

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 27th September 2018**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

J Moore, T Nethercott & A Pearce.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden

1809/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors R Chamberlain, T Chapman, S Ford and J Taylor. Cornwall Councillors Giles and Rowse also sent their apologies.

1809/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th August 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1809/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1809/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1808/12 Merlin MS Centre and Victim Support have written thanking the Town Council for their donation.

1808/13 St Petroc's Society have written thanking the Town Council for their donation.

1809/20 Councillor Pearce reported that the overgrowth at the top of Middleway has been cut back. .

1809/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave Pearce is concerned that the resident who is taking his car into Piggy Alley is churning up the grassed area and transferring mud onto the walkway making it slippery and dangerous for pedestrians. The clerk will get a quote to tarmac the area and ask the resident concerned for a contribution.

Dave is up to date with all other work.

1809/06 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Councillor Giles sent her apologies and sent the following reports.

August 2018

The St Blazey Recycle Resale and Reuse shop is booming and fulfils much of my previous role as Shadow Cabinet member for Children & Families and also in my new role as Shadow for Environment & Public Protection. We have helped many families within the division, supplying them with furniture, bedding, clothes and school uniform.

It is lovely that I can be so accessible, and am pleased that so many of my constituents drop in for a chat. We are about to arrange a 360 minute makeover for two little girls in my division, to decorate their bedroom, put up curtains, carpet it, and supply them with books and toys.

We have estimated that 5.7 tonnes has been saved from landfill or incineration, this is a low estimate and doesn't include the public drop offs which occur daily.

My role as Shadow for Environment & Public Protection covers libraries, enforcement, licensing, the registrars services, fair trading, food safety, coastlines, crematoriums, and of course waste. I have a great deal to learn, but I am excited at the challenge ahead.

September 2018

I was please to sit on the Constitution and Governance review which discussed how effective the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work. It concluded that we were being presented with proposals, very often with no enough information to make a decision, which would best serve the people of Cornwall. It was suggested that perhaps the tail was wagging the dog, and members needed more information before meetings and input before decisions were made.

We had a very successful litter pick around Polgrean on the 8th September. We picked up over a dozen black bags of rubbish, and pulled a pushchair and paddling pool out of the river. I will be speaking to Biffa regarding having pickers and hoops in the St Blazey Recycle Resale and Reuse shop, so that people can pop in to collect them and go out regularly in the hope that we can improve the litter issue in St Blazey.

At Full Council on 11th, the proposed merger of the Police forces was discussed, I felt that as there was no business plan available and therefore could not make an informed decision on such a major change. I could not support the merger.

I made my feelings known on the position of poor housing provision in Cornwall. We are currently spending millions of pounds housing families in Bed & Breakfasts which are not fit for purpose. The fact that in our division we have a business which makes homes out of containers, and that they have tried to engage with the council for the last 4 years with no luck is frustrating. To make matters worse, due to Cornwall Councils lack of engagement, the company has expanded its business in Hampshire,

creating some 70 jobs which could have been in St Blazey. I have been promised their proposition is now being considered, as 70 jobs in St Blazey would have helped our community greatly.

I have had a meeting with the new owners of the Kelly's site and Cornwall Council, and my proposal to have a purpose built warehouse on the site allowing us to expand the St Blazey Recycle Resale and Reuse operation and open the community cafe and create recycling workshops is being looked at.

I have attended my first Neighbourhoods meeting, as Shadow Cabinet member for Environment and Public Protection, the main topic being the County farms owned by the Council and the review of policies to help incoming farmers become more profitable.

The Mayor, Jordan and myself had a very informative meeting with Ocean Housing to update us on Polgrean. It was very encouraging to hear that residents were engaging with them, and that several families had already moved and plans were moving forward on time.

We have much to be excited about for St Blazey, StaRR looks like it is back on course and the redevelopment of Polgrean will improve the area greatly. Onward and upwards for our lovely Town.

1809/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Councillor Rowse sent his apologies and sent the following report.

I am meeting with senior staff at Fowey River Academy to discuss the on-goings at the school, especially after it featured heavily on Panorama recently. I am well aware of the situation surrounding Fowey and Bright Tribe/Adventure Learning Academy Trust (ALAT) and it is something that has concerned me greatly. The vast majority of children in St Blazey go to Fowey as their secondary school, so I have a duty, along with other stakeholders, to ensure the education they receive is the best possible and that the students are put first. Be assured, this is something that is being taken seriously and something I am keeping a close eye on.

Last month I spoke at length about the Burrows and issues with anti-social behaviour. Unfortunately in the last month, as I am sure you would have heard, we have had a stabbing in Biscovey. However, despite reports being circulated by local newspapers, and despite the rumour mill, I want to set the record straight as this incident did not happen at the Burrows, it happened on St Mary's Road. Whilst there are issues with Anti-Social Behaviour at the Burrows, this was an isolated attack and unrelated to any previous issues there. I am still working on the issues at the Burrows and am due to meet Council Officers shortly to discuss the area. Please do not let this incident deter people from using this fabulous Bull Engine Park.

Unfortunately this month PL24 Community Association had its bench stolen from the nature reserve on Par Moor. I was very sad, disappointed and annoyed to hear this. Reason One being it was something that I paid for and Reason Two is that I have been there while the kiddies are there during one of the workshops when they sat

around the picnic bench enjoying being in the nature reserve. However, in a bizarre turn of events, today I visited the nature reserve to find that our picnic bench has now been returned! It looks like it has been brought back to us in the last couple days as the drag marks on the floor are fresh. It also appears to have been taken apart as some of the nuts and bolts are missing. Regardless, we are over the moon to have it back. A big thank you to the St Austell Voice for printing the story about it in yesterday's paper, and to the power of social media. I can only second guess that the offenders saw the story in the paper, discovered their conscience and returned it. Our nature reserve has its bench back and we can now move forward and continue to plan educational events for our PL24 children in there.

My next councillor surgery is Saturday 6th October 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.”

1809/08 **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 £594 increased from £576, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The residents asked if the agreement could continue for two years but this was denied.

1809/09 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has been speaking to other Clerks who have had to increase their staff numbers and enlarge job descriptions to accommodate extra duties taken from Cornwall Council. Pay grades have had to be amended and therefore wage costs have increased significantly.

1809/10 **TO REVIEW the RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

The Council considered the Retention of Records Policy. Various changes were made to accommodate the new Data Protection Rules. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the council make the changes and deem the document acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1809/11 **TO REVIEW THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Council considered the Retention of Records Policy. No changes were made. Councillor Pearce proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Jenny Moore seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED

1809/12 **DONATION TO EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £150 to the 2018 Appeal, Councillor K Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1809/13 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Liz Davies has now retired from Biscovey Academy but has given Councillor Anderson her successor's details and has said that the Boy Bishop will probably read one of the readings at this year's Carol Concert, Councillor Pearce has agreed to read and the Clerk will ask Cornwall Councillor Rowse to read the third.

1809/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

Huer's have heard from Waldon's who are no longer able to provide the design service required for the mechanical installation as they don't have a small works division any more. Huer's can ask a plumber to design and price the mechanical system and an electrician to do the same and then we would then need to include their respective prices within the tender of whichever contractor did the work.

All the Councillors agreed with this option.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Jenny Moore reported that the revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework are still not available. The flood policy was being rewritten through the Environment Agency to incorporate the StaRR project. A partly completed draft plan, draft housing and transport policies have been sent to CRCC who will be consulting with a planner for feedback. There will be a meeting on October 1st to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy as reported on by Louise Pyle and the housing policy.

Councillor Moore is meeting Shaun Pritchard at the Environment Agency on 2nd October regards the flood amelioration policy and hopefully will have some good news as a result of the meeting.

Councillor Moore attended the St Austell to A30 link Road exhibition and reported that it had been found that the absence of a continuous route from the A30 to St Austell, the Clay Country and surrounding areas affected economic growth. The new road would provide a last link between the A30 and the A391 at Stenalees Roundabout which would improve local life and support economic growth.

70% of public and 50% of businesses support the new road which will take over 20,000 vehicles a day. Traffic volumes through Bugle, Stenalees and Roche will significantly reduce. Over the last 10 years, there has been 50 accidents in the surrounding villages. Journey times will improve as will conditions for local businesses, jobs and investment.

Councillor Moore says that while the scheme should make a lot of difference to Bugle, Roche and other towns along the route, I am not sure the impact of increased traffic arriving on the A390 at St Austell has been fully thought through. This also has the potential to impact on St Blazey.

King Edward Gardens – The devolution of the Gardens was completed on 10th September. The Clerk invited four tree surgeons to quote for work to improve the area, two declined to quote two quoted as follows.

RDG Tree Services - £ 3,110, Glenn Brewer £4,850.

Councillor Pearce proposed that we accept the quote from RDG Tree Services, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1809/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

Further to the Clerk contacting Co-op with regards to re-installing recycling units into their car park, Hartnell Taylor Cook have said that unless we can provide them with information regarding who would be responsible, we cannot authorise for the recycling units to be reinstated. We should provide a letter or email from CC stating that they will be responsible for all associated issues with the recycling unit including fly-tipping, general tidying up and other issues associated, they would then provide this information to the Co-op who will decide upon authorisation for installation.

St Blazey Community Watch had a meeting on 13th September and after some discussion, it was decided that the regular meetings would no longer take place. Meetings would be called when issues arise that affect the residents of St. Blazey, at such time the relevant people and agencies will be called upon to help resolve the issue. Meeting will be called at the Mayor's initiative.

Retta Matthews, Church Warden at St Blazey Church, has taken on the responsibility of fund raising for the repair of the clock and received a quotation of £2352 for its repair. Due to the successful application to the Co-op Community Fund, they have pledged £1700 and the church has agreed to donate £100. As agreed the Clerk has pledged the Council to pay the remaining £552 as this is the money left in the budget from not paying for Annual Services.

The Clerk has received an update for the numbers of housing needs which has been completed by Cornwall Council (as at 31st March 2018), however those figures have not yet been released for general use.

Location	Proposed Allocation	Completions 2010-17	Planning Permission Not Started and Under Construction	Windfall on sites of less than 10 homes 2022-30
St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel CNA	900	494	312	184

The Clerk is concerned as this is contrary to information that we have that we are meeting our housing needs and are not required any more in our Community Network Area. It is impossible to write a Neighbourhood Plan if housing figures change.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: Eden Marathon

Date: 14th October 2018

Times: 09:30 to 10:00 hours

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: Tuesday 2nd to Friday 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 – Old Roselyon Crescent

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

At Councillor Nethercotts request, James Staughton from St Austell Bay Economic Forum was invited to attend a future Council meeting. He replied that in respect of SABEF's work and how it effects the people of St Blazey, our representative on the Board is Tony Nethercott. I would take the opportunity to remind the Council of SABEF's work for your area as follows:

1. Letter of support for Par Running Track sent to Doug Scrafton.
2. Letter of support for the Roundhouse.
3. Promotion of local events on our website www.staustell.co.uk

Crantock Parish Council are seeking a Judicial Review of a Cornwall Council planning decision which is inconsistent with their approved Neighbourhood Plan. This decision shows disrespect by Cornwall Council to all lower local authorities. Crantock expect this legal process to cost in excess of £34,000 and are therefore asking help with these costs.

Councillor Moore proposed that St Blaise TC give £1,000, Councillor Pearce seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Clerk will stipulate that if they win the case and have their fees reimbursed or if for any reason the judicial review does not take place, we will have our contribution refunded.

Par Track Ltd has recently taken over Par running track and is embarking on an ambitious improvement programme to increase its appeal to a wider local community and ensure its long-term viability. As part of this programme they have submitted a planning application for a temporary building to house Par Library when it has to move from its current premises next year. They ask that St Blaise Town Council write

a formal letter of support to Cornwall Council Planning. The Clerk was instructed to comply.

1809/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/07815	Demolition of semi-derelict shop/house and build proposed private dwelling on plot. 27 St Austell Road St Blazey Gate
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
Results Received	
PA18/06193	Conversion and extension to existing barn to residential. The Granary Barn To the West of East Crinnis Farm Par Moor Road, St Blazey APPROVED
PA18/06278	Advert Consent: 1 internally illuminated fascia, only CO-OP log o illuminates, 1 internally illuminated CO-OP logo, 16 non illuminated post mounted flat aluminium panels, 1 non illuminated wall mounted flat aluminagted panel, 1 internally illuminated 4.5m totem, 1 internally illuminated 2m totem and 1 non illuminated membership mesh banner sign. Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd, Middleway St Blazey APPROVED

1809/17 **ALEXANDER HALL**

Alexander Hall has been having problems with a local homeless person intimidating its users. They will be requested to phone the police in the future.

1809/18 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk will contact an electrician as the storage heater is not working.

1809/19 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	704.00	Clerks Wage	1431.70
Interest	1.83	Wardens Wage	612.34
High Deposit Int	203.78	Broadband	27.50
C/R room hire	6.00	UK Fuels	40.00
Precept	42,500.00	Insurance	183.27
CTS Grant	2,676.99	HMRC	598.10
Luxulyan PC	400.00	CC (pen)	511.32
		SWW (fou)	19.30
		Donation MS	200.00
		Donation VS	200.00
		Donation St P	50.00
		<u>AH</u>	
		Bus Rates	221.00
		Cleaners Wage	142.00
		Chubb (parts)	13.57
		EDF (Elec)	21.00
		SWW	114.50
		EDF (Gas)	72.00
		Chubb	36.00
		<u>PC</u>	
		Cornwall Council	53.00
		Locking	30.00
		EDF	9.00
		Wallgate	149.99
		J Gronwalt	21.05
		Plumbase	21.00
		<u>Community Rooms</u>	
		Cornwall Council	117.00
		EDF	120.00
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	46,492.60		5,014.64

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1809/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Pearce reported that the children from Fowey Academy are not crossing the road safely when they disembark from the school bus at the bus stop at the top of Middleway. The Clerk will forward her concerns to the School.

Councillor Nethercott reported that he had attended a meeting of SABEF and informed us that the Green Futures project of St Austell Bay Economic Forum has been awarded £1.1m to re-energise St Austell and the surrounding communities. A

talk was given regarding how the Community Network Panels work and an introduction into their new web-site which can be found at www.staustell.co.uk.

1809/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th October 2018 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.14 pm.