

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS, Station Road, St Blazey, on
Thursday 27th June 2019.**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor
Councillor R Taylor – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

R Chamberlain, J Moore, T Nethercott, A Pearce &
J Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
PCSO J Ward
Cornwall Councillor J Rowse
A Jeffrey – Cornwall Council
B Clarke – Resident

Before the meeting began, Mr Clarke spoke against planning application PA19/01979 which he believes is too close to his property.

1906/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from St Blaise Town Councillor Simms and Cornwall Councillor P Giles.

1906/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2019 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1906/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1906/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1905/15 The Clerk has purchased the equipment for Trail Blayser Park but this is yet to be fitted.

1902/10 The Clerk has received a letter of thanks from Cruse Bereavement Care.

1906/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All grass cutting, footpath maintenance and weed killing are up to date. The planters have all had the summer plants put in and Dave is watering them every morning.

1906/06 **REPORT FROM PCSO JAMIE WARD**

The PCSO told the Council that he could no longer provide crime figures or give a report. The Councillors asked for an overview of policing in St Blazey.

St Austell area Police Team have introduced Genesis Policing early. Genesis is the remodelling of Neighbourhood and Community Policing meaning all officers are sent from St Austell when either a 999 or 101 report is received and therefore there will be no patrolling of the area. St Austell has 3 beat Managers, 2 Police Officers and 8 or 9 PCSO's.

When asked about the additional officers that the public are paying for through the increase in Council Tax, he was unable to answer but said that St Austell were on full staffing.

1906/07 **PRESENTATION BY ALAN JEFFREY FROM THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE AT CORNWALL COUNCIL REGARDING THE StARR PROJECT**

Alan Jeffrey started by explaining that it had taken almost four years to get to the current position due to the proposed project being 60% on land not owned by CC and therefore a lot of the work so far had been with land owners. The work involves natural flood management, tree planting and connecting flood plains.

There are four main areas.

1-Lavrean - Trapping water.

2-Ponts Mill – Stabilise river including managing the overflow from Prideaux Stream spilling into flood plain, 2 attenuation tanks to be installed at the end of Aberdeen Close and 1 attenuation tank to be installed at the rear of Piggy Alley.

3- Bull Engine Skate Park to be converted to work as an attenuation tank, rain gardens and flood barriers to be installed in Par Lane. New drainage system at Tredenham Close and Brooks Corner.

4-Rose Hill/Cornhill/Doubletrees – Native planting and other attenuation features.

The maintenance will be distributed between Highways, the Countryside Team, Land owners and other agencies. Completion is due by March 2022.

1906/08 **CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I have been contacted by a few residents recently wanting me to help them improve their band level on Home Choice. I thought it might be useful to explain how it works and why, in most cases, I cannot help.

Home Choice is applied for online and banding is decided upon, by the information that the applicant submits. This must be accurate, it is checked and should anything not be correct, it will involve another application being filled out, so accuracy is the key. The only time I can assist, is if there is a medical reason, which would have to be substantiated by the doctor. This process was set up, so that no one could cheat the system, I know it is not what a lot of residents want to hear, but rules are rules.

Last week I was able to meet some of the residents whose land will be involved in the implementation of StARR, I was pleased to hear that the majority supported assisting with the flood alleviation of St Blazey.

I was saddened to hear about the amount of theft St Blazey Post Office are having, this is a much needed business in our community and we are very lucky to still have a Post Office, they have put up CCTV and intend to prosecute should anyone be caught. It is very sad that they have had to take this action, but a sign of the times. St Blazey Co-op have also reported that theft is high, should anyone be genuinely struggling, I would ask them to speak to me, and I will do my best to help, theft is not the answer.

I shall be joining the PPG (Patient Participation Group) at Middleway surgery, and will be reporting back to the Town Council, via my report, on missed appointments and other issues that the surgery face.

The next Police Surgery is on Sunday 7 July from 9am - 10.30am at the Community rooms, I have had feedback that some residents would like one held on an evening, but as this one is on a Sunday, hope that many will attend. The time has already been shortened, and if this facility is not used, I suspect it will stop, which would be a shame.

For all those little organisations in my division who are constituted, I now have this year's Community Chest to share amongst you. Please email me if you would be interested in applying pauline.giles@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk

So tonight is "Best New Business in Cornwall" Awards night! I am at St Mellion representing St Blazey Recycle Reuse Resale CIC and hope to win such a prestigious award. It would be amazing, and hopefully help us tap into funding to install the mezzanine level, wish us luck!

The Clerk asked which proposals from the Highway Scheme had been approved. The proposals have been agreed by the CNP but we are still unaware what Highways have agreed.

1906/09 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JORDAN ROWSE**

I have continued to work on the issues surrounding the mine shafts that have opened at the Mount, working with Ocean and private owners in Manor View. This is a difficult situation for all involved and mining surveys continue. To date, we are not fully aware of the extent of these shafts or addits but we are working closely with the consultants to find out what is exactly beneath this area.

As you will recall I have secured some money to replace the skate equipment at Bull Engine Park. The worn out ramps have now been removed and consultation is on-going. So far we have had over 40 responses to the consultation which is fantastic. We hope to continue this positive engagement exercise and next Thursday between 17:00 – 19:00 we will be holding a consultation event at the Burrows. Anyone can come and talk to us about the new equipment; what they want and don't want to see.

I have spent a number of evenings in June meeting with landowners within my Division that will be affected by the StARR Project. The landowners in our area are an incredibly important part of the Project and we must communicate and engage with them as much as possible. As for engagement with the wider community, thousands of letters have been sent out to each household in the local area over the last week and there is to a STARR information event this weekend at St Blazey Football Club.

You may have seen in the press this week that there are some double yellow lines that are on the pavement outside Mid Cornwall Lettings at St Blazey Gate. Yes, actually on the pavement!! I'll be the first to admit that local councils are often guilty of doing some bizarre things. This is a classic example of just that. I've certainly never seen double yellow lines on a pavement before. I'm pleased, however, that Cornwall Council have now agreed to remove these double yellow lines and put it back to normal.

Lastly, it's my councillor surgery next Saturday over at Cornubia at 10:30 and, the week after that on the 13th July Par Carnival Week starts. It's set to be a good one this year.

1906/10 **IMPLECATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No further proposals had been received.

1906/11 **TO CONSIDER WASTE/RECYCLING WITHIN THE TOWN**

This item was deferred to the July meeting.

1906/12 **TO CONSIDER CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTING ST BLAZEY**

Councillor J Moore provided all the Councillors with a list of actions that the Council could consider and is awaiting more comprehensive information from Cornwall Council. This will be added to the July Agenda.

1906/13 **TO REVIEW THE BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

Councillors considered the Business Continuity Plan, Councillor J Taylor asked the Clerk to add King Edward Gardens and Trail Blazer Park to the list of provisions, Councillors agreed to accept with the changes.

Councillor R Taylor said that it would be useful if some of the document could be used in the Emergency Plan. All the Councillors agreed.

1906/14 **TO CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO HOLIDAY LUNCH CLUB FUND**

Revd Jules and Liz Davis have devised the new initiative as part of the transforming lives for good scheme. They are working with other volunteers from the church and the community to provide hot meals for 12 children in crisis during the summer to avoid holiday hunger.

They will providing the service to support 12 children at Landreath on Monday and Tuesdays, St Blazey Church on Wednesday and Thursdays. They will provide activities including art, nature studies, beach days and drama. It will be a pilot scheme for 5 weeks and could be repeated during future school holidays. Funding has been received from CC however more funding is needed for games and other equipment.

Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £400, Councillor Pearce seconded the proposal, Councillors Moore, R Taylor and J Taylor declared personnel interests, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1906/15 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre/Burrows Centre –

Matt Dixon, Project Manager sent the following report:

During the last four weeks, works have continued with the block and brick wall construction. Progress has been slower than anticipated, partly due to the wet weather which impacts on the ability to lay face brickwork. As a result, at this stage works are currently around 3 weeks behind the program. The brickwork is forecast to complete this week with the roof trusses being craned in to place on Tuesday 2nd July.

Works also continued with drainage now complete and installation of water pipes and electric ducts. The excavation across the driveway is booked for Saturday 29th June to minimise disruption. During the course of Saturday this will mean that the car park will be unavailable and access to the centre will be on foot only.

It is anticipated that during the roofing and internal finishing phase, the current delays will be recovered and the build will once again be running in line with the program. The contractor remains confident that there is sufficient scope within the remaining 12 weeks for the project to be delivered on time.

The Cornwall Council Building Control officer has made four visits to site and has no concerns – works meet the required standard. The next visit is scheduled for after the roof structure is in place.

Work to install the new services is ongoing and the Highways Approved contractors to carry out the works on behalf of SW Water & Western Power will follow the completion of the works on our side of the boundary.

There have been some financial variations, these include:

A slight increase in concrete thickness within the foundations.

Additional concrete to safeguard the new foul drainage line (Building Control instruction)

Clarification on the costs for the soak away which until percolation tests were carried out, could not be quantified.

The instructions for the aluminum doors.

The next site progress meeting takes place at the end of July and a report will be made available for discussion in time for the council meeting on Thursday 25th July.

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Moore told the Council that James Evans, an independent planner working with CRCC has indicated that he will prepare the basic conditions statement which is necessary in accompanying the NP at a cost of £500. The Councillors agreed to the cost.

1906/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended a SLCC meeting on Tuesday 25th June and reported that the Code of Conduct from the Localism Act 2011 had been examined and there are 26 recommendations for change and 15 best practice solutions. We can expect to see a new code early in 2020.

Climate Change was discussed and CC recommendations discussed however they have failed to realise that Town and Parish Councils do not have the delegated powers needed to carry these out. We have some procedures already in place for example Plastic Free PL24.

The Clerk asked if the Police and Crime Commissioner should be contacted regarding their use of the Community Rooms. As we will be losing the use of the garage once the Polgreen development begins, the Warden could use the space. The Council agreed.

The Clerk has written to Councillor Ford regarding his non-attendance at meetings and stipulated that if he did not attend this evening or contact her we would begin the process of recruiting a new Councillor. The Clerk will contact the monitoring officer tomorrow.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors to visit the StARR event at the Football Club on either Friday or Saturday and reported that all addresses in St Blazey had received a letter about the event.

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

South West Water have requested to close the following road(s) to carryout works to their apparatus. Please note that this is only an Intention Notice and as of yet an Order has not been Issued

Location: Porcupine Road, Par

Timing: 19th to 23rd August 2019 (24 hours)

1906/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- PA18/10884 Erection of 7 light industrial units (re-submission of approved application PA17/02789).
Land at Par moor Road.
- PA19/04286 Demolition of former social club and redevelopment with two new dwellings.
Biscovey Sports Club
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate.
- PA19/04490 Erection of two-storey extension to the front elevation to house a through-floor lift
4 Wilson Way
St Blazey.
- PA19/04674 Reserved Matters Application in respect of PA18/00547
Land south of 49A Rose Hill
St Blazey.
- PA19/04825 Works to Sycamore Tree (T1) covered by a TPO
15 Doubletrees Court
St Blazey.
- PA19/05096 Proposed extension and improvements
16 Manor View
St Blazey.

Councillors discussed PA19/01979 and sympathise with Mr Clarks concerns however do not see a planning reason to object.

Results Received

- PA19/03543 Removal of existing porch and construction of single storey extension
9 Par Lane
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA19/04339 Application for works to a tree subject to a TPO- Oak Tree
Hollyoaks
The Mount
Par
APPROVED

1906/18 ALEXANDER HALL REPORT

The Annual Alarm testing has been carried out.

1906/19 **ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS**

The Clerk has let the rooms to Reach Out on Wednesday and Thursdays for one year beginning September 2019.

1906/20 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Bookings	644.00
Interest	1.43/
High Deposit Int	
Com room Income	
WPD	12.49
Plant Donation	100.00
Black Sacks	10.50

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1489.91
Wardens Wage	637.00
Broadband	21.03
UK Fuels	81.82
Insurance	198.43
HMRC	616.11
CC (pen)	554.58
RAC	18.22
GB Sports	222.00
Huers	3000.00
AD Williams	30576.31
Wardens Equip	28.78
Clerks Travel	108.50
The Range	36.01
St Austell GM	30.00
SWW (fountain)	17.15
Stationery	8.99
Big Games	69.94
Hay Nurseries	766.90
NP web-site	32.00
<u>AH</u>	
CC Bus Rates	246.00
Cleaners Wage	73.74
Chubb (parts)	13.98
FA Box	14.17
EDF (Elec)	66.00
SWW	114.50
EDF (Gas)	71.00
CIS	85.99
<u>PC</u>	
CC Bus Rates	54.00
Locking	30.00
EDF	13.00
EDF	-6.86
CIS	138.99
SWW	154.62
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
CC Bus Rates	102.00
EDF	71.00
Key cutting	21.00

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1906/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Moore told the Council that Alan Jeffries would be providing a constraints map regarding StARR. It is likely that before the NP is adopted and before the planning application for StARR work is granted, that St Blaise Town Council will have to deal with planning applications that impact on StARR. The TC could refer to this map when considering planning applications. The Clerk will then refer them to Claire Hurley who is working on the project, ensuring the Environment Service and the Environment Agency are aware of them.

Councillor Moore told the Council that the name of St Blazey Community Facebook page has been changed to St Blazey Community and Tywardreath Highway and that this is going to cause problems with the NP. Councillor Moore thinks it would be a good idea to set up a new Facebook group called St Blazey Residents, which will cover everywhere in the St Blaise Parish. This will NOT be a council page, and will share items of interest to residents of St Blazey, and generally raise the profile of St Blazey showing what is going on, hopefully with informative updates from the likes of StARR and Ocean.

It was agreed that this would be added to the July Agenda.

1906/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th July 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.46 pm.