

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 22nd February 2018

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
 Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, K Simms, J Taylor & S Wheeler

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden
 Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
 Inspector Ed Gard
 3 members of the public

1802/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillors S Ford and G Allen, Cornwall Councillor P Giles also sent apologies.

1802/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson. The Minutes of the meeting of 25th January 2018 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1802/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Anderson declared an interest in PA18/00547.

1802/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1711/13 The letter in support of the STaRR project will be sent.

1802/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

	Recorded 1/18	Recorded 1/17	Difference
Violence with Injury	8	6	33.3%
Violence without Injury	9	6	50%
Rape	1	0	-
Other Sexual offences	0	1	-100%
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	100%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	3	1	200%
Vehicle Offences	1	2	-50%

Shoplifting	1	0	-
Other Theft	5	0	-
Criminal Damage	6	2	200%
Public Order Offences	0	3	-100%
Possession of Weapons	2	0	-
Possession of Drugs	1	0	-
Other Offences	0	0	-
TOTAL:	39	22	77.3%

Non- Notifiable Offences	2	1	100%
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Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 1/18	Recorded 1/17	Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	17	10	70%
Crime Not Recorded	1	2	-50%
Crime Recorder	12	8	50%
Public Safety	29	37	-21.6%
Transport	11	5	120%
TOTAL:	70	62	12.9%

Inspector Ed Gard attended the meeting to give clarification to the Councils request to know how much police cover this area had. He said that we had 1 neighbourhood officer and two PCSO's unfortunately the other two PCSO's were off sick and on Maternity Leave to cover an area similar to our Community Network. There are two Police Officers at night and one during the day in our response section GW (golf Whiskey) working from St Austell for immediate response.

He is as dismayed as the Town Council at the lack of police presence on the streets and explained that a lot of time was working on crimes by the police that can't be seen such as cybercrime and offences against children. He is doing all he can to increase his workforce that has decreased from 30 to 10 over the past years.

1802/06 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

The Warden is up to date with all his work. Dave has cleaned all the chairs that we acquired from Fowey TC and they are now in Alexander Hall, some of them needed repairing and this has been done. St Blazey Garage asked that the sand that belongs to the Flood Group to be removed so it has now been moved to the areas outside the Community Rooms.

Dave has replanted both the boats and compost has been added to the planters at the Town Car Park, the fountain has been cleaned and all the machinery has been cleaned ready for spring. Dave has helped the Clerk clean at the Burrows due to their cleaner being on leave.

The van has been purchased, it is insured, taxed, has a valid warranty and breakdown cover. It did not come with a spare key and so one has been purchased. The magnetic signs have been purchased and are in place on the side of the van saying St Blazey

Community Warden. Carpet has been adhered to the inside panels of the van to protect it.

1802/07 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Cornwall Councillor Giles sent her apologies for this evenings meeting as she is attending the final Shaping Our Future Meeting with NHS staff and stakeholders.

The Feast Day Textile event was lovely and St Blazey Reclaimed were lucky with the weather for the parade this year, hopefully next year the light in King Edward gardens will be fully functioning.

There was a marvellous turn out for Bingo, to raise money for the new Over 60s Club which started today. It was lovely to see so many people at the inaugural club. I look forward to seeing this Club flourish, and help build on the community spirit of St Blazey.

I attended a staff engagement session with Cornwall Council Care staff last week, to listen to their thoughts on the proposed merger of children's services with the NHS, in order to provide a better more seamless service for vulnerable children and families. Overall the consensus was good, there is still more discussion to be had before a final decision is made.

This month I have attended member briefings on Housing, Domestic and Sexual Abuse, Brexit, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy's, and Community Emergency Plans.

Cllr Rowse and I have written to Cormac, to have the yellow lines reinstated at the bottom of Par Lane. They were erased when the housing estate opposite was being built. There is a real problem with parking on the corner of Par Lane, I have had many complaints.

Today I have been to County Hall to discuss Universal Credit and the implications it will have on our community.

Anyone interested in getting involved in a Community Speed watch scheme, there is a meeting at St Austell One Stop on Monday 26th February at 10am.

1802/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Good news regarding the park that Wainhomes are building in Porth Meadow is that 5 years after it was due be fitted, and after months and months of pestering them, the park design has been submitted to, and signed off by Cornwall Council and was due to be fitted on w/c 29th January. Bad news is that three weeks after construction was due, there is still no sign of the park. I am incredibly frustrated by this and their lack of urgency to put something in which would be a huge moral boost for those living on this estate. People moved to this estate 4/5/6 years ago hoping to have a nice park for their kids to play in. Their kids are now too old for the park. I don't think they realise that something as small as a park to them, could make such a huge difference to the young families on this estate.

With all the campaigning that is going on nationally about reducing plastic and single-use plastic, and as a Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) Beach champion, this issue is important to me. St Blaise is very much a coastal community and we see on our own beach here at Spit, and over in Par beach, the amount of plastic that gets washed up, so I am pleased to report that I have begun initial conversations with Gill Butler and SAS about St Blaise, Tywardreath and Par joining the national 'Plastic Free' scheme which would give us the title of 'Plastic Free PL24'. This entails myself and fellow volunteers working with local businesses to reduce their single-use plastic usage. I am asking the Town Council to lead by example and to commit to going single-use and avoidable plastic-free following Cornwall Council's commitment on Tuesday this week to go single-use plastic free.

At the beginning of the month I met with the applicant, along with Cllr Roy Taylor, on site to discuss the plans for the Alpine Village behind Biscovey School. This proposal is both interesting and exciting, and I am supportive of it in principle. This would be fantastic for St Blazey.

I have been made aware of concerns over the 'small housing scheme' that is proposed along with this project, but I am led to believe it is going to be a maximum of six properties with the money from these going straight back in to help fund the ski resort. Call it a necessary evil if you will.

This local project is being put forward by a local resident. This farm has been in their family since the 1800's and the fields are not currently farmed. I admire such an innovative approach to finding an alternative use for these fields, rather than just filling them up with houses. It is unlikely that this project will happen anywhere else in Cornwall, and I believe this is a suitably good location for such a project.

I do want to make it clear that I am only supportive of this in principle at this stage. No formal planning applications have been submitted and there is due to be a public consultation event for this on Monday 26th February at Biscovey Academy. I will be going along to listen to what residents have to say about this development and for something as major as this I think it's important that as many of the town councillors attend as possible so that you can personally speak to the applicant and develop your own opinion based on what he is proposing. It is very difficult to gain an understanding of what is being proposed without seeing drawings, talking to and understanding why the applicant is proposing this project.

On April 12th there is to be an event at Alexander Hall called 'St Blazey 2030', which will give you a detailed update on the progress that has been made with the StARR project.

1802/09 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS**

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation towards their running costs. Councillor Chamberlain proposed a donation of £350, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Cruse Bereavement Care have asked for a donation towards their running costs.

Councillor T Nethercott proposed a donation of £150, Councillor Chamberlain seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

1802/10 **IMPLECATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

The Clerk has received a letter from Cornwall Council inviting the Town Council to partner with them and take over the maintenance of the South West Coast Path. The Warden has walked the path and said that it was beyond his capabilities with his equipment. The current contractors have buggies to drive them over to the coast path from the road some distance away and work as a crew to carry the equipment and petrol cans etc.

Seven Councillors decided that this was something that they would not undertake. Councillor Chamberlain abstained.

1802/11 **COUNCIL REPRESENTATION FOR DOUBLETREES SCHOOL OF GOVERNORS**

Councillor Kelvin Simms volunteered for the role of Council representative to the Doubletrees School of Governors, all the Councillors agreed. Councillor R Taylor volunteered to be his deputy.

1802/12 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre – The Clerk has put a notice for tender for the extension at the Burrows in the February 14th edition of the St Austell Voice. Purl Design have invited 5 contractors to quote for the extension to the car park.

Neighbourhood Planning – Councillor Moore told the council that the NP working party had met on Tuesday and Ryan Searl from Cornwall Council would be working through the draft policies.

Councillor Moore is concerned that the web-site has still not been updated. Councillor Tony Nethercott proposed that the Council give the NP committee a £1,000 budget to update the web-site so they can progress, Councillor Chamberlain seconded the proposal, Councillor Simms abstained, all other councillor agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

King Edward Gardens – The Clerk received an E-mail on Thursday February 8th from our Community Link Office that said she understand that the legals had progressed things over the last few days and was therefore keen to do a handover meeting on site at King Edward Gardens to ensure all is ok and no surprises. Obviously the Clerk did not receive this until the Friday as she doesn't work Thursdays. On Friday 9th February she found that Councillors Anderson and Moore had met with the Link Officer and agreed a programme of works.

On Friday 9th February the Clerk received paperwork from Cornwall Council instructing to sign the transfer documents so that completion could take place

immediately. The Clerk refused to do this as she did not know what work had been agreed and has been chasing this ever since. Today an e-mail has been received saying that a letter is to be sent to Environment and Legal advising of the meeting and we will hear in due course.

1802/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

Cornwall Councillor Rowse and Gill Butler are in the process of trying to gain the status from Surfers Against Sewage of 'Plastic Free PL24'. In order to do so they will need support of the local councils and a commitment from them that they will reduce, where possible, their usage of single-use and avoidable plastics.

The Clerk asked the Council to commit to reducing their usage of single-use and avoidable plastic and write a letter of support stating this commitment. All the Councillor agreed.

The Clerk has heard from the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) that their bid submitted to Historic England last August was unsuccessful. It was put together very quickly, they understand that feedback from Historic England on the application was positive and that there is an option to resubmit again this year. With this in mind they are trying to meet Historic England in the next few weeks and explore the possibility of a resubmission.

There are still a number of heritage schemes being developed around St Austell with similar timescales. A resubmitted HAZ application could help to co-ordinate and enhance these schemes. They ask if we are still willing to be a partner in a resubmitted HAZ application. The Council agreed to this.

The Clerk has learned that Candidates standing as councillors in local elections will soon not have to publish their home addresses on ballot papers. In a speech to mark the centenary of women's suffrage, Theresa May announced the Government will consult on a new offence in electoral law of intimidating parliamentary candidates and their campaigners.

Falmouth TC has submitted a proposal to remove business rates from public toilets which has been supported by St Blaise TC and 394 councils who completed the survey in support of the proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act for legislative change, to grant Parish and Town Councils in mandatory 100% business rates relief on public toilets that they own or manage.

The campaign is also supported by SLCC and NALC who believe that such a removal of business rates would improve economic, social and environmental wellbeing, as they are an unwanted addition to assets and liabilities transferred to parishes by principal local authorities unable to run them any longer.

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

Location: A390 From Trevorry To Edgcombe Road Lostwithiel, A390 From Greenacres To Trevorry Par, A390 From Rosemary Cottage To Greenacres Par, A390

From Porcupine To Rosemary Cottage Par, A390 From Bridge Street To Porcupine Par

Timing: 29th March 2018 (19:00 to 07:00)

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

Location: St Andrews Road, Par.

Timing: 06:00 hours on 10th March 2018 to 06:00 hours on 12th March 2018

1802/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA18/00409 Outline Planning Application for proposed A1, B1, B2 and B8 commercial development with all matters reserved.
Land North Of Imerys Laboratories
Pennys Lane

PA18/00547 Outline Planning permission with some matters reserved: proposed development for No.2 dormer bungalows with garages.
19 Rose Hill
St Blazey

Clause: Concerns over access, could passing spaces be considered

PA18/00742 Works to be undertaken to a large Eucalyptus tree covered by a TPO.
Rosehill Residential Home
Middleway.
St Blazey

PA18/00210 Planning Application to remove top half of wall and replace with frosted glass panels.
The Par Inn
Harbour Road
Par

PA18/00241 Listed Building Consent to remove top half of wall and replace with frosted glass panels.
The Par Inn
Harbour Road
Par

- PA18/00909 Construction of access path and ramps to provide pedestrian/wheelchair access for pupils from school / hostel site to the sports field on land to rear of hostel building. Works to include formation of path alongside northwest boundary, cutting through the existing north east boundary bank and forming viewing area. Provision of new gates on boundary line and associated handrails along length of path/ramp.
Doubletrees School
Access to Pentour
St Blazey
- PA18/01297 Proposed extension, alterations to dwelling, replacement garage and associated works.
Harbour Lights
4 Duke Street
St Blazey
- PA18/01549 Works to trees subject to a TPO. Reduce selected NW branches from one beech by 2 metres and reduce selected SW branches from one further beech by 2.5M.
Old Roselyon School
Middleway.
St Blazey
- PA18/01396 Non material amendment to convert garage into living room.
24 Helleur Close
St Blazey

The Planning Officer from Cornwall Councillor has asked that we change our decision on this application as it fails the four tests set by legislation that determines a non-material amendment. The Councillors all agreed.

Results Received

- PA17/11161 Outline Planning
With all Matters Reserved: Construction of new dwelling.
Penarwyn House
St Blazey
REFUSED
- PA18/00107 Works to fell a Eucalyptus tree tree cover by a TPO
Rosehill House Residential Home
St Blazey
WITHDRAWN

1802/15 **ALEXANDER HALL**

The Clerk has had to have the gentlemen's toilet cistern repaired.

Councillors discussed whether to increase the rent at Alexander Hall, Councillor Nethercott proposed that the rent remain unchanged, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1802/16 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

Cornwall Councils Heath Promotion Service have hired Alexander Hall for 12 weeks during July, August and September 2018 for Cornwall Healthy Weight. They have asked that due to them having a number of teens to meet in the Par/St Blazey area to carry out one to one lifestyle reviews, could they use the community rooms on an ad hoc basis for free. Councillors have said that the Community Rooms cannot be used for free.

1802/17 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	706.00
Interest	2.92
High Deposit Int	161.20
C/R room hire	12.00
DVLA	19.16
High Deposit Int	171.62

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1371.65
Wardens Wage	611.74
Broadband	26.00
UK Fuels	31.20
HMRC	564.59
CC (pen)	483.00
Eclipse	14.38
Aviva	280.90
Postage	56.00
Scribe	416.40
Parkside Garage	156.00
<u>AH</u>	
Bus Rates	285.00
EON	59.00
Pennon Water	122.00
Cleaners Wage	76.23
Chubb (parts)	13.57
Co-op	39.14
CEF	102.67
EDF	110.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	28.00
EDF	9.00
SWW	157.16
Plumbase	22.40
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Bus Rates	237.00
EDF	128.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1802/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson has been approached by Pauline Giles who would like to set up a waste recycling centre in St Austell. Pauline says that we have a high amount of deprivation within St Blazey that could be helped by a recycling scheme. Suez have agreed to allow Pauline the use of the furniture and goods store. Pauline will make disposed of items of use and will sell them.

Working with caseworkers, any families in need will be gifted these items. It is hoped that sales from the shop will pay for rent, rates, a van and general running costs. Pauline wants to apply to PBBL for funding and would like a letter of support from the Town Council.

The Council, after discussion, although in theory support the enterprise cannot support individuals running projects.

Councillor R Taylor had attended a Crowdfunding seminar in Liskeard yesterday evening. He has been promised a copy of the presentation which will be forwarded. His first thoughts are that there could be a green space opening for Grow St Blazey up to £500 and it could be possible to bid for up to £1000 through CC Community Chest.

Councillor R Taylor attended a Hands Together meeting held today and advised them of the Crowdfunding initiative.

Councillor R Taylor met with Dan Olford as requested by Mr Olford to discuss the proposed Alpine Village on the land north of Biscovey Academy on site on 3rd February. Councillor Taylor made it clear that he was no longer a member of Cornwall Council and that although he is a member of the Town Council he would be attending as a resident, not as a councillor. He advised Mr Olford that he had concerns as it was Greenfield Land.

1802/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th March 2018 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.