

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th September 2015**

Present

Councillor J Anderson – Mayor

Councillors

R Blackie, G Miller, A Putt, R Taylor, J Taylor and S Wheeler.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Cllr R Taylor (incl above)
Five members of the public

David Kittow who owns a property at Doubletrees Court bought his property when first built with the other 21 homes. Some of these homes are owner occupied and some are rentals. There has been a maintenance contract in place that was intended to enable grass cutting etc. This has fallen by the wayside and the grassed play area is not being cut. Mr Kittow asked if the Council could take over the grass maintenance in the area.

This will be an Agenda item for October 2015.

Andy Cotrill and Michaela Linfoot from Luxulyan Valley Council asked if they could join the discussion regarding the closure of St Blazey Police Station, the Council agreed.

1509/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor A Seel.

1509/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th August 2015 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

1509/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

1509/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

1508/06 Councillor Blackie's concerns about the contractors working at Biscovey School were unfounded.

1508/15 Charles Richard's suggestion regarding the Cornwall Council "Community Emergency Plan Grant Scheme 2015/16" is to be discussed by Tywardreath and Par Parish Council next week.

1508/12 Merlin MS Centre have written thanking the Town Council for their donation.

1509/05 POLICE CRIME FIGURES

August 2015

	Recorded 8/15	Recorded 8/14	Difference
Violence with Injury	1	4	-75%
Violence without Injury	2	0	-
Other Sexual Offences	0	1	-100%
Burglar Dwelling	1	0	-
Burglary Non Dwelling	1	1	0%
Vehicle Offences	2	2	0%
Shoplifting	1	5	-80%
Other Theft	4	1	300%
Criminal Damage	4	3	33%
Public Order Offences	1	1	0%
Possession of Drugs	2	0	-
Other Offences	1	1	0%
TOTAL:	20	19	5.3%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded 8/15	Recorded 8/14	
Anti-Social Behaviour	13	24	-45.8%
Crime not recorded	1	0	-
Crime Recorded	10	8	25%
Public Safety	33	31	6.5%
Transport	8	7	14.3%
TOTAL:	65	70	-7.1%

Figures remain similar to the same month in 2014. Of these 20 crimes, four have detected outcomes and four are still under investigation.

1509/06 COMMUNITY WARDENS REPORT

The unpaid work unit are assisting with the laying of 803 hardcore, Dave has borrowed a whacker plate to compact it. The Warden is up to date with all other duties except roadside weed killing which is dependent on weather.

1509/07 A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR ROY TAYLOR

Councillor Taylor had previously spoken to David Kittow regarding Doubletrees Court. He has asked CC about adoption, it seems the streetlights are adopted but not the roads, pavements or leisure areas and there is no likelihood of adoption in the foreseeable future.

The Roundhouse turntable has its own 2* listing, it ought to be possible to register it under the community right to bid programme. He knows that the Town Council had

the bid for the roundhouse rejected. But this was on the grounds that it had not been used for its traditional purposes within the time limit. That would not apply to the turntable.

The Clerk will investigate.

Councillor Taylor listened to an interesting talk by Garth Shepard who is a Mevagissey Parish Councillor (not an architect) on architecture. What fits and blends with the Cornish environment and what does not. He was pleased to see planning from a different perspective.

He attended an EGM and a regular meeting of Par Bay Community Trust today and a meeting of Par Bay Big Local, both held at Cornubia.

He also listened to a member brief on Air Quality. Disturbingly he was advised that an Air Quality Action Zone declared in 2005 for the Holmbush corridor was not enacted until 2013.

Councillor Taylor chaired a Transport PAC where motions to council were debated on parent and toddler parking facilities and another for a residents discount parking scheme. School Access and a proposed Lengthsman Scheme were also discussed.

He attended a meeting of the Communities PAC and a Town Team meeting.

A constituent has been seeking advice on how to get an agricultural tie that is no longer relevant lifted.

With Doug Scrafton and David Hughes, he attended another briefing by SWW, the EA and Cornwall Council on 8th September on plans for flood defences that could alleviate the situation at Brooks Corner. All three members agree that the wider scheme proffered by the EA that should give a 75 year flood protection to a much larger area is worthy of support. Bids are being submitted to DEFRA and for European funding by the officers. He fed back to Brooks Corner residents by phone initially, later in person and there was a consensus to support. He is still keen that interim measures be taken.

He attended a meeting with Doug and June re the S106 monies currently available from the intended Carlyon Bay development which we will discuss later.

He attended the Armillary Sphere opening at Par running track. Thanks to Brian Sheen for overseeing this project.

He listened to member briefings on ESF Convergence spending evaluation, planning for communities given by portfolio holder Edwina Hannaford and on how to allow growth while minimising Environmental Damage.

1509/08 **A REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR DOUG SCRAFTON**

Councillor Scrafton sent his apologies but forwarded the following report:-

I regret that I am unable to attend this meeting. I am away from Cornwall.

I mentioned in my report last month that I had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner about the high-handed manner in which the closure of St Blazey police office had been dealt with by the police – and his own high-handedness in dealing with my request that he hold the Chief Constable to account over this. I suppose that I should not be surprised that I have yet to receive a reply to my letter.

Wain Homes have now submitted their application for planning permission for +/- 190 houses on land behind the Par Lane and Manor view developments. I have already, via my blog, encouraged people to ensure that their views are heard by Cornwall Council. I am considering organising a public meeting. I look forward to hearing the views of the Town Council, which will help me decide whether or not the application should be called in.

With Councillors Roy Taylor and David Hughes, I attended a briefing by SWW, the EA and Cornwall Council on plans for flood defences that would *inter alia* serve to alleviate the situation at Brooks Corner. Councillor Taylor will doubtless elaborate on this. My own view is that the more ambitious scheme is undoubtedly the best for the area as a whole and should be supported. But that this should not be at the expense of urgent remedial work to reduce the stress and distress suffered by residents of Brooks Corner now: they have been through enough and deserve much better treatment than has so far been meted out to them.

Among the meetings I have attended during the past month was one concerning the use of the S106 monies currently available as a result of the Carlyon Bay development. I thought that this was very useful. I also attended meetings of the Town Team, the Par Beach Management Group – and of Cornwall Council.

I remain engaged in seeking a satisfactory sustainable future arrangement for the leisure facilities at Par running track. I endeavour to keep people up to date on this by means of my blog. I should note that the interpretation boards relating to the Armillary Sphere at Par running track were unveiled during the month: I was honoured to have been asked to do the unveiling.

1509/09 **THE FUTURE OF ST BLAZEY POLICE STATION**

Mr White is currently on leave and so Harvey Gardner is progressing with the proposed sale of the Police Station.

The police have had the building valued by an independent valuer at £45K. They have previously discussed selling the Town Council the building at a reduced rate of £30-35K by virtue of the Police occupying some space for 5-10 years, the police have revised the offer to 30K with the police occupying two offices for a period of 15 years. This occupation would be at nil cost (for the 15 year period) with the exception of IT and telephony costs which will be borne by the Police.

They report that the new local Inspector, Sara Crane, has been discussing the ongoing tasking of officers with us. The situation is that the officers will deploy from St Austell to St Blazey, although the Sector Inspector will retain some discretion on whether a PCSO may deploy from St Blazey. They advise that they operate a one team culture and neighbouring teams often assist one another. As such, they need to retain the right to have any member of the

Force work out of the space that remains in our secure possession, with no restrictions be applied to the same.

The Clerk explained that the Town Council do not have the right to spend the electors of St Blaise precept on another town, she will include this in her reply.

The Luxulyan Police are concerned as at the recent meeting in Bugle, Police Commissioner Hogg said that if another 54 million pounds worth of funding was not found, Devon and Cornwall would lose 40% of their work force.

The Clerk will respond that we are unable to progress with the sale until we know the position of policing.

1509/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF LOCALISM AND CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS**

Tasha Davis, The Community Link Officer for St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel has contacted the Clerk floating the idea that the football Club be leased to the Town Council on a 30 year lease as opposed to complete devolution.

The Football Club building is owned by the Football Club as is the Car Park, the football field and the land at the other side of their building belongs to Cornwall Council. They currently lease to each other through a reciprocal agreement.

The Clerk was asked to make this clear to Tasha and ask if both Jeremy Rowe and Rob Andrews have been involved in the discussions and invite Tasha to the Town Council meeting on October 29th 2015.

1509/11 **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Clerk asked if the Risk assessment was adequate and asked the Council to consider that the Minute Book, Attendance Book and Declarations of Interest are being kept properly, the accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static. All agreed the Internal Controls are acceptable.

The Clerk asked the council if South West Internal Audit should continue as our Internal Auditors for another year. The Council RESOLVED to use them for our 2014/15 Audit.

1507/12 **DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor J Taylor proposed a donation of £150 to the 2015 Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, Councillor Miller seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

1507/13 **ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL 2015 CAROL CONCERT**

The Mayor, Councillor Anderson will meet with Carol Gardener to discuss this year's Carol Concert. Liz Davies from Biscovey School has said that the girl Bishop will do

a reading, Councillor Jenny Taylor who is also secretary to Par St Mary's Methodist Church was asked to read and accepted and our new Councillor will be asked to read the third.

1507/14 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

St Blaise Town Councillors June Anderson and Roy Taylor met with Louise Dwelly from the CC affordable Housing team to discuss the S106 contribution from the Carlyon Bay Development. The most productive way for this money to be used is to build new houses which with other funders could mean 25 affordable homes. Louise is to speak with housing associations and other funders and the Town Council will use their discretion in finding a piece of land.

1509/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning – Various members of NP committee met with Louise Dwelly after the affordable housing meeting and Louise is happy to work with us. Louise will contact local land owners with a call for land.

Burrows Centre – Planning permission has been approved for the extension and Purl Design are currently seeking bids from local builders for the work.

1509/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Council's Quality Status will expire shortly, the Clerk is apprehensive about applying for the new certification as there has been no training in Cornwall. The Clerk has spoken to Cornwall Association of Local Council's Executive Officer who has recently returned from a long absence and been informed that they will be carrying out training shortly.

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

Location: Treesmill, Par

Timing: 19th October 2015 to 23rd October 2015 (24hrs)

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

Location: A390 Bridge Street, Par

Timing: 24th October 2015 to 25th October 2015 (2200 1000 hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: The Eden Project Marathon and Half Marathon

Date: 18th October 2015

Location: St Blazey

Times: 0930 to 1010 hours

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

Location: St Andrews Rd, Par

Timing: 3rd to 5th October 2015 (2000 to 0600 hours)

Kidzworld are going to have a Christmas Carol competition for the local schools at Cornish Market World this year and have invited St Blaise Town Council to judge. They are wanting to involve at least 12 local infants and junior school to get involved over the run up to Christmas. The idea is that they come along on site and sing a couple of carols and then the best group from that day goes forward to the final.

The dates are 28th November 5th December, 12th December and then the final is on the 19th December and the prizes will be;

1st Prize is free entry to KW for the whole school, 2nd prize is 50 free tickets to KW
3rd prize is 25 free tickets to KW.

Councillor Anderson will attend on December 5th and Councillor Jenny Taylor will attend on December 19th.

The secretary of St Blazey and District Labour Party has invited the Town Council to join with them to "launch" the bench which has been placed at the top of Middleway in commemoration of Jim Gummoe and will invite local papers. The Town Council would like to be included.

Steve Double MP has written asking the Town Council to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to add our voice to the call for changes to how business rates are charged. St Blaise Town Council to add their voice.

Cornwall Council have forwarded information in relation to the recently announced Waste Incentive Neighbourhood Scheme. There are significant financial reward for the six Town and Parish Councils who take up the scheme. St Blaise Town Council agreed to submit an initial expression of interest form.

The Burrows Centre Ltd are concerned about the lack of Adult Education offered locally. The Clerk asked if the Town Council could write a letter to Adult Education Services with the same concerns. The Councillors agreed.

The Clerk has received a letter from the Dorset, Devon & Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company complaining about one of the Town Councillors. Councillor Miller proposed that a formal letter of apology be sent, Councillor Putt seconded the proposal. Councillors Anderson, Roy Taylor and Jenny Taylor agreed. Councillor Wheeler wished to be disassociated from the letter.

1509/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA15/07855 Sub-division of property into two smaller letting properties.
31 Bridge Street
St Blazey

- PA15/08047 Proposed Dwelling
Land adjacent to:-
Rosemount
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA15/08106 Conversion and extension of garage to form annexe
174 Manor View, St Blazey
- PA15/07962 Works to various trees subject to TPO's
Old Roselyon Crescent, St Blazey
- PA15/07962 Works to various trees subject to a tree preservation order.
Old Roselyon Crescent, St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to the following:-

- PA15/06491 Hybrid Planning application Comprising : outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved apart from access) for 5.44ha of Land for up to 103 dwellings and detailed application for 90 residential dwellings with associated access roads, footways, parking and landscaping, drainage & open space.
Land off Mountside Road,
Par Lane
St Blazey

- 1 The planning application is for Outline Planning for up to 103 dwellings and detailed application for 90 residential dwellings but only includes the application for outline planning with reserved matters and no full application for the other.
- 2 The access onto the Mountside Road estate from Par Lane is already insufficient and will not sustain additional vehicles.
- 3 The Road through the Mountside Road estate will not sustain additional traffic.
- 4 Lamellyn Road is currently a quiet cul-de-sac with the local nursery/infant/primary schools situated at the dead end. It will be far too dangerous to have additional traffic for new housing using it.
- 5 The access from Manor View to the outline planning application junction onto Par Lane is barely adequate now and will not sustain additional traffic.
- 6 The sewers are inadequate for the current capacity and this will exacerbate the problem.
- 7 The water run off onto Par Lane and Harbour Road will exacerbate a long standing issue which is currently being looked into by SWW/CC and EA and no further build should be take place until current issues are rectified.
- 8 The S106 agreement section 1.1.2.2 Wainhomes will recycle stair casing receipts into providing more affordable housing in Devon. This is unacceptable as S106 agreements should be localised.

- 9 We have concerns that an archaeological site may be impacted.
 10 We know the land is situated on old mine workings and the application does not include a mining survey.

Results Received

- PA15/05389 Outline Planning Permission
 Split level house following topography of the site.
 Plot 7 Mountlea Drive, St Blazey
 APPROVED
- PA15/05659 Extension to the Burrows Centre & additional parking
 The Burrows Centre.
 Lamellyn Road, St Blazey
 APPROVED

1509/18 ACCOUNTS

September 15

Payments Received

Precept	37000.00
CTS Grant	5124.47
Hall Bookings	474.00
Interest	
High Deposit	3.25
Burrows Centre	145.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1350.98
Wardens Wage	545.67
Broadband	32.44
UK Fuels	35.01
Insurance	216.83
HMRC	487.07
CC (pen)	466.14
Eclipse	14.38
DLH	52.00
Chicks	100.00
Merlin MS	100.00
SLCC	174.00
Labour party	154.80
CRC	500.00
Viking	107.33
CC	20.00
Wardens phone	20.00
<u>AH</u>	
SWW	73.00
EON	51.00
Southern Electric	157.76
Cleaners Wage	65.50
Chubb (parts)	12.78
R & S	53.00
<u>PC</u>	
CIS	216.75
Bus Rates	53.00

	Warden	30.00
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

1509/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Miller said that he had approximately 40 “ A brief biography of the war dead of St Blazey” publications remaining and suggested that they be donated to Biscovey School. The other Councillors though that there could be a chance to sell them and a donation to be given to “Help for Heroes”. It was decided that some should be kept and some given to the School.

Councillor Miller asked if we were to have a policy on the refugee crisis. Councillor Taylor said that Councillor John Pollard had a report that would be forwarded to all St Blazey Councillors.

Councillor Putt had the plaques thanking the local businesses for their donations to the plants around St Blazey, these will be situated shortly.

Councillor Putt asked the Council if the Warden could look after the planters by Bridal Sweet as Archie Taylor is currently suffering some health issues. All the Councillors agreed. Mr Taylor has also given a donation of £100 to the winter plants that will be planted in the next few weeks. The Council would like to pass on their thanks.

PART TWO – ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

1509/20 **CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR**

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Jenny Moore to the Town Council.

1509/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

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