

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

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Chairperson
Councillor A Seel -Vice Chairperson (Late arrival)

Councillors:

M Gill, D Goddard, R Heyward, D Hooper, G Miller & G Allen

In attendance: Town Clerk
Borough Councillor Taylor
D Scrafton

0903/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Putt.

0903/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th February 2009 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

0903/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda or of gifts of a value greater than £25.

0903/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 0902/07 A letter of thanks has been received from Cornwall Blind Association for the donation.

Minute 0902/15 Restormel Borough Council has replied to our letter concerning the large metal container in front of Trenovissick House and have started an investigation.

Minute 0901/15 The Clerk has contacted RBC about the bridge from Somerfield to Polgrean and they have similar safety concerns, they do not own the land, Somerfield's are the land owners and so this has been reported to them.

0903/05 **POLICE CRIME FIGURES**

		Detected			Detected
Assault	5	3	BurglaryDwelling		1
Burglary other	2		Theft of M/V		1
Vehicle Crime	4	1	Theft	10	3
Damage	10				
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February had a high amount of crime, a lot of which was shoplifting at Somerfield; one shoplifter admitted three offences at the store and three other offences. A high figure for criminal damage believed to be committed by youths, who have been spoken to and now seem to have stopped.

PCSO Jim Shaw has recently had major surgery but seems to making a full recovery at this time.

0903/06 **BOROUGH ITEMS IN THE TOWN**

The Clerk previously asked if Councillor Taylor knew anything about the proposed footpath outside Kemutec, his reply being that he understood from Councillor Burley that his funding was mostly spent elsewhere this year. From speaking to One Cornwall people that any unspent revenue will not be rolled on to the new council and to make the situation worse, the new council members (certainly in the first year) will not have an individual budget for minor highway works. There will only be a small fund for each area network to spend.

Councillor Taylor thinks the provision of a pavement outside the doctor's surgery is very much a priority and finds it hard to believe that it has not been put in place before. We shall have to find another way to make it happen

0903/07 **CLERKS ANNUAL INCREMENT**

Councillor Allen proposed that the Clerk be given the annual increment to point 32 of the NALC pay scale, Councillor Heyward seconded the proposal, the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

0903/08 **GRASS CUTTING**

The Clerk, Councillor Scrafton and Councillor Putt had a meeting with Helen Nicholson who is the new network manager for St Austell about taking over the grass cutting of paths currently cared for by County; unfortunately the maps were not available at the time and have only just arrived by E-mail into the office. The contract also had the appendices missing. The Clerk will speak with Councillor Putt at the soonest opportunity. The paths currently cared for by Restormel are under contract to Serco and have a fair amount of time to run.

0903/09 **NEW COUNCILLOR FOR ST BLAISE**

The Council discussed the vacancy for a new Councillor due to Councillor Scrafton resigning. It was agreed that an election would be requested as there being four years remaining for the current term even though two years have already been served due to the changeover to the unitary authority.

0903/10 **OVERVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Anna Hoyle, Strategic Development Manager, attended the meeting on 5th March 2009; Anna has been contracted by RBC to help with the town plan for a day a week for six months.

Anna explained her position with us; she would not be writing the plan but would engage with others, at our request will speak to community groups, visit schools, arrange advertising and said that as a resource was prepared to work as we wished.

Anna has been in contact with Juliet Rose and asked her to postpone the Community Engagement event (Clay Vision for the Future) to be held in St Blazey at the end of March to June 09 as in her experience this timing would suit our needs better. The team are currently visiting Schools to involve Children in proposals for an Eco-Town.

Everybody was given different subjects to write questions on which were brought back to the meeting on 19th March 2009 where everybody read their questions which Doug Scrafton will now formulate into a single questionnaire.

Doug Scrafton told the meeting that an application for funding from Awards for All has been submitted for £9,600.

0903/11 **LAND FOR ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Heyward and the Clerk met with Richard Kittow to discuss land for allotments. Mr Kittow has put in a bid in conjunction with the Eden Project for funding for a community garden. The Clerk will endeavour to find out how this is progressing as until this has been decided it is unsure what land is available.

0903/12 **PROJECT LIST**

New Community Centre – Nalders Solicitors are currently doing the conveyancing work on the Burrows Centre, John Dyer from RBC has said that due to agreement of the transfer of the property being made prior to 1.4.09 the contract does not have to be signed by this date.

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.

0903/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk gave all the Councillors Appendices to attach to their standing orders for the planning committee arrangements and delegations.

The Clerk told the Council about the SLCC conference to be held in Plymouth on Wednesday 13th May at a cost of £45 per delegate. Councillor Allen and the Clerk will attend.

The Clerk asked the Council if CALC membership should be paid for and the voluntary £50 donation. The Council agreed to pay the membership but not the donation.

0903/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been five planning applications received. It was RESOLVED to not object to four of them.

- 09/00176 Full Planning
Single storey lounge extension.
206 Manor View
St Blazey
- 09/00184 Full Planning
Demolish garage and construct new garage, bedroom, bathroom & utility room.
Trevance, Pentour
Penarwyn, St Blazey
- 09/00250 Full Planning
Single storey porch and kitchen extension
16 Southview Road
Biscovey
- 09/00345 Full Planning
Ext rendered wall finish and wall insulation to ex det Cornish bungalow
17 Mount Crescent, St Blazey

We will add a comment that we feel unable to given proper advice as the bungalow may have concrete cancer.

It was RESOLVED to object to one of them.

- 09/00191 Full Planning
Erection of one four bedroomed dwelling and garage.
Land adjoining 63 Rose Hill
St Blazey

Planning Application results received.

- 09/00080 Advertisement – Replacement of wall logos.
Alliance Pharmacy, 4 Fernlea Villas.
GRANT CONSENT
- 08/01702 Outline Planning – Erection of private dwelling
Grounds of Kaymarie, St Blazey Gate.
GRANT PERMISSION
- 09/00171 Full Planning – Erection of porch.
31 Trenovissick Road
GRANT PERMISSION

0903/15 ALEXANDER HALL

The bridge club have cancelled their booking. Councillor Miller will liaise with the Clerk to try to obtain a better price for electric.

0903/16 **ACCOUNTS**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Hall Bookings	717.00	Insurance	130.96
Interest	150.73	Somerfield	495.45
Interest	4.84 2/09	Water	54.50
		EDF	37.00
		Broadband	24.79
		Inland Revenue	245.42
		CCC	306.14
		Clerks Salary	909.88
		Cleaner	94.54
		Cornwall Blind	500.00
		CPRE Training day	140.00
		Nalders Solicitors	500.00
		R Thomas	120.00
		Travel to training	83.20
		Cleaning Materials	6.63
		Stationery	3.25
		Stamps	62.00
		Key cutting	11.90
		Window cleaning	37.50
		Viking Direct	330.82
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	872.57		4093.98

The Council RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Councillor Miller asked the Council if we should roll the investment in the high interest account for a further two months until the end of May 2009. The Council RESOLVED to authorise Councillor Miller to do so.

0903/17 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Gill has agreed to become a Director on the Board of the Burrows Centre.

Councillor Heyward attended the Development Control meeting at RBC when The Preserves, New Road was discussed, Permissions were given but a lot of enforcement clauses were put in place.

Councillor Goddard attended the Fourways Youth Club meeting on 4th March 2009.

0903/18 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be 30th April 2009 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.41pm.