Jim Gummo. This area would serve as a pit stop for many elderly people. It was decided that opposite the entrance to Middleway had insufficient pavement but on the corner of the entrance or further up the hill would both serve well.

1309/18 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- PA13/08283            Full Planning  
Single storey Extension to existing flat roofed garage.  
11A Bobs Road.  
St Blazey.
- PA13/07705            Full Planning  
Amendment to Application C2/94/00370, for the erection of first floor extension to bungalow, to allow for the omissions of dormers and replacement with velux windows.  
Riviera  
St Austell Road.  
St Blazey.

**RESULTS RECEIVED**

- PA11/03104            Full Planning  
Erection of industrial building, provision of access and parking areas and associated works.  
Land at Par Moor Road  
St Blazey  
Bodelva  
APPROVED
- PA13/07705            Full Planning  
Amendment to Application C2/94/00370, for the erection of first floor extension to bungalow, to allow for the omissions of dormers and replacement with velux windows.  
Riviera  
St Austell Road.  
St Blazey.  
WITHDRAWN
- PA13/06103            Full Planning  
Proposed dwelling  
Land adjacent to 3 Vernon Villas  
St Austell Road.  
St Blazey Gate.  
APPROVED

The Clerk has received information from a Cornwall Council Planner regarding the Planning Application at Bank View, Biscovey Road. A condition was imposed requiring an engineer's report to be submitted prior to the development commencing. This will guarantee the stability of the remaining dwelling.

The Planning Application for new dwellings and associated work at 15 Trenovissick Road has been made to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

1309/20 **ALEXANDER HALL**

We have had two new bookings, one for a step class on a Monday and another for a Pilate's class on a Tuesday.

1309/20 **ACCOUNTS**

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	923.00
Interest (high)	112.88
Precept	32,500.00
CTS Grant	5,614.23
Black Sacks	56.00
Insurance Refund	730.00
Nalders	40.00

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**Expenditure**

Broadband	41.24
SWW	89.00
Insurance	161.41
HMRC	
CC (pen)	423.47
Clerks Sal	1348.5
Warden Wage	616.00
K Atkinson	13.00
CIS (uniform)	169.75
CIS (cl mats)	64.26
D & S blds	160.00
EON	42.00
Cleaners Wage	59.60
Travel	20.25
E Veerman	443.40
Eclipse	14.38
CALC	15.60
Cornwall Blind	100.00
DLH tool rep	54.00
R & S Services	38.00
Abi Drains	102.00
Crown Carpets	1509.83
PC Bus Rates	54.00
Snowland Em	69.74
Southern Elect	133.11
Toilet Warden	30.00
Van Ins	46.82
Walter Bailey	25.00
Buyology	54.71
D Higman	54.00
Planning Advice	37.20

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Councillor Blackie said that he couldn't pass the accounts as he did not understand the abbreviations, the Clerk explained that she had come in early to do the accounts but would if necessary write in full in the minutes. He asked what ICO was where it

became apparent he was looking at last month's accounts. He proceeded to tell the Clerk how to do her job admitting he didn't know what she did.

The remaining Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1309/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

The Clerk was asked to report the raised ironwork at the top of Cornhill Crossroads again.

1309/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm.

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