

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th September 2010**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
1 member of the Press
2 Ocean representatives
1 Community Warden
2 PCSO's

1009/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Scrafton & Seel.

1009/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2010 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1009/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1009/04 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 1008/08 Letters have been received from Shelter Cornwall and the Citizen Advice Bureau thanking the Council for their donations.

1009/05 POLICE CRIME FIGURES

August 2010

	Committed		Committed
Assault	9	Burglary Dwelling	1
Burglary Other	1	Theft of M/V	1
Vehicle Crime	5	Theft	9
Damage	4	Drugs	4
Other	2		
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Total	36		

A recent spate of scrap metal thefts in the area from residential as well as Imerys industrial sites has raised the theft figures. During the summer has also seen a rise in the number of assaults locally of which many are domestic. Four drug warrants have been successfully executed.

1009/06 **A REPORT FROM OCEAN HOUSING REGARDING THE WARDEN SCHEME IN ST BLAZEY.**

Jill Barnard and Anne Marie Snell came to represent Ocean Housings. Councillor Anderson started by expressing the Councils disappointment that the coverage had been reduced locally. Ms Snell explained that Ocean had over 4,000 tenants of which only 400-500 were in St Blazey and therefore as the Council only pay a small contribution and the remainder came from the tenant's rents it was considered only right that the scheme be provided elsewhere.

The Wardens have been moved temporarily to Gover where Ocean has approximately 235 properties which many have seen improvement work recently. It was felt that there was a need in the area to iron out problems for a period of approximately 3 months. Once there is no longer a need in Gover the Wardens will be moved to Newquay or other problem areas.

The Council asked if the other Councils that the Wardens cover will pay towards the scheme, this is not the case currently but funds have been requested.

The Council was assured that there will always be one Warden in St Blazey and the present cover is 12 half days a week and so sometimes we will have two.

1009/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor advised the Council that Cornwall Council had emphatically informed him that there will be no more funding from them for the Wardens.

Councillor Taylor had met with Eco-Bos who are going to undertake a full environmental impact study at Par Docks and are reviewing their plans for the area.

Councillor Taylor confirmed that the next Town Council elections will be in 2013.

1009/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes informed the Council that he still has some funds in the Community Fund for community projects and asked them to let groups who may need them know.

Councillor Hughes recently met with Rebecca Jacobs who suggests that the Town Council make it known where they would prefer to see affordable housing built outside the development envelope. St Blaise Town Council have often suggested land on the north side of the A390.

Councillor Hughes suggested that if there are not enough funds to get the St Blazey Fountain up and running, the heritage lottery should be approached.

The Café on Par Beach has not been opened this year as the friends of Par Beach are still in negotiation with Cornwall Council putting together a joint management structure; Councillor Taylor suggested that a member of St Blaise Town Council join the committee.

1009/09 **ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES FOR ST BLAZEY**

Cornwall Councillors have some money for road improvements in this area; St Blaise Town Councillors suggested the following schemes. The Councillors will liaise and make site visits to assess their potential.

1. Hatching to be placed in the passing space at the bottom of the road leading to the Mount. (G Allen)
2. Yellow lines to be extended in Biscovey Road. (M.Gill).
3. A pavement to be put on the left hand side of Prideaux Road. (R Heyward)
4. Yellow lines to be extended in Station Road. (D Hooper).
5. White lines to be painted onto St Blazey Road to create an optical illusion for traffic entering Station Road. (Mike Burley, see minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 25/5/2006)

1009/10 **THE TOWN PLAN**

Since Councillor Scrafton is not at this meeting he has written a few words about the launch of the Town Plan.

The plan is now printed, and ready for distribution. The strong advice I have received from those who have been involved with other town plans is that there should be a formal launch, and that this should be designed to achieve maximum impact.

Though I am keen to see the plan launched as quickly as possible, I accept that it is worth spending a little more time to get it right. I therefore suggest that this should be during the week beginning 8 November.

I believe that the launch should be by the Town Plan Working Group, rather than the Town Council. Those who prepared the plan are handing it over to those whom it will affect. The Working Group will be formally handing over the results of their work to the Town Council

I would see it take place at the Football Club between 4pm and 7pm. I would like to involve local community groups (brownies, church, chapel, Biscovey School etc) The school choir could be invited to perform and other groups might be invited to put together displays on the theme of 'St Blaise as we would like to see it in 2025'

Chris Laing of the Big Lottery would be very happy to be involved in the launch. He would be willing to produce a display, and (if appropriate) to say a few words. This would be an opportunity to draw attention to how some parts of the town plan could

become reality, and enthuse people to go away and come up with other ideas of their own, too. And it would undoubtedly provide a greater public and media interest. We would invite Par and Tywardreath Council as the other area with the potential to benefit from Lottery funding.

Apart from the cost of the room and some light refreshments I foresee few expenses.

The Council are all in favour of the proposed event taking place.

1009/11 **DONATION TO EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL & LAYING OF WREATH**

It was RESOLVED that the Town Council give a donation of £100.00 to the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, Councillor Anderson will lay the wreath at the service at St Blazey Church on Sunday 14th November at 9.30am.

1009/12 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL CAROL CONCERT.**

It was agreed that Councillors Miller, Scrafton and Gill would do the three readings at this years Carol Concert.

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

1009/13 **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 Internal Controls are acceptable.

1009/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – We have not yet heard if our expression of interest has been successful requesting CSE funding for the extension to the Burrows. Peter Hume, our architect, has asked that he submitted a planning application to Cornwall Council.

1009/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

There will be a Fit for Funding day at Alexander Hall on Thursday 28th October, the Clerk urge the Councillors to attend and promote the event.

The Eden Project is holding an Enterprising Communities Event on the 20th October, Councillor Anderson will attend.

Councillor Seel spoke to a Highway operative in Station Road after recent flooding and was informed that 4 inch drainage pipes were installed, not the 8 inch necessary. The Clerk queried this with Highways and was informed that they are working with the Environment Agency to look for a long term solution to these flooding problems and that we will be kept informed once a plan has been agreed.

1009/16 PLANNING MATTERS

There have been four applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

C2/10/01017 Full Planning
Conservatory Extension.
22 Gribbon Way, Mountlea Country Park
St Blazey

PA10/04611 Full Planning
Proposed sunroom extension
Trenovissick Farm, The Mount.
St Blazey

PA10/04877 Variation of Condition
Annexe for ancillary use conversion to residential barns.
Bluegates Barn, St Austell Road.
St Blazey

PA10/04892 Full Planning
1 x Fascia sign + 1 internally illuminated Totem sign
Sommerfield/Co-op, Middleway
St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

10/00880 Felling of one sycamore and two oak trees.
Roselyon Prep School, St Blazey
PERMISSION GRANTED

10/00651 Removal of condition 3 – Restriction on opening hours.
Charlie's, Cornish Market World, St Blazey.
CONDITIONAL PERMISSION GRANTED

10/00942 Change of use –existing general store to food takeaway.
Biscovey Mini Market, St Austell Road, St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

1009/17 ACCOUNTS

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	776.50	Council Tax	78.00
Interest	6.60 08/10	SWW	43.50
Precept	24500.00	Electricity	45.00
		HMRC	267.70
		CC (pen)	327.41
		Broadband	28.19
		Cleaner	78.00
		Clerks Sal	974.03
		Purl Design	3548.50
		Nationwide Print	2112.00
		Land Registry	5.00
		CC (plan perm)	670.00
		St Blazey Church	50.00
		CAB	500.00
		Shelter Cornwall	250.00
		CC	5.00
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The council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller asked the Council if he should continue with the High Interest Investment for a further 3 months, the Council all agreed.

1009/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

A member of the public has asked for a no lorries sign to be placed on the A390 by the turn to Trenovissick Road as lorries are using this road and causing congestion in Harbour Road. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

1009/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 28th October 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52pm.