

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 27th April 2017

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

G Allen, G Miller, J Moore, A Nethercott, A Putt, A Seel and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden

1704/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Taylor.

1704/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th March 2017 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1704/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1704/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1703/16 The Clerk and the Warden will attend Fixed Penalty Training on Friday 12th May in Bodmin.

1704/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

March 2017

	Recorded 3/17	Recorded 3/16	Difference
Violence with Injury	2	4	-50%
Violence without Injury	11	4	175%
Sexual Offences (Other)	0	1	-100%
Vehicle Offences	2	1	100%
Shoplifting	8	2	300%
Other Theft	1	1	0%
Criminal Damage	6	3	100%
Public Order Offences	2	0	-
Possession of Drugs	2	1	100%
Other Offences	1	0	-

TOTAL: 35 17 105.9%

Incidents Recorded	Recorded 3/17	Recorded 3/16	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	21	-4.8%
Crime Recorded	13	10	30%
Crime Not Recorder	1	0	-
Public Safety	50	32	56.3%
Transport	12	13	-7.7%
TOTAL:	96	76	26.3%

1704/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

Dave Pearce told the Council that he has cut the grass at Doubletrees 3 times so far this year, on the second visit a resident complained that he had got grass cuttings on his car. On the third visit, Dave ensured he put a note through the residents' door the day before so that they could move the vehicle.

Dave has nearly completed the weed killing on the A390, has taken all the daffodils out of the planters, he and Councillor Putt are to add peat to each flower planter. The Fountain is not working correctly and so Dave and Councillor Putt will investigate tomorrow if this is a problem that they can fix.

Councillor Wheeler asked if the Warden could clear some moss off of pavements. Dave explained that his license was just for roadside weed killing.

1704/07 CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

As this will be the last Council meeting before the Cornwall Council elections on 4 May, Councillor Taylor gave an overview of some of the work he has been involved with over the last four years.

Previously Cornwall Council members have had a Highway budget and I used mine to have a pavement constructed between Manor view and Lamellyn Road as well as to provide an area of "limited waiting" on Fore Street so that residents could park there legally. There was also some red tarmac on the approach to the fountain triangle and a short section of yellow line on Station Road. I tell you this so that you can see perhaps the value of having such a budget. For the council now coming to an end there has been no member Highway budget and that has frustrated the joint attempts of Doug Scrafton and myself to deal with the important safety issue at the bottom of Par Lane as well as my own desires to provide pedestrian refuges at various locations where there is a clear need.

As neighbouring ward member and on the Town Council's behalf I have spoken against Wain Homes development proposals to the Strategic Planning Committee and have seen the applications refused then a Planning Inspector from Bristol overturns that decision. I spoke at the recent Planning Enquiry held in Roche and still await the decision.

It was my pleasure to second Doug's motion to council re parking at schools and to guide it through the Policy Advisory Committee process with a positive though limited result.

Signage has been installed on Corn Hill Road to deter sat nav users from using it to access Eden and coaches from using it at all.

Under extreme financial pressure due to government funding cuts Cornwall Council was obliged to make youth workers redundant across Cornwall in April 2015, funding only a small number to serve the statutory element of the service.

Fourways youth charity has sustained the youth work service in the town since then through Kernow Youth CIC. I currently chair Fourways Trustees and we are promoting the fact that the Co-op Local Community Fund have accepted us and is now open. Please encourage local members to vote for us. Engaging young people benefits us all.

The closure of the A390 for nine days for works on the level crossing by Network Rail caused temporary chaos and long diversions for some. Network Rail now have a better understanding of the importance of this road and I feel sure will take a less cavalier approach when maintenance is needed in the future.

1704/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

As this will be the last Council meeting before the Cornwall Council elections on 4 May, I should like to say what a pleasure it has been to work with the Town Council and what an enormous privilege it has been to serve the community of Par and St Blazey Gate over the past four years.

In that time, we have seen a pedestrian refuge installed in the middle of Par Moor Road, to give greater protection to those crossing. We have also seen the signing at the top of Biscovey Road improved, so that reports of heavy commercial vehicles trying to use it as a short-cut to Par Moor Road are much reduced. Sadly, despite enormous efforts which Roy Taylor and I have made, we have so far failed to have the problems of traffic in Par Lane adequately addressed.

I am disappointed that we were unable to prevent the development of the land behind Mount Crescent. I have spent two years opposing the other Wain Homes application in our area – Mountside and Manor View. I have made representations at three meetings of the Strategic Planning Committee, as well as attending three public meetings. Last month, I attended on all four days of the public inquiry – and again spoke on behalf of the community against the development. We are now in the hands of the Inspector. It looks as though his decision has now fallen foul of the rules on purdah, and that we may not therefore learn our fate until after the election.

I am pleased that my motion to council about the dangers of parking near schools has resulted in some limited action. There is not an easy answer to this problem that will suit everyone. But I hope that with a few simple steps – and a bit more consideration on all sides – things can be made a bit easier.

Similarly, I was glad to support a motion calling for dog owners to be subject to a fixed penalty if they cannot demonstrate that they have the means to clear up after them. I know it is not the whole answer – but it would be a start.

I am proud that I have been able to help bring the Par running track under the control of the local community. This will prevent the developers from getting their hands on the land. It is a major undertaking and will require support from the whole community. In the meantime, I was successful in convincing the Council of the need to get on with resurfacing the track – and the £250,000 project to do this is currently underway.

1704/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk reminded the Council that even though there will not be an election for Town Councillors, we will receive an invoice for £295.09 for North Ward and £259.98 for South Ward. The figures are made up of £100 for the Returning Officer, £100 for Clerical Support and the remainder for candidate packs.

1704/10 **REPRESENTATION ON ST AUSTELL BAY ECONOMIC FORUM**

Councillor Nethercott asked for this to be an Agenda Item as he believe the Council would benefit from membership of the group and said he would be happy to represent the Council. Councillor Moore proposed Councillor Nethercott represent the Town Council on the group and approach them regarding our membership, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1704/11 **COUNCIL TO APPROVE 2016-17 ACCOUNTS**

The Council all agreed and approved:-

The Council have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of accounting statements.

The Council have maintained adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and deduct fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.

The Council have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.

The Council has provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council have assessed all risks facing the council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including internal controls and external insurance cover where required.

The Council has maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.

The Council has taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.

The council considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2016/17 to the council. Councillor Seel proposed that they be accepted, Councillor Wheeler seconded, all the council agreed and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £251,991 into the new financial year. The reserves will be apportioned as follows:-

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	35,991
Community Centre (purchase) -	176,000
Repair and maintenance of the Town Car Park -	40,000

1704/12 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Moore said that the Neighbourhood Planning working group had met on April 26th had would meet again on May 17th. Progress was being made.

Burrows Centre – Youth Offenders have moved their meetings from the Burrows to the Community Rooms.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk has heard no more from CC regarding the devolution and will chase this with our solicitors.

1704/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk has received correspondence regarding the Big Lunch organised by PL24 Community Association which will be at The Pavilion, Par Running Track on Saturday June 3rd from 11 am to 3.30 pm asking for volunteers. Councillors Anderson and Nethercott will be attending, Councillors Putt, Wheeler and R Taylor said they would help if they are available.

The below road closure Intention Notice's has been received.

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

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road, Par - 15th May 2017 (19:00 to 07:00).

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

Location: A390 from Bridge Street to Porcupine, Tywardreath Highway, Par -

9th to 10th June 2017 (22:00 to 06:00).

The Clerk has received a letter from J Foye complaining about the surface of the turning area. The clerk and Councillor Putt will look into this. They also would like to buy the freehold of the property they rent from us. The Councillors were unanimous in agreeing it is not for sale.

The Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 para 7 (Annual Assembly or Annual Parish meeting) stipulates that in an election year the Annual meeting must be held within 14 days of the election. The Annual Meeting will be held on May 18th 2017. The Annual Assembly which must be held between 1st March and 1st June will be held on the same evening.

As we do not have sufficient candidates for the number of seats on our Town Council we will make arrangements to co-opt new members at our first meeting after the 4 May 2017 which will be May 18th as our newly elected members make our council quorate for meetings.

1704/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them.

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| PA17/002752 | Variation of condition 7 – To allow first occupation of 10 homes – of application PA14/01614 – before construction of highways.
Land east of Mount Crescent
The Mount
St Blazey |
| PA17/03013 | Application for advertisement consent for illuminated Facia Sign.
Cornucopia
Cornish Market World
Stadium Retail Park
Par Moor Road
St Blazey |
| PA17/03749 | Works to trees subject to a TPO. Felling of two sycamores and pollarding of three further Sycamores by five metres.
36 Chyandor Close.
St Blazey |
| Results Received | |
| PA16/08115 | Change of use of part of market to a mixed use comprising A1 sales and service units, A3 hot food preparation and sales with bar and off sales, with occasional entertainment, and as a heritage centre. |

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PA16/11862 Retention of temporary marquee as extension to market.

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1704/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Fire Risk assessment is to be carried out tomorrow.

1704/16 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Youth offending team are using the premises regularly. The police parking spaces have been painted.

1704/17 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Bookings	946.00
Interest	1.01
High Deposit Int	156.98
C/R room hire	144.00
Precept	41,250.00
CTS Grant	3,215.43

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1371.85
Wardens Wage	590.93
Broadband	25.00
UK Fuels	37.00
Insurance	246.52
HMRC	801.63
CC (pen)	487.14
Eclipse	14.38
St Aus Gar Mch	49.20
EDF Fountain	84.00
Nomix	94.80
Biffa Env	222.14
Cornish Maid	24.38
Cllr Training	42.00
CALC	1636.07
Staff Training	100.00
Wardens Phone	20.00
<u>AH</u>	
Southern Electric	261.54
EON	60.00
SWW	81.00
Chubb	119.84

Cleaners Wage	59.15
Chubb (parts)	13.31
<u>PC</u>	
PC's Bus Rates	53.08
Locking	30.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
British Gas	114.70

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45,713.42	6,639.66

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1704/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Jenny Moore reported knotweed growing in the Town Car Park, the Clerk will report this to Cornwall Council.

Councillor Jenny Moore has attended the traffic management for community events training and asked if the council would pay her mileage to Notter Bridge. The Councillors all agreed.

Councillor Roy Taylor and the Flood Group had a meeting on April 20th. It is planned to adapt the Flood plan into an Emergency Plan. A good team are making progress and will be having another meeting shortly.

Councillor Nethercott told the Council that Fourways have a Young Advisors Group who are interested in helping with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Putt said that he had some road marking paint and asked if he could paint some more spaces in the Town Car Park, all the Councillors agreed this would be a good idea.

Councillor G Miller who will not be standing for re-election after 15 years' service to the Town thanked the Council and said he had enjoyed being a Councillor.

Councillor A Seel who will not be standing for re-election after 22 years and six months service to the Town thanked the Council.

Councillor Anderson thanked both Councillors Miller and Seel for their dedicated service to the Town Council.

1704/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 18th May 2017 at 7.00pm.

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