

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 18th May 2017**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor Roy Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Putt, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr P Giles

1705/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor June Anderson to be returned as Mayor of the Town Council.

1705/02 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Police, Cornwall Councillor J Rowse & Councillor G Allen.

1705/03 ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Councillor Roy Taylor be Deputy Mayor of the Town Council.

1705/04 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

June Anderson - Par Liaison Group
St Blazey Community Watch
Burrows Board of Directors
Planning Committee
St Blazey Reclaimed
New Pavement Steering Group
New Community Centre Steering Group
Carlyon Bay Development Representative
Employment Appeals Panel
Cornwall Community Flood Forum
PL24 Community Association
Par Skate park Steering Group.

Grow St Blazey

2nd Internal Verifier

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| Roy Taylor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Committee New Pavement Steering Group New Community Centre Steering Group Burrows Board of Directors Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Cornwall Community Flood Forum Fourways Youth Club Management Committee Employment Committee Community Network Panel Grow St Blazey Eden Community Geothermal Liaison Group St Blazey Community Watch |
| George Allen- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Appeals Panel Burrows Board of Directors |
| Ryan Chamberlain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Verifier. St Blazey Community Watch Employment Appeals Panel Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group PL24 Community Association Press Officer |
| Jenny Moore- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Committee Luxulyan Valley Partnership Cornwall Community Flood Forum Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Grow St Blazey Eden Liaison Historic Environment & Heritage Representative PL24 Community Association Planning Committee St Blazey Reclaimed Cornwall Association of Local Councils |
| Tony Nethercott | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Austell Bay Economic Forum Par Liaison Group Burrows Board of Directors PL24 Community Association Par Skate park Steering Committee Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group Emergency Planning Group Fourways Youth Club Management Committee Cornwall Association of Local Councils St Blazey Community Watch |

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| | New Pavement Steering Group New Community Centre Steering Group |
| Amos Putt - | Footpath/Bridleway/ Cycle ways Hands Together Cornwall Community Flood Forum Employment Appeals Panel |
| Jenny Taylor- | Planning Committee Employment Committee Burrows Board of Directors Local Transport Representative St Blazey Reclaimed New Community Centre Steering Group New Pavement Steering Group Fourways Youth Club Management Committee |
| Stuart Wheeler | Employment Appeals Panel New Community Centre Steering Group Community Network Area Representative St Blazey Community Watch Par and St Blazey Flood Group Emergency Planning Group New Pavement Steering Group |

1705/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th April 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1705/06 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no expressions of interest on items on the Agenda.

1705/07 **MATTERS ARISING**

1704/10 Councillor Nethercott has contacted the St Austell Bay Economic Forum but is unsure whether his membership will be permitted.

1704/13 The Clerk has referred to the lease with Julian Foye and they are responsible. 5.4.4 of lease states: To keep any part of the premises which may not be built upon (the open land) adequately surfaced in good condition and free from weeds.

1704/18 The knotweed in the Town Car Park has been reported to Cornwall Council but no action has been taken as yet.

1705/08 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

April 2017

| | Recorded 4/17 | Recorded 4/16 | Difference |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Violence with Injury | 4 | 3 | 33.3% |
| Violence without Injury | 7 | 5 | 40% |
| Rape | 1 | 1 | 0%- |
| Burglary Dwelling | 1 | 2 | 50% |
| Vehicle Offences | 1 | 1 | 0% |
| Shoplifting | 2 | 1 | 100% |
| Other Theft | 4 | 1 | 300% |
| Criminal Damage | 7 | 0 | - |
| TOTAL: | 27 | 14 | 92.9% |

Logs/Calls to Police

| | Recorded 4/17 | Recorded 4/16 | Difference |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 14 | 10 | 40% |
| Crime Not Recorded | 2 | 0 | - |
| Crime Recorded | 4 | 9 | - 55.6 |
| Public Safety | 31 | 28 | 10.7% |
| Transport | 11 | 5 | 120% |
| TOTAL: | 62 | 52 | 19.2% |

1705/09 **COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT**

The weed killing continues around the town, weather permitting and all other work is up to date. The fountain is now working correctly after a brief period when it didn't spray.

The lawn mower is currently with St Austell Garden Machinery however it seems it may not be worth repair. All the Councillors agreed that a new machine should be purchased.

1705/10 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Councillor Pauline Giles introduced herself as the new St Blazey Cornwall Councillor. On her induction day she was able to report the traffic problems in Station Road to Nigel Blackler, Service Director for Transport & Infrastructure at Cornwall Council who she will be surveying the site with shortly.

Councillor Giles will be holding surgeries locally and is looking to spread them around the Town and hold them on a regular basis. Councillor Giles has reported the overgrowth at Rosehill Cemetery to Cornwall Council

1705/11 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I am very much looking forward to the next four years as the local Cornwall Councillor for the Par and St Blazey Gate Division.

I hope to inject some energy in to our community and I will be working extremely hard to deliver on my three key priorities; *Stopping Inappropriate Development, Maintaining Our Roads and Highways and Looking After Our Open Spaces*, as well as improving our area as a whole.

I have already in the past two weeks had several meetings with people within our community and I am very much looking forward to getting involved with a variety of new projects, as well as continuing to work on the bigger projects I'm involved with.

I'm extremely proud to be the new Cornwall Councillor for the Biscovey and St Blazey Gate area, which falls under the Town Council, and I can't wait to see what the next four years has in store for us.

I just want to finish off by thanking Roy and especially Doug, for all their hard work whilst they served as County Councillors. Our area is most certainly better off as a result of their service.

It's also great to see some new faces on the Town Council here and I very much look forward to working with you all.

I will be reporting back to the Town Council regularly on my activity and if any of the councillors have any questions, or want to raise anything, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. My phone number is 07908704835 and my email is jordan.rowse@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk.

I will see you all at the next Council meeting where I will be giving an extensive report on my first month since the election.

1705/12 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE FOR 2016/17**

Councillor S Wheeler proposed the Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence for 2017-18, Councillor T Nethercott seconded the proposal. All the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1705/13 **THE 2016-17 INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk distributed the Internal Audit report from Aalgaard Renshaw Business Solution Ltd who gave the Council which gave the following conclusion.

Having undertaken a comprehensive Internal Audit of St Blaise Town Council's accounting records and system of internal control, we have concluded that, on the basis of our inspection, the Town Council has maintained an effective and accurate system of internal control arrangements for the accounting period 2016/17.

The Town Council's 'Internal Audit Report', part 4 of the Annual Return, has been duly completed and signed. We are of the firm opinion that the control objectives set out in that report have been achieved within the financial year to a high standard and thereby easily meets the needs of the Council.

The only suggestion would be to amend the Clerks contract to make specific reference to the duties as a Responsible Financial Officer. The Clerk will work on this in due course.

1705/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – A working party had met the previous evening when talks were given by Tom Fletcher and Matthew Vowels who explained how the STaRR could work with the NP. Lucas Drewitt, a student from the University of Exeter, Penryn showed his outlining story maps of St Blazey and flooding issues.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk had earlier in the day given copies of all Identity and checklists to Coodes Solicitors.

1705/15 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk will post a notice for co-option shortly and notify all councillors when it has been done.

Golden Tree Productions who organised “The Man Engine” last year have written asking for support their plans for a celebration of Language and Cultural heritage. The Council agreed.

The Church Warden from St Blazey Church has written asking that the Town Council receive and bank donations and make up a shortfall in their appeal to raise £2,250 to repair St Blazey Clock. The Council agreed not to be their bankers and not make up a shortfall in money raised but give the £250 which was not spent during 2016/17 as the clock was not serviced.

1705/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

We have received four planning applications, it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| PA17/02296 | The Retention of existing adventure activity structures and the construction of additional structures. Hangloose The Eden Project Bodelva |
| PA17/04155 | Proposed lounge and bedroom extension to existing dwelling and associated works. 1 Hope Place Porth Meadow St Blazey |
| PA17/04582 | Erection of two-storey side extension and extension of dropped kerb to facilitate further parking within front garden. 27 Mountside Road St Blazey |

It was RESOLVED to object to:-

PA17/03422 Outline application with all matters reserved for proposed residential development of 17 apartments.
Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate

Results Received

PA17/01020 Conversion of redundant chapel of rest to a one bedroomed dwelling.
The Old Chapel
Biscovey Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA17/03013 Application for advertisement consent for illuminated fascia sign.
Cornucopia
Stadium Retail Park
Par Moor Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

1705/17 ALEXANDER HALL

The Fire Risk Assessment has been carried out.

1705/17 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

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| Hall Bookings | 458.00 |
| Interest | |
| High Deposit Int | |
| C/R room hire | 144.00 |
| VAT refund | 4,069.78 |

Expenditure

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| Clerks Wage | 1371.65 |
| Wardens Wage | 590.93 |
| Broadband | 25.20 |
| UK Fuels | 38.00 |
| Insurance | 246.59 |
| HMRC | 555.00 |
| CC (pen) | 483.00 |
| Eclipse | 14.38 |
| PC's Bus Rates | 51.00 |
| SWW – PC's | 174.54 |
| A Renshaw | 390.00 |
| CRCC | 1,821.60 |
| Coodes | 729.64 |
| Fourways | 2,500.00 |
| St Austell GM | 531.40 |
| <u>AH</u> | |
| Southern Electric | 261.54 |

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| EON | 60.00 |
| SWW | 81.00 |
| Cleaners Wage | 80.27 |
| Chubb (parts) | 13.31 |
| Fire Safety | 150.00 |
| <u>PC</u> | |
| Locking | 31.00 |
| <u>Community Rooms</u> | |
| British Gas | 483.67 |
| British Gas | 631.35 |

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| 4,671.78 | 11,315.07 |

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1705/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore reported that rubbish is being left at the front of the Town Car Park after collections have been made. Councillor Chamberlain stated that refuse was a Cornwall County issue and the new Cornwall Councillor should contact the residents of Station Road.

Councillor Putt asked if the Clerk could remind Cormac that the planting in the fountain triangle needs attention.

Councillor J Taylor said that it would be nice if the Councillors could meet up occasionally, not at an official meeting. The Clerk high-lighted that if this is to happen, Council business cannot be discussed. It is important that the public can see that no decisions have been made outside an official meeting when Agendas have been displayed and are public events.

1705/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.