

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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Introduction by the Mayor of St Blaise Town Council. Councillor June Anderson.

Since the resignation of Councillor Putt in July Cornwall Council instructed the Council to put a notice of the vacancy on our notice boards and they received a letter signed by ten electors asking for an election. The election was scheduled for October 19th. St Blaise Town Councillors decided that they would not distribute polling cards as they did not believe there would be an election. If polling cards had been distributed and there was no election, there was concern that this would cause greater confusion. The reason they did not believe there would be an election as only 9 Candidates stood for election in May. The Council advertised to fill this space by co-option in June but had no applicants. The vacancy

was again advertised in July and co-opted a Councillor from the two applications. There had been 3 opportunities to fill this vacancy but only one applicant. The Councillors certainly didn't expect two candidates. Steven Ford was elected.

We recognise that many residents did not know of the election and so if there is ever another election, polling cards will be distributed, the Town Council have learned from this experience.

I would like to thank our warden, Dave Pearce, who has been extremely busy keeping the Town looking nice. The Council receive many compliments about how well the Town looks and so we know you appreciate his upkeep of our green spaces. If you see any areas needing attention please report them to our Clerk.

I would also like to thank Dave for bringing the overgrowth in Rosehill Cemetery to the Town Councils notice. We contacted Cornwall Council who have cleared the area and now said that the site should be attended to monthly and therefore the works manager will ensure that this is adhered to in the future.

Councillor Jenny Moore, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, has been working very hard for many months with the others members of the Committee to produce a Neighbourhood plan. The questionnaires went to every home within the Town

Boundary with the result of 314 being completed. We hope to be able to produce a draft plan in the not too distant future.

Finally we will be holding our Annual Carol Concert at St Blazey Church on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00 pm where we will have performances from Biscovey Academy Singers and Mount Charles Youth. It would be great to see you then.

The STaRR Project

The Environmental Agency, South West Water and Cornwall Council have continued to work together on understanding the causes of flooding and the potential solutions in the area. To the point now that we are aware how the different types of flooding (surface water, river flooding and tidal flooding) can be tackled.

The solutions are possible but require significant investment so we are now also doing all we can to secure funds to enable the project to be able to proceed. We have started to think about the project in phases to increase the likelihood of us getting funding for different elements. We have a significant proportion but not all the required funds identified so are working hard to source the money needed.

As previously described, the flood risks require a catchment wide approach, and in this 'critical drainage

area' how all spaces are used is going to be important. Individuals, the risk management authorities (CC, EA, and SWW etc) will all have to play their part as well as developers who seek to create more housing for the area. Thus we are also discussing with planning colleagues how flood risk will be managed in the long term in light of the pressures for development.

St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan

Many thanks to all of you who completed our neighbourhood plan questionnaire. The response rate was good, with over 300 questionnaires being completed, and the information from this is going to be very helpful in shaping the plan.

The data is just in, and will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on Tuesday 28 November. Thereafter, arrangements will be made for the results to be disseminated. The response rate was 9.93% but what is really heartening is that 31% of the returns were from people/households in the under 30 age bracket. As the Neighbourhood Plan is in place until 2030, you are the people we need to hear from, as it is your future the Plan will affect.

The Working Group will report on what they find from your responses, and this will show what needs emphasising the Neighbourhood Plan.

Once a draft Neighbourhood Plan is written it will need to be consulted on so please look out for any events that will be advertised so you can have your say.

Police Crime Figures

Please note figures only up to 22/10/17.

	Recorded Crime 8/17-10/17	Recorded Crime 8/16-10/16	% Difference
Violence with injury	13	15	-13.3
Violence w/o injury	10	11	-9.1
Rape	1	3	-66.7
Other sexual offences	3	1	200
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	100
Burglary Non-Dwell	4	5	-20
Vehicle Offences	5	4	25
Shoplifting	1	2	-50
Other Theft	6	7	-14.3
Criminal Damage	21	9	133.3
Public order offences	7	3	133.3
Possession of Weapons	1	0	-
Trafficking of Drugs	0	2	-100
Other Offences	2	2	0
Total	76	65	16.9%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded Incidents 8/17-10/17	Recorded Incidents 8/16-10/16	% Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	37	35	5.7
Crime not Recorded	2	5	-60
Crime Recorded	27	23	17.4
Public Safety	94	128	-26.6
Transport	31	28	10.7
TOTAL:	191	219	-12.8

The total crimes recorded over August, September and October were 76 for St Blazey, crimes recorded for the same months in 2016 were 65, showing a 16.9% increase. There were also more calls/logs to the Police this year.

The three police priorities remain the same, Anti Social Behaviour, Speeding traffic and parking/traffic issues at Lesnewth/Biscovey School.

The Police have had no official complaints relating to parking at Biscovey School recently. They are aware it is an ongoing issue but unfortunately this issue is the same at every School in the area St Blazey neighbourhood team cover.

The Police have had quite a few calls relating to anti-social behaviour over the last three months, especially from residents living in the vicinity of the Burrows Centre, Biscovey School and Lamellyn Road. These complaints are surrounding groups gathering at the locations, with reports of lots of noise and possible underage drinking. Some of those gathering at the Burrows Centre have been identified by the CCTV at the centre and a few of these individuals have been spoken to by PC Barnicoat and issued words of advice.

We have also received quite a few calls relating to mopeds/small bikes being driven around the area, some of these individuals have been spoken to by Police and a few have been issued warning notices relating to anti-social use of their bikes. These notices can result in the vehicle being seized by Police if such behaviour continues. It is very important that members of the public let the police know of any incidents of dangerous/anti-social driving, preferably by passing them a vehicle registration so that they can investigate further.

With regard to speeding traffic, Data for the area in question needs to be obtained first to see if there is a real or perceived issue with speeding. The Police have requested the safety camera partnership install monitoring devices for a short time period on the most reported roads to try and gather the evidence needed to see whether a speed watch is viable.

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey PL24 2BY 815707
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor Ryan Chamberlain	46 Manor view, Par, Cornwall PL24 2EN 07817876988
Councillor Steven Ford	52 Treryn Close, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LL Mob: 07912623559
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow drive, St Blazey PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Tony Nethercott	30 Station road, St Blazey PL24 2ND 814282
Councillor Kelvin Simms	17 Pembroke Close, St Blazey PL24 2BT 07910888156
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	56 Moorland Road, Par PL24 2PB 815370

Council meets in Alexander Hall at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

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