

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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Introduction

I am pleased to welcome two new Councillors Tamsin Chapman and Amy Pearce. Both of our new Councillors are long-time residents of the Town and so know the area well. I am sure that they will both be able to add a new perspective to the Council.

I am pleased to report that the devolution of King Edward Gardens from Cornwall Council was completed on September 10th. Work should soon begin cut the trees back to make the park more welcoming.

I would like to thank Councillor Jenny Moore for all her work with the Neighbourhood Plan, I appreciate the great amount of work this has taken and am impressed with the draft policies that I have read. All of your replies from the questionnaires

have been considered and you will see this when we hold consultation events.

I know that you appreciate the work of our Community Warden Dave Pearce keeping the area presentable and I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Gronwalt for keeping Church Street, Church Corner and Station Road clean and tidy.

I attended Ocean Housing's consultation event regarding the regeneration of Polgrean Place and the Landreath shop block. The plans are very positive for the residents. There was a steady stream of visitors and a member of the Ocean team will be spending a couple of days a week in what was the old warden's office, so people can continue to pop in.

We have heard from Tom Fletcher from the Environment Agency that the St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration Project has recently been awarded 10.8 million of the total 20 million needed for the project. The scheme will need further funds however we can now expect to see work begin at the end of 2018 or start of 2019 and end in 2022. Works include maintenance of the River Par and the Treffry Canal, evening of the road surface in Par Lane and dropping the height of green space to accommodate water.

The next step is to build more detailed plans and the Environment Agency will be organising more consultation events to keep the Community aware of the scheme and any disruption that they may incur.

Unfortunately bad weather has meant that the Festival organised by Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles had to be postponed until Friday 20th July and was then sadly poorly attended. This was really unfortunate as Councillor Giles organised the event due to being told “St Blazey never had anything going on” and so is unlikely to be repeated.

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale opened its doors in June and response has been phenomenal with goods coming in and out daily. Councillor Giles has found it a pleasure to help residents purchase goods at an affordable price.

As you may be aware many of Cornwall Council’s libraries are investigating their devolution and Par is one of them. I am pleased that a Wainhomes’ marketing suite has been donated to the cause. It is hoped that it will be turned in to a home for the library and based at Par Running Track.

Summer was exceptional and I hope you all enjoyed the lovely weather.

Neighbourhood Planning

Councillor Jenny Moore reported that the government had pushed through revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework before it went into summer recess and so far, no summary of these revisions has been made available. By writing an NP, it has the added complication that it may be subject to amendment simply because no details of the relevant revisions have been distributed.

The flood policy is being rewritten through the Environment Agency to incorporate the StaRR project. A partly completed draft plan, draft housing and transport policies have been sent to Cornwall Rural Community Charity who will be consulting with a planner for feedback. There will be a meeting on October 1st to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy as reported on by Louise Pyle and the housing policy.

POLICE REPORT

St. Blaise Town Council Police Crime Figures May 2017– April 2018

<u>Offence</u>	2017/18	2016/17	Difference
Homicide	0	1	-100%
Violence with Injury	55	53	3.8%
Violence without Injury	71	54	31.5%
Rape	5	6	-16.7%
Other sexual offences	8	6	33.3%
Burglary Dwelling	7	6	16.7%
Burglary non Dwelling	29	17	70.6%
Vehicle Offences	40	14	185.7%
Shoplifting	10	25	-60%
Other Theft	37	26	42.3%
Criminal Damage	77	57	35.1%
Public Order Offences	24	18	33.3%
Possession of Weapons	1	2	-50%
Trafficking of Drugs	3	5	-40%
Possession of Drugs	10	7	42.9%
Other Offences	8	3	166.7%

Therefore there was a drop from 385 crimes to 300 which is 28.3% drop. There was an increase in Non-Notifiable Offences to 26 from 17 which is a 52.9% increase, these are offences reported that the police do not have the powers to deal with, these are usually civil or highway issues.

Incidents Recorded	2017/18	2016/17	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	191	183	4.4%
Crime not Recorded	14	15	-6.7%
Crime Recorded	136	109	24.8%
Public Safety	432	529	-18.3%
Transport	133	110	20.9%
TOTAL:	906	946	-4.2%

We work closely with our partner agencies such as Cornwall Council, the Anti-Social Behaviour team, Youth Offending Service and the housing association groups.

Prompt reporting of issues is still our most vital tool in stopping ASB becoming a major issue but we are totally reliant on the public for this to happen. Lately there has been a slight decrease in reports being made and we are doing what we can to encourage more people to call us promptly.

The Police designate response by priority in the order of Threat – Risk – Harm.

St Blazey Police Office

All Police staff will now be deployed over the entire St Austell Area which has actually been happening for 3-4 months. There has been a decrease in PCSO numbers however there may be an increase in beat officers and sergeants. The current staff are being withdrawn from St Blazey although there will still be officers based there when necessary.

Inspector Gard organised Safer St Austell/St Blazey walkabout on Wednesday 22nd August from 5-7pm in the area of The Burrows. The purpose was to provide awareness of how to report concerns of crime and disorder and also to provide reassurance on the work that is being done to address this within St Austell and the outlying areas. Councillors Nethercott and Rowse attended.

The StARR Project

The St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration Project is a project to reduce flood risk in the Par and St Blazey Area. It is a project undertaken by partnership of The Environment agency, Cornwall Council, South West Water and others. The project has been working for 2-3 years.

Much of St Blazey and Par sit in the bed of a former estuary, however over the last few centuries, the former estuary has become silted up with material brought down stream as a result of tin and clay mining. The natural river has been raised

and split in two to drain through the town in the form of the Par River and Treffry Canal. There is a chronic flooding problem in the area and so something needs to be done.

There is an existing flood defence system in the area to drain away rainfall and water that is brought into the area by rivers (fluvial) and from the tide (tidal). The current defences, drains, flood walls, pumping stations, dams, gates and others in the area are one of the most complex. It is maintained by a number of different organisations however these defences are old and cannot cope with the levels of flooding that we now experience. The project will repair these existing defences and install new types to deal with new demands.

There will be events held in the near future to give more detail but in the meantime, visit the Project website to find out more <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-planning/countryside/estuaries-rivers-and-wetlands/flood-risk/flood-risk-management-projects/st-austell-bay-resilient-regeneration-starr-project/>

St Blaise Town Council

St Blaise Town Council meet at St Blazey Community Rooms on the last Thursday of each month bar December. Members of the electorate are invited to attend the meeting, if they wish to speak, they will be allowed three minutes at the start of the meeting, if wishing to speak please contact the clerk 24 hours in advance.

The Council can be contacted on 01726 816595 or E-mail townclerk@stblaisetc.co.uk or write to: - Town Clerk, St Blaise Town Council, Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey PL24 2JH. The office is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

List of sitting Councillors

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Councillor Tony Nethercott	30 Station road, St Blazey PL24 2ND 814282
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