

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th February 2009**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel -Vice Chairperson

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
1 member of the press

0902/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Allen, Borough Councillor Taylor and County Councillor Burley.

0902/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0902/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on gifts of a value greater than £25. Councillor G Miller expressed a personal interest in Cornwall Blind Association.

0902/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0901/06 An announcement has been made that County Council Elections will take place at the same time as the European elections on 4th June 2009.

Minute 0901/07 The Clerk has contacted all those concerned regarding the change of format for the 2009 Carol Concert and everybody has happily accepted the changes.

Minute 0901/15 The Clerk has not yet contacted James Kittow about the land the family are offering the people of St Blaise but will endeavour to do so before the March meeting.

0902/05 **ECO TOWN INITIATIVES FOR PAR DOCKS**

Chris Varcoe of Imerys gave an update on the Clay Country Eco-Town of which Par Docks is an area being recognised in the proposals. Mr Varcoe made it clear that if the initiative is successful all proposals would go through the planning system as any

other. The total land being considered in the Eco Town is 750 hectares (hectare = 2.5 acres) and includes over 5000 new homes and Par Docks is just a small area. It will revitalise mid Cornwall.

The vision for Par Docks would include an operational boatyard, a working port, a Marina, 522 homes, employment space, a hotel and leisure facilities.

The Eco focus is green space, energy, transport, communities, resources, economic, governance and living. The initiative promotes low carbon living.

0902/06 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY**

The Council agreed to set up a Planning Committee that will meet at 9.00am in the council office on the third Monday of each month. These meetings will be publicised in all the usual places and the public may attend. The planning committee will be Councillors Anderson, Seel, Gill and Heyward.

0902/07 **DONATIONS**

Cornwall Blind Association is an independent charity which aims to improve the lives of the blind and visually impaired people in Cornwall. They have asked for a grant towards their transport costs. Councillor Scrafton proposed a donation of £500 which Councillor Seel seconded, the Council voted unanimously and so it was RESOLVED.

Tresillian, registered home for the physically disabled based in Par have asked for a donation towards the cost of taking six disabled young adults with three carers to Disneyworld, Florida. St Blaise Town Council RESOLVED not to give them a grant at this time.

Cornwall County Playing Fields Association asked for a donation towards their running costs. St Blaise Town Council RESOLVED not to give them a grant at this time.

0902/08 **CORNWALL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS CONFERENCE**

The Clerk attended the conference on Saturday 7th February at New County Hall. Phil Mason who from 1st April 2009 will be Head of Planning for Cornwall County Council gave a presentation on the change of planning legislation and the new Cornwall planning system. His role will include Development Management inclusive of enforcement. He stated that he believed that localism is key to the new planning system at that Town and Parish Councils will have an important part to play. Cornwall currently has 12,000 planning applications a year; these will be dealt with by 3 area district planning teams who will meet every 3 weeks. He said that there will be a better relationship between planning officers and local councils and that this delegation process will be reviewed after a year. A council must make a decision as a whole but the ultimate decision is made by one planning officer.

Presentations were given by Cornwall County Council on Cornwall Sustainable Community Strategy, Cornwall Rural Community Council and their objectives and Matthew Taylor on Living Working Countryside.

0902/09 **OVERVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Juliet Rose from the Eden Project started the meeting by telling us about the Community Engagement event (Clay Vision for the Future) to be held in St Blazey at the end of March. These consist of a live event to take place at St Blazey FC and also a team will be visiting Biscovey School to involve Children. These are to tie in with proposals for an Eco-Town and will promote community energy and sustainability.

Emma Grigg gave a presentation about parish plans and told us that the expert employed by Restormel Borough Council, Anna Hoyle, who would help us write the questionnaire would be employed from the beginning of April to help 5 parishes in the process of undertaking a plan. St Blaise and St Mewan would be first.

Debra McCann who has been asked by Restormel Borough Council to support the local councils most directly affected by the proposed Imerys eco town's development, introduced herself. She told the group that she would be working with Jess Pytel and her team from Community Regeneration at Restormel. Debra explained her role and told us how she could best support us in this process. She said that she was a trained Planner and mediator and that would be her role in this process.

It was discussed how a parish plan should be distributed and that posters should be advertising the reason for the plan and the impact they would have, how the questionnaires would be collected and if road shows would be necessary. It was felt that there should be open evenings once the draft document was produced so amendments could be made.

A stand will be available at the Eden Event where we can ask how the public will be asked how they would most likely involve themselves.

0902/10 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – A solicitor has the heads of terms and conditions for the transfer of the Burrows centre to St Blaise Town Council and is preparing a report.

Welcome Stones – Eden will continue to look after the stones. The Clerk will ask P Tarry to fix the wood around the Welcome Stone at Tregrehan.

0902/11 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk will arrange to meet with James Kittow, Councillor Heyward and Councillor Putt to discuss the piece of land that has been offered to the people of St Blazey.

The Clerk will be on holiday when the elections take place in June, The Clerk has asked Councillor Scrafton if he will be the emergency contact and he has agreed and so the Clerk will provide him with a key to the office.

0902/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

- 09/00080 Full Planning
Advertisement.
Alliance Pharmacy
4 Fernlea Villas
St Blazey
- 09/00171 Full Planning
Erection of new porch
31 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

- 08/00779 Full Planning – Erection of two new dwellings.
Land on Old Roselyon Road.
REFUSE PERMISSION
- 08/01411 Full Planning Major – Erection of Wind Turbine
Eden Project.
WITHDRAWN
- 08/01795 Full Planning – Conversion of garage to annexe.
17 Prideaux Road
GRANT PERMISSION

0902/13 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The weekend carboot have asked for a reduction due to their being no heating, the Council do not believe this is appropriate.

Councillor Miller is investigating if we can obtain a better price for the electricity we use.

0902/14 **ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
J Foye	100.00 1/09	Insurance	130.96
Hall Bookings	60.00 1/09	Scribe	224.25
Interest	4.89 1/09	Water	54.50
Interest	266.80	EDF	37.00
Hall bookings	304.00	Broadband	25.27
RBC	5000.00	Inland Revenue	245.42

	CCC	306.14
	Clerks Salary	909.68
	Cleaner	71.63
	CALC	23.00
	British Gas	400.45
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The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

0902/15 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson will attend the Mayors Goode Citizen Awards tomorrow.

Councillor Miller has sent his War Memorial work to be proof read but has since discovered some new information and now has additional work.

Councillor Hooper reported an old storage facility that was placed outside Trenovissick House some years ago was still in place, neighbours are complaining. The Clerk will contact the relevant department.

Councillor Putt is concerned that the bridge from Somerfield's to Polgrean is slippery and dangerous, the Clerk will report this.

Councillor Putt reported knotweed in the cemetery behind the old vicarage and next to Acorn Nurseries, the Clerk will report this.

0902/16 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 26th March 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.