

# St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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## **Introduction by the Mayor of St Blaise Town Council. Councillor June Anderson.**

I am pleased to say the Carol Concert went well, unfortunately the Biscovey School Choir were unable to attend but I believe everyone enjoyed the event, the mulled wine and mince pies.

Cornwall Council informed us at the end of September that they would no longer be able to look after Trail Blayser Park after the end of January. When the park was inspected by the Town Council it became evident that there were quite a few repairs that needed attention. I would like to thank Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles who persuaded them to carry out the repairs and allow the park to remain open.

Par Library have been forced to move from their current building after nearly thirty years and as a result will be re-established to a porta-cabin housed at Par Running

Track. This will be a reduced service however. I would like to express gratitude to all of those who have been able to enable this and encourage you to continue using the library as before.

Spring will soon be with us and our Warden will be working on our flower beds. We have had commendations for putting on a wonderful floral display from people who live in St Blazey and further afield. In addition we have been complimented as all the seats and bollards have been painted in nice bright colours. This was done by a volunteer, Archie Taylor, who deserves much praise and this further enhanced the area. I for one am looking forward to seeing similar beautiful displays returning this year.

Our Warden, Dave Pearce is to have so much more work this year due to the addition of King Edward Gardens to the Councils property portfolio and the maintenance that he will have to undertake at Trail Blayser Park so please have some patience if work is not carried out as swiftly as it has been in the past.

After recent complaints received by Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse regarding a section of the footpath at the Mount being in a dire state of disrepair and virtually impassable and Cornwall Council being unable to help, Councillor Rowse decided to take remedial action himself. This footpath is heavily used by locals and Cllr Rowse believes Cornwall Council have a duty to

maintain our footpaths and bridleways to a high standard. He asked Imerys to donate some aggregate, which they kindly did.

A couple of weeks ago he and Dave worked on the path for a few hours and it is looking much better. Without Dave he could not have done it, so I would like to add my thanks to Dave for his hard work.

As many of you will know, we may lose the use of Alexander Hall and so to accommodate this the Town Council will be extending the Burrows Centre. Work begins on March 25<sup>th</sup> and will take approximately 20 weeks.

Tom Fletcher from the Environment Agency attended the February Town Council meeting to tell us about some of the flood alleviation plans that could improve St Blazey and attract millions of pounds of investment to improve the area.

The StARR project is a joint scheme between the EA, Cornwall Council and other agencies. The EA are responsible for rivers and seas, Cornwall Council for surface water.

Par and St Blazey are built on a former estuary and this is now resulting in water damage and will therefore attract funding which will help the resident's aspirations for future green spaces.

Tom showed the Councillors the five areas of main concern which were Aberdeen Close, the football ground, Station Road, area behind co-op and the A390 corridor.

Improvements include rain gardens, ponds and pocket parks. The 30 million pounds worth of funding could improve the Town now and in the future as it will be the first to have a scheme of this type.

Some residents are concerned about the lack of information from the EA regarding letters received asking to drill on their land. Tom explained that the work was ground investigation and infiltration tests which are simple work.

Tom also explained that if land owners co-operate, the Environment Agency pay legal fees and compensation, if they don't, they receive neither.

## **St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor J Moore, Chairman of the Neighbouring Plan Committee reported that after the meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup> they had agreed the plan objectives, agreed the development boundary already a natural barrier between St Blaise and St Austell and therefore there would be no need to draw a development boundary.

The design quality criteria proved difficult as the design quality guide is currently being produced by the Planning Policy team. Generally, design should be in keeping with traditional appearance, without ruling out innovation. However most specifically, it was felt that StARR should feature in design quality criteria.

There is often confusion over brownfield and flood blighted land, it was high-lighted that: Brownfield land is a term used in urban planning to describe any previously developed land that is not currently in use, whether contaminated or not. It is also used to describe land previously used for industrial or commercial purposes with known or suspected pollution including soil contamination due to hazardous waste. As a result many sites were recognised.

The policies were reviewed and some changes made and a draft plan will be ready shortly.

Councillor J Moore and the NP working group had a meeting with parties relating to StARR on 19<sup>th</sup> March, there were key representatives from the EA, Cornwall Council. This has resulted in a much clearer outline of StARR and how it should be referred to in the NP. As it

was not possible to arrange an earlier meeting, it has put back the date on which it is hoped the TC will be able to sign off the plan which it is now hoped will be the TC meeting in April. Councillor Moore provided a preliminary timetable.

Draft Plan – To be agreed April 25<sup>th</sup>

Screening - Assuming the plan is signed off on April 25<sup>th</sup>, in May it can be submitted to Cornwall Council for screening opinion immediately. The turnaround is 3 weeks.

Feedback on Screening - May  
Assuming the plan is submitted at the start of May, we will have it back by the end of May

Plan Finalised – June

Pre-Submission Consultation – July

Pre-Submission Consultation Responses – The consultation is 6 weeks. The timescale for responses will be collated by end of August/beginning September.

Submission - October

This requires a basic conditions statement, consultation statement and evidence report all completed and must up to date.

## POLICE - Useful Information and Resources

Dial 999 – When life is threatened, people are injured, immediate action required.

Dial 101 – Non Emergency

Web-site – [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reportcrime](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reportcrime)

e-mail – [101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

OR [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/police-enquiry-office](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/police-enquiry-office)

Devon and Cornwall Police Web-site to keep up to date with all the latest news and information about Devon and Cornwall Police.

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

Your local policing team

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/find-team](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/find-team)

Enter your postcode/location to access information, who are the team and how to contact them, area priorities, action plans, how to have your say and engagement events

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

[www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk)

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