

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held electronically on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**Present**

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

**Councillors**

R Chamberlain, J Taylor & K Simms

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse  
Heidi Clemo

2101/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor T Chapman, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Seel & R Taylor

2101/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2101/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2101/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

2011/13 The Christmas Trees were assembled and decorated on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and the Council would like to thank the volunteers Ben Rowe, John Gronwalt, Andy Stevens and Chris Free for their help..

2101/05 **PRESENTATION ON THE UPCOMING CENSUS BY HEIDI CLEMO**

The Council was told that CENSUS DAY will be 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, the information to be given is specific to this date although can be completed before or shortly after.

A large advertising campaign is to begin in the middle of February and the letters will start to be delivered from March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is hoped that most responses will be returned digitally but paper format will be accepted.

There will be the usual knocking on doors for a period of 3-4 weeks after March 21<sup>st</sup> however how this is to be carried out due to the pandemic is to be revised.

There will not be an ethnic origin for Cornish on the form but you will be able to add this into a text box.

2101/06 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Warden returned to work on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and by Christmas Eve all work was up to date. During his Christmas break we were forced to furlough him for a third time and do not know when he will be allowed to return.

2101/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

With the help of Mount Charles Band, the Cornwall Channel and the Range, we ensured St Blazey held a Carol Service, albeit virtually, a staggering 4,400 people watched it, from all over the world.

St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale on 23 December cooked and packed 50 Christmas Dinners, prepared Boxing Day Treat Boxes, wrapped presents and made Hampers for many of our elderly residents and those alone in the PL24 area. A band of our lovely locals came and collected and delivered around the area, honored to make a difference with gratitude from recipients. The number of people and businesses that supported and gave to make Christmas for so many others, shows what a caring community we live in.

Now into 2021, Covid19 is still among us and has hit our community harder than in previous times. Thankfully, more than 40,000 people have now been vaccinated, this includes at least 70% of people over 80 across Cornwall. Frontline, Health & Social Care staff are also now being vaccinated.

St Blazey Recycle has teamed up with Treverbyn Village Hall, and FairShare, and are now collecting tinned food and the odd fresh once a week to put together food boxes for local families, many being signposted to us by the local schools. As a part of the Community Larder scheme, we are able to give out boxes on a Monday and a Friday between 10am and 1pm. I would like to stress, this is not just for people on benefits, many families find themselves struggling, due to furlough or job loss, and we are here to help them too.

After many emails over several months, to the Co-op and some legal help, the Co-op have been proved be the leaseholders for the service strip to the back of the store. There was a huge dead tree, causing concern and they have agreed to have the tree taken down at their cost.

And finally, I and many other Cornwall Councilors rejected a pay rise at the Full Council meeting on 19 January. I see so many of our residents struggling, that it did not feel right to be accepting one at this present time. As you will all know, the May elections are looming, this role will be even more challenging, having a much larger area and a further 3,000 people to look after.

**2101/08 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

Since the last time we met we've been on a bit of a roller-coaster. From Tier 1 to 2 to 3 to a national lockdown. Every day I check the daily Covid figures for our area and at the start of January the situation was pretty daunting. It showed just how close to home this virus was and still is. On 5<sup>th</sup> January, we were in the second highest rolling rate for COVID-19. Which means we are above the England average and one of the highest areas in Cornwall. In the seven days up to the 31st December, data released on 5<sup>th</sup> January, we had 34 positive cases in the St Blaise Parish. Up 27 cases just over the Christmas period. A huge increase. However, and thankfully, lockdown came in and, as we always do, we stuck to the rules. We stayed home and we stayed safe. While there has been a significant drop in the figures, there are still a number of positive cases. Today, for the seven days up to 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, there were 19 positive cases in the St Blaise Parish – 15 down from the highest point on 31<sup>st</sup> December. Remember, the key message remains. Stay at home and, if you have symptoms, then you must get tested.

For a couple of years now I have been working to find some funding to start a men's group in Par and St Blazey to help local men suffering with mental health issues. It's a tough time for us all at the minute and some will be struggling more than others. Sometimes we just need somewhere to go and someone to talk to. I'm pleased to confirm that working in partnership with Volunteer Cornwall and Par Bay Big Local, we have now established 'Par Bay Men's Group' and are expecting to launch in February. We are also being supported by Richard's Fruit and Veg and James Kittow. We need to be able to talk openly about men's mental health and the challenges that come with it. Whether it's loneliness, stress, anxiety or depression, or maybe you just need to get out the house or escape the office for an hour. You'll be welcome with open arms.

Some more really good news for Par Train Station. Again, something I have been working on for some time with the Transport Team at Cornwall Council. I am pleased to confirm that the idea of the 'Mid Cornwall Metro' has been given development money by the Government to develop the business case for it. This is a project that Cornwall Council, Network Rail and GWR are all working on together. The idea is to connect Newquay to Falmouth, via Par, St Austell and Truro with a regular train. Connecting the two Cornish Coasts. With a regular service, it is also hoped to reduce road congestion going in to four of Cornwall's biggest towns (St Austell, Truro, Falmouth and Newquay). This is huge for business and leisure in Mid Cornwall and I am so pleased that Par and St Blazey is going to play a key role in it. This is a big opportunity for St Blazey.

I am also confident that as part of this work we can look at addressing the accessibility issues I continue to raise at Par Train Station. For those with additional needs, in a wheelchair or with a pram, currently the only way to get to the other two platforms is by crossing the track when the signal is clear. This must be addressed. This positive news is in addition to the early trains we have secured between Par and Newquay.

Some will recall that about 12 months ago I confirmed that I had secured the funding to improve and upgrade the stretch of coastal path from the car park at Spit to Spit Beach. The current path is dark, overgrown and the surface is very poor. Working with some very helpful officers over the past year we have put together a package of works, alongside Imerys and Network Rail, which will see the footpath widened, the overgrown hedges and trees cut back and the footpath completely resurfaced. Not to mention the ugly wire fencing removed on both sides and replaced with a new timber rail. This will make the path to and from Spit much, much more user friendly. I am pleased to confirm the works started last week.

On my one exercise per day, I popped down to have a look at the progress and it looks so different already. The contractors have allowed 5 weeks to complete the job and the path can remain open at all times. Once the works are complete, CORMAC will be onsite to resurface the path and at this point the path will need to be closed for 12 days. Working with Imerys we have set up a temporary alternative route while the path is closed, which we will set up in preparation of the closure over the next few weeks. This package of works will make it much more accessible for all. At long last the Spit Beach path will be getting some TLC and a complete makeover.

Earlier this month we as councillors had to vote on a potential pay increase for ourselves. I strongly voted against it. Not only do I think it is wrong that we are being asked to increase our pay at a completely insensitive time, when the hard-working people of Cornwall have lost their jobs, people are on furlough and businesses are struggling, but I also disagree that we as elected representatives should be voting to give ourselves a pay increase. You wouldn't get that in any other job.

#### 2101/09 **REPORT FROM EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**

The Employment Committee met by Zoom on January 18th to discuss the possibility of employing an assistant Warden. The Wardens job description has been re-written but the Warden and the Clerk were unable to put them in order of importance due to different tasks taking place at different times of the year.

The committee agreed that a deputy warden was needed but taking on a deputy Warden during the pandemic was deemed inappropriate as there are schemes that will help employers financially to take on new staff but these are currently on hold.

The Clerk has spoken to local landscape gardeners and the cost to cut the play areas at Polgover Way and Roselyon Road are approximately £100 per cut per park and therefore the employment committee did not believe this to be a good use of funds.

The Clerk has spoken with caretaker of the Burrows and he would be prepared to work for an hourly rate to assist Dave this year. This would mean buying an additional lawn mower but would keep costs down this summer.

The employment committee agreed this would be the best way forward but agreed that they would meet again to discuss a permanent solution once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted enough to proceed with the employment of a new warden.

2101/10 **PROJECT LIST****Neighbourhood Planning –**

No further progress.

**Devolution of Play Areas**

The devolution is progressing.

2101/11 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT****Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic**

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey

Timing: 12th February 2021 to 12th February 2021 (09:30 to 16:00 hours)

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

Location: Pennys Lane, Par - 25th - 27th January 2021

Timing: 25th January 2021 to 27th January 2021 (07:30 to 17:00 hours)

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

Location: Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 2nd March 2021 to 26th March 2021 (24 hours)

Treverbyn Community Trust will be parking their van in the Burrows Car Park on Mondays beginning February, the Clerk will let Councillors know the start date when confirmation is received.

The two bus shelters at the bottom of Middleway are both moving in the wind. The Clerk has received quotes for their repair and the Councillors agreed that work should proceed.

The Clerk asked if she could use Aalgard Renshaw again for the 20/21 internal audit. Permission was given.

A resident of Manor View has asked that the Town Council provide a grit bin in the area and with her partner will be the working group. The Council gave permission.

A resident has safety concerns for Porth Meadow Estate and has asked for 3 salt bins to be placed at various points along the road from when you enter to the top and at the very top of the estate where the road forks to the left and right by Fortune Drive.

The resident does not see the need for a working party but is sure the residents between them would be more than happy to distribute the salt to make it safe for themselves and their neighbours.

The Councillors discussed this and agreed to provide 1 grit bin, Cornwall Councillor Jordan Rowse will provide the Clerk with details of where he believes the bin would be best placed.

## 2101/12 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been sixteen planning application received and it was RESOLVED to not object to any of them:

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| PA20/09676 | Demolition of store, erection of two storey extension and extension of dropped kerb<br>20 Trenovissick Road<br>Par   |
| PA20/9836  | Proposed Rear Extension and New Porch<br>24 Par Lane<br>Par  |
| PA20/11227 | Works to Trees namely – Common Oak (T6) –sessile Oak (T9)<br>Remove tree – Western Red Cedar (T16) remove tree -Yew (G17) - Sessile Oak (T19) – Subject to TPO<br>Lower Penarwyn House<br>Penarwyn Woods<br>Par  |
| PA20/10310 | Proposed revised sea defences on Crinnis and changes to Sandy river by way of variation of conditions principally No. 16 of Decision Notice PA11/01331 dated 05/12/2101.<br>Crinnis Beach<br>Carlyon Bay   |
| PA20/10317 | Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel A, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).<br>Crinnis Beach<br>Carlyon Bay |
| PA20/10318 | Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel B, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).<br>Crinnis Beach<br>Carlyon Bay |

- PA20/10319      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel C, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10323      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel D, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10324      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel E, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10325      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel F, Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10332      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel A (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon Bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10333      Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel B (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon Bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay

- PA20/10334 Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel D (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon Bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10335 Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel E (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10344 Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel C (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- PA20/10345 Reserved matters application for approval of details for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of detailed design of parcel F (duplicate) Crinnis, part of the Carlyon bay development as approved by hybrid planning permission PA11/01331 (as amended).  
Crinnis Beach  
Carlyon Bay
- Results Received
- PA20/9836 Proposed Rear Extension and New Porch  
24 Par Lane  
Par  
APPROVED
- PA20/11227 Works to Trees namely – Common Oak (T6) –sessile Oak (T9)  
Remove tree – Western Red Cedar (T16) remove tree -Yew (G17) - Sessile Oak (T19) – Subject to TPO  
Lower Penarwyn House  
Penarwyn Woods  
Par  
Part Approved/Part Approved

2101/13 ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE  
ANDERSON HALL

No update due to no use as a result of lockdown.

2101/14 ACCOUNTS

**December 20**

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	420.00
Interest	0.50
High Deposit Int	17.14
Community Room	90.00
JA Hall	120.00
Grant	1,334.00
Furlough	610.61
Black Sacks	24.50

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2,616.75

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1588.37
Wardens Wage	666.13
Broadband	21.95
UK Fuels	
Insurance	208.25
HMRC	609.44
CC (Pen)	747.86
Stationery	85.85
SWW (foun)	14.51
Christmas Trees	100.00
Members All	1351.00
Christmas Trees	25.00
Van MOT	40.00
Van TAX	265.00
Warden Uniform	35.19
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	14.47
Chubb	247.61
EDF (Elec)	33.00
SWW	21.50
EDF (Gas)	1.00
Cleaners Wage	45.60
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	
Locking	30.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	108.29
Business Rates	104.00
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	

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6,364.02

**January 21**

**Payments Received**

Hall Bookings

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage 1588.37

Interest	0.55	Wardens Wage	666.13
High Deposit Int	12.96	Broadband	21.95
Cornwall Council	150.00	UK Fuels	42.03
JA Hall		Insurance	208.25
Grant	6001.00	HMRC	831.41
Furlough		CC (Pen)	416.52
J Foye	100.00	Fourways	500.00
		Fountain electric	96.02
		<u>AH</u>	
		Chubb (parts)	14.45
		SWW	21.50
		Cleaners Wage	45.60
		<u>PC</u>	
		Electric	
		Business Rates	
		Locking	30.00
		<u>Community Rooms</u>	
		Electric	81.40
		Business Rates	104.00
		Water	
		<u>JA Hall</u>	
		Electric	68.07
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	6264.51		4735.70

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

## 2101/15 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Jenny Moore sent the following report.

Cornwall Planning Partnership feedback on CIL

CIL will go at some time, but no idea when. The CIL pot is fast replenishing and there will be a further call for bids towards the end of 2021.

It has been suggested to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government that they should improve on CIL and S106 rather than throwing them out and creating something new.  
Climate Emergency

Climate emergency declaration plan development - Rob Lacey outlined what is happening - a PowerPoint presentation has been circulated. Renewable and sustainable energy doesn't appear in many NPs. The next Cornwall Local Plan is being worked on, and a link was given to provide a response by 5 February.

The housing algorithm has been dropped, the total is back to 3000.

Affordable housing

It had been proposed that this could be ignored until the housing development went beyond 50. It is now back to 10

### Neighbourhood plans

The government seems still intent on railroading through NPs.

### Cornwall Community Flood Forum

Everyone is into beavers. Dave Watkins said that CC is trying to make licensing easier. Mark Summers from Cornwall Wildlife Trust talked about what they are hoping to do at Helman Tor as regards reintroduction. Chris Jones reiterated the interest in reintroduction in this area, and that key to this was bringing farmers in the upper catchment together with residents of St Blazey.

### SABEF

Eden had 3 landslides on 22 Dec, they are hoping to re-open at the end of March. Imerys had been very helpful. Geothermal is going very well except that they need to bring a drill and personnel over from the Czech Republic, which is going to take some time to sort out because of Brexit. They have funding to create a 5G network on site. They will be making a planning app to bring the Watery Lane site up to Eden, to add to their farm development.

St Austell College have an online open event on 9 February 5-7.30.

The WhiteGold festival will take place on 19 June hopefully.

Councillor Chamberlain informed the Council that articles for the next PL24 magazine should be received by February 14th.

Councillor Chamberlain had attended the LVP meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January and was able to report that StARR work had begun at Pons Mill and Meadow Flowers are to be planted in the field by the bridge.

Councillor Chamberlain said that the PL24 countdown event held in December had been very successful.

## 2101/16 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, time and place to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.27 pm.