

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th January 2010**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor David Hughes
Cornwall Councillor Roy Taylor
1 Member of the Public

1001/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Miller, Scrafton, Seel and PC Toms.

1001/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th November 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1001/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hooper declared an interest in the Agenda Item to discuss the overview of the carol concert. There were no declarations of gifts of a value greater than £25.

1001/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0911/13 The Chair thanked Councillor Heyward for providing the Christmas trees and informed the Clerk that they are a gift to him as a thank you for his professional services.

1001/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

Sergeant John Capp has informed the Clerk that the proposals to the extension of the police Station are currently on hold but will bring along the plans to a future meeting.

December 2009

	Committed	Detected		Committed	Detected
Assault (1 assault on a police officer & 3 linked)	8	4	Burglary Dwelling	0	0
Burglary other	2	0	Theft of M/V	0	0
Vehicle Crime	2	0	Theft	10	0
Damage	7	0	Drugs	4	3
Other	3	2			
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Total	36	9			

1001/06 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR**

Councillor Taylor informed us that he is now a member of a Fire Panel whose goal is to improve the Fire Service in Cornwall. The Waste Panel have decided not to cancel the contract with SITA and he is a member of the new homeless strategy team.

1001/07 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DAVID HUGHES**

Councillor Hughes had attended the planning meeting last evening where the Wain Homes development at Par Lane was given permission. Neither the Environment Agency nor South West Water are yet satisfied that the flood and drainage issues have been dealt with sufficiently. There is a condition in place that these issues must be dealt with to the satisfaction of the agencies as well as Councillor Hughes and Taylor.

Councillor Hughes urged the Council to attend any planning meeting where we have objected to a proposal as our voice would have more influence.

Councillor Hughes told that Council that we will be consulted by Highways regarding street gritting in bad weather.

Network Rail has installed a short wave radio system and as a result 30 meter high masts will be installed at Par Docks and Stoneybridge.

1001/08 **OVERVIEW OF TOWN PLAN**

The Council read the correspondence from Councillor Scafton and all agreed that the Town Plan is a worthwhile project that will in due course benefit the town. The Council will encourage Councillor Scafton to continue with his commitment to the project.

1001/09 **STREET CLEANING IN ST BLAZEY.**

The Clerk has contacted environmental services at Cornwall Council regarding our concerns regarding waste disposal and street cleaning and been informed that the contract with Serco runs until 2016 and that it would not be easy to dismantle part of the contract before then. The Clerk will arrange for a speaker to attend February's meeting.

1001/10 **INVESTMENT IN HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT**

The Clerk has received the paperwork from the high interest account, the Council decided to defer re-investment to next months meeting.

1001/11 **PARKING PROBLEMS.**

The Clerk asked Cornwall Council for their schedule for patrolling St Blazey and the costs and although this was not forthcoming they promised more patrols which are happening. The Clerk informed the Council that this isn't a task easily taken on as apart from paying the cost of training and employing staff, the Town Council do not have the resources for court costs if fines are not paid.

1001/12 **CAROL CONCERT – OVERVIEW & DONATIONS**

The Carol Concert was a great success; everybody agreed that De-ja-Vue should be asked to attend next year. The Boys Choir from Biscovey Junior School were great. The Council looked at the costs for the event and decided that the Male Voice Choir should be replaced by a local school choir this year.

De Ja Vue performed for free and but have asked for a Charitable donation, Councillor Allen proposed £50 Councillor Putt seconded all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Biscovey Junior School performed for free but have been informed that they cannot attend as many events as they would like due to the cost of travel. Councillor Gill proposed writing to them offering to pay travel costs for an event with a cap of £100, Councillor Goddard seconded the proposal, all the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1001/13 **ST BLAISE FEAST DAY**

Camilla Baker from the Eden Project and Liz Davies from Biscovey School have organised St Blaise Feast Week from 3rd to 7th February 2010. They have worked with St Blazey Church and other local organisations to arrange a Lantern Parade on Wednesday 3rd February which will begin at Polgrean Place and finish at St Blazey Church where a service and blessing of Throats will take place; this will be followed by Refreshments and fireworks at the Football Club.

The Council have been asked to attend and asked for a donation of £100 to pay for the band. Councillor Hooper proposed that we proceed, Councillor Goddard seconded and all the Council agreed as so it was RESOLVED.

It is hoped that this event will be held annually in the future.

1001/14 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – The Clerk met with Colin Whitehead and Jackie Arthur from Happy Days on Monday 30th November 2009. Happy Days are currently unhappy with the security arrangements as the last person to leave has to walk away from the building in the dark. St Blazey Councillors agreed to install a timed security light. Another problem is that smokers do not use the smoking area, the Clerk believes this is because the area is not signed, Councillors agreed to pay for a Sign. There is a problem with visitors to the Centre not knowing the difference between Happy Days and the Burrows Centre reception. The Clerk has spoken to Councillor Anderson about this who has asked the Burrows Centre Board if appropriate signage can be arranged, they agreed.

Bus Shelter - The new bus shelter for Station Road which was installed on Wednesday 2nd December has been placed on private land, the Clerk will make arrangements to move it to Lamellyn Road.

Footpath outside Kemutec - The Clerk has not received a reply from the new owners of Kemutec with regards to installing a pavement from the bus shelter to the Doctors Surgery, the Clerk will write a reminder. The Luxulyan Valley Partnership are inviting requests for local community grants with profits from the turbine, the Clerk will request funds to help to pay for a footpath if we receive permission.

Community Energy - The Clerk has arranged a meeting with James Kittow for Monday 15th February to discuss if he is able to help with a Community Energy Project.

1001/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has been asked by a member of the Public to write to Theresa Frost thanking her for the drainage work that was organised by her in Station Road in December; the Council agreed this should be done.

The Clerk told the Council about a flood protection open day that is to be held at Alexander Hall on Thursday 11th February.

The Clerk informed the Council that the CALC AGM will be on 20th February and that Councillor Scrafton and she will attend.

The Clerk forwarded the letter to Highways from Eden Neighbours Forum asking us to clear the road surface and vegetation from Eden to Carvear Lane, they have replied asking for our support, the Council do not believe the road is wide enough for white lines and believe the vegetation is the land owner's responsibility.

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

Location: MIDDLEWAY, ST BLAZEY
Timing: 15TH FEBRUARY 2010 – 2 WEEKS
Reason: WATER MAINS WORK

1001/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been seven planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to six of them.

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| 09/01652 | <p>Full Planning
 Two storey extension to provide ensuite bedrooms, kitchen and dining room and other alterations. Re-position parking space.
 7 Ash Grove.
 Biscovey.
 St Blaze</p> |
| 09/01667 | <p>TPO
 Fell One Sycamore & two Ash Trees.
 Roselyon Prep School.
 St Blaze Road
 St Blaze</p> |
| 10/01709 | <p>Full Planning
 Replacement of existing residential dwelling.
 Heywards Heath
 New Road.
 St Blaze Councillor Heyward left the room while this application was discussed</p> |
| 09/01713 | <p>Full Planning
 Construction of one dwelling.
 Land adjoining Lower Penarwyn House.
 Penarwyn Woods
 St Blaze</p> |
| 10/00033 | <p>TPO
 Fell One Sycamore and one Oak Tree.
 St Marys Church.
 St Austell Road</p> |
| 10/00006 | <p>Listed Building Consent
 For Extension and alterations
 The Britannia Inn.
 St Austell Road</p> |

It was RESOLVED to object to one of them.

09/01629 Full Planning
Erection of a 3 bedroomed detached dwelling and a four bedroomed detached dwelling.
Land adjacent to Roselyn House.
Middleway.
St Blazey

Graham Rowe from Cornwall Council Building Control attended the planning meeting on January 18th 2010 to discuss areas in St Blazey suitable for affordable housing. We have two figures for the amount of people awaiting affordable housing in St Blazey 276 and 348. This figure will be decreased if the affordable housing is built in Par Lane by 75. The planning Committee suggested land on the other side of the A390 currently outside the development envelope.

St Blaise Town Council would like to see mixed housing and therefore would expect to see approximately 400 homes to be built which then becomes a new community which would need to include medical and educational facilities. This would need to be a phased development. Graham Rowe will start by looking at the need for educational services, speak to Highways and the Primary Care Trust and report back to us.

Planning Applications results received

09/01059 Full Planning – Erection of 3bedroomed detached dwelling
Land adj Roselyn House, Middleway
WITHDRAWN

09/01285 Full Planning – Post & Fencing
47 Manor View
GRANT PERMISSION

09/01297 Full Planning – Retention of limited period permission for temp classroom.
Biscovey Junior School
GRANT PERMISSION

09/01385 Listed Building Consent
Construction of orangery, cellar, external bar, kitchen extension and other alterations.
The Britannia Inn
CONSENT REFUSED

09/01404 Full Planning – Construction of orangery, cellar, external bar, kitchen extension and other alterations
The Britannia Inn
GRANT PERMISSION

09/01442 Full Planning – Conversion of Business premises to flats.
The New Chapel, St Blazey Road.
WITHDRAWN

- 09/01488 Full Planning – Erection of retaining wall and place decking over patio.
Homestead, St Blazey Road.
GRANT PERMISSION
- 09/01601 Full Planning – Ground floor extension.
65 Meadow Drive, Biscovey.
WITHDRAWN

1001/17 ALEXANDER HALL

The Clerk is concerned about the lack of lighting around the building and has been informed by Somerfield's that it is electrical circuit fault which is being dealt with.

1001/18 ACCOUNTS

December 09

Income

Hall Bookings	106.00	11/09
Interest	4.28	11/09
Hall Bookings	848.50	
J Foye	6.31	

Expenditure

Insurance	144.20
SWW	43.50
Community Charge	83.00
Electricity	37.00
HMRC	253.98
CCC	318.05
Broadband	25.00
Cleaner	99.00
Councillors Allowance	900.00
EAMYC	250.00
MCYB	250.00
Footpath Maintenance	477.82
Clerks Sal	950.77
Planning Permission	167.50
Repairs to AH	186.34
Hog Roast	300.00
Mulled Wine Etc	135.26
Bus Shelter	4070.20
Burrows Centre Gate	250.00

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January 10

Income		Expenditure	
Hall Bookings	371.00	Insurance	144.20
BS Grant	2554.30	SWW	43.50
		Community Charge	83.00
		Electricity	37.00
		HMRC	253.76
		CCC	318.05
		Broadband	24.20
		Cleaner	210.00
		Councillors Allowance	271.00
		Electrician	174.60
		Advert for Carol Ser	23.00
		Clerks Sal	950.77
		CIS	101.64
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The council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1001/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Putt reported that the street light in Polgrean Place is not working; the Clerk will report this to Cornwall Council.

A member of the public is concerned about the trees around the Cricket field that he believes may be dangerous, Councillor Heyward will inspect the area.

Councillor Gill has concerns about the footway between East Crinnis Farm and Penny's Lane, Councillor Putt will inspect them.

1001/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 25th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.