

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at ALEXANDER HALL, St Blazey, on Thursday 31st March 2022**

Present

Councillors

J Anderson, R Chamberlain, T Nethercott, K Simms, R Taylor & F Wearne.

In attendance: Town Clerk

2203/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors A Pearce and C Williams.

2203/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 24th February 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2203/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2203/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY
2022**

2201/12 The Clerk has received information from the police that Station Road is on the list for the camera safety partnership staff to install but no time has been given.

2202/13 A new warden Malcolm Rowe started working for the Council on March 7th 2022.

2202/15 A new bin has been installed at the bottom of the steps from the Mount on Par Lane.

2203/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

Dave

All grass cutting and play inspections are up to date. The toilets are being cleaned daily. The flower beds are ready for planting and some of the road side weed killing has been done. The bus shelters on the A390 opposite Polgrean Place and Lodge Hill are ready for painting and we will clean the one in Middleway before the painting.

I have been training Malcolm and showing him all the areas that need to be maintained.

Malcolm

I attended Play Inspection Training on March 3rd and was trained to use the weed killing equipment on 15th March. The Clerk has registered me for a brush cutting course and the use of pesticides.

Dave has been training me and showing me my duties and the areas that need to be maintained. I look forward to working with you in the future.

2203/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Councillor Giles gave her apologies and sent the following report.

I was delighted to be a judge at the Eden World Pasty Championships, less pleased that out of the 6 sent to my table, however only one was traditional. It might have had something to do with my judging partner being the Ambassador of Mexico, who relished the 'hot and spicy' I was not won over, and still say there's nothing better than a traditional Cornish pasty.

I attended the Food and Farming event at Royal Cornwall Showground last week, it was great to see hundreds of school children from all over Cornwall getting up close and personal with so many farm animals. Other skills the children were able to try were pasty making, cheese making and being an auctioneer.

I had a meeting with Ocean Housing last week, they inform me that they only have four empty properties in St Blazey currently. Polgrean is currently running two years late, which is infuriating given the number of families being given notices to quit by their landlords.

I am sure you have all seen that the pedestrian refuge is now in at the bottom of Middleway. There is now really no excuse for people to park outside the surgery given they have a safe crossing available. I am hoping the surgery will make their car park disabled only.

I am having a meeting with the local clubs next week, to button down entertainment for the Jubilee weekend.

Bull Engine Park remains a nightmare! Too much of my time is being spent on this facility. The skate park is attracting attention from people outside our area, causing anti-social behaviour, littering, smoking weed and playing loud music until late. I have had a meeting with the Director for Open Spaces and said this is not on, and something needs to be done. I have another meeting with them on Monday, after the requested noise monitoring results have been assessed.

I am sponsoring the St Blazey V St Austell football match at St Blazey Football Club at 11am on Good Friday. Cornwall Channel will be live streaming the local derby, I will be supplying pasties for the first 100 through the gate.

2203/07 IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM

We now have a new Community Link Officer but have yet to have contact.

2203/08 QUEENS PLATINUM JULEE CELEBRATIONS

Purchase of Commemorative Bench's.

The Clerk has received a quote of £3,000 each for two granite bench's to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Councillor Nethercott proposed that 2 bench's be purchased, one for Penarwyn Green and another for King Edward Gardens. Councillor Chamberlain seconded the proposal on condition a warranty could be given, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Painting of Bus Shelter's

Yet to be arranged.

2203/09 TO REVIEW THE DONATION POLICY

The Council considered the Donation Policy and all agreed that no amendments were needed.

2203/10 FRUIT TREES FOR KING EDWARD GARDENS

Councillor Nethercott Proposed that three fruit trees be purchased for King Edward Gardens to replace the trees that have been removed at to join with the Queens Canopy, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal and all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2203/11 TO CONSIDER A HOUSING MANIFESTO FOR ST BLAISE

The Clerk has written a Housing Manifesto for St Blaise which the Councillors considered, Councillor T Nethercott proposed that the document be adopted, Councillor Wearne seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2203/12 CLERKS 21-22 PAY AWARD

The Clerk told the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a 1.5% increase in Clerks salary for 2021/22. Councillor T Nethercott proposed that St Blaise Town Council give the pay award, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2203/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

The Clerk will endeavour to pick this up from where Ex -Councillor Moore has progressed so far.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive – The children’s table and chairs have been painted as has part of the MPU.

Penarwyn Green – Some of the caps from the spring rockers have been removed, the Clerk is waiting for replacements.

Polgover Way – Whilst the Clerk and the Warden undertook Play Inspection training, information was that all parts of the daffodil are poisonous and can cause nausea and abdominal pain. Polgover Way is used by young children and dogs. The Residents group informed the Council that the daffodils at Polgover Way Play Area have been there for many years. It was agreed that as they are sporadic across the grass, the Warden would wait until the flowers have died before the first cut of the year.

Trail Blazer Park – Play inspections up to date and Cormac have begun to carry out repairs.

Town Vitality Fund.

The Clerk will endeavour to pick this up from where Ex -Councillor Moore has progressed so far.

2203/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended an SLCC meeting when the new code of conduct was discussed however no updates. A Mayor for Cornwall was discussed now that Cornwall Council have made the pledge however we do not know if there will be a referendum. All Town/Parish Councils have seen huge increases in their insurance premiums.

The Clerk told the Councillors that we could now apply for CIL funding, it was suggested that we look into funding for the surfacing of the Town Car Park.

PL24 magazine have been asked how much they would charge for including the annual town council report in their magazine by another Council and said that St Blaise Town Council is welcome to submit an editorial piece which could mention key points and signpost local residents to where they could find the full report and/or further information for free but if we wished to include a longer report, they would need to charge. Councillors decided that an editorial piece with sign posting should be submitted.

The Eden Project have contacted us about Buzz Stops. Buzz stops are pollinator friendly bus stops that incorporate pollinator friendly plants around each stop either as wildflowers planted in the ground or as plants (e.g. lavender or others) in containers alongside each stop. There would also be educational interpretation e.g. designed weather proof poster or sign that would be featured if appropriate.

They have spoken to the Highways Agency team who are responsible for bus stops and who are happy with the concept, but they want to seek permission and thoughts from the Town Council as obviously this is your place and community. They think the Double Trees Bus Stop will be ideal and have contacted the school and they are happy. They ask that the TC water the plants.

There are 2 possible options for a Buzz Stop but Pollinator plants in containers be best option and these would need to be watered every now again even if they will include drought tolerant plants and accepting Cornish weather.

They would cover all the costs for installation and materials. This is a spring – summer project but if we wanted to retain the plants and containers after this that would also be fine.

The Clerk was instructed to accept the offer.

2203/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA22/01744	Conversion of existing garage into self-contained annexe. Mill Wheel Barn. Biscovey Road St Blazey Gate
PA22/00598	Extension to rear of property and garage to side of property. 18 Rose Hill St Blazey
PA21/04170	Works and rebuilding to the Grade 11* Listed Building at Restineas and change of use to training and research purposes. The Eden Project Restineas Farm Garker
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- PA22/02135 Replacement of freefall deck with a swing.
Hangloose, The Eden Project
Bodelva Road
Bodelva
- PA22/01375 Retrospective consent for works to realign road, drainage works and associated landscaping.
The Eden Project
Bodelva Road
Bodelva
- PA22/02515 Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension.
48 Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
- PA22/01844 Change of use of car park to camping and caravan site. Additional shower/wc block and land pods to existing campsite, soft landscaping and associated works.
The Eden Project
Bodelva Road
Bodelva

Results Received

- PA22/00968 Application for an amendment to PA17/02296 to replace x3 360-degree swings with a climbing wall.
The Eden Project
Bodelva Road
Bodelva
APPROVED
- PA22/01744 Conversion of existing garage into self-contained annexe.
Mill Wheel Barn.
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED
- PA22/01687 Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), Monterey Pine C2/174, undertake a crown reduction of 5-6 meters to remove the major deadwood. Reduce the side branches to the Pine numbered C2/139 by 5 meters.
Land East of Penarwyn House
St Blazey
APPROVED

2203/16 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall – No updates.

St Blazey Community Rooms – Rear window has been smashed, the Clerk has arranged repair.

June Anderson Hall – The fire doors have been repaired and the wall barriers fitted.

The Councillors considered the rent review, Councillor Chamberlain proposed no increase, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2203/17 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	460.00
Interest	.47
JA Room Hire	410.00
High Deposit Int	13.77
Black Sacks	35.00
Burrows Electric	257.08
Plant Donation	30.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1596.57
Wardens Wage	712.40
Wardens Wage	559.80
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	83.10
Insurance	185.59
HMRC	696.81
CC (Pen)	582.19
Burrows Elec	257.08
Warden Phone	20.00
Clerk Travel	110.90
Fountain Elec	26.68
Fountain Water	18.37
Penarwyn Pl Ins	138.45
St Blazey Rec	4445.00
Cornwall AA	200.00
Warden Travel	76.80
Rospa	648.00
Warden Uniform	124.04
Warden Equip	75.09
RDG Tree Sur	800.00
Wardens tools	22.89
Admin	10.47
Xmas	22.08
SLCC	102.00
NP web-site	538.56
Van Insurance	529.00
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	100.64
Corona (Elec)	52.39
SWW	76.00
Cleaners Wage	31.60
H & S	6.95
Repairs	55.88
<u>PC</u>	

Electric	225.82
Locking	40.00
Batteries	6.98
Repair	24.12
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	56.44
Business Rates	
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	16.05
Electric	59.20
Cleaning Mats	22.00
K Ridsdale	1328.44
Cleaning	318.90

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2203/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Chamberlain reported that the next PL24 Community Association litter pick would be from the Co-op on Easter Sunday.

Councillor Chamberlain reported that the updated LVP constitution allows a substitute to attend meetings. It also allows the Portfolio Holder to cancel the group at any time.

Councillor Simms had attended the Eden Geo-thermal meeting and reported that seismic testing was measured as 1.5 but no further testing should create the ground movement.

Councillor Taylor reported that the Eden- geothermal earth movement was very low.

2203/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th April 2022 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.