

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 28th July 2022**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

D Brock, J Gaulton, K Simms, R Taylor, F Wearne & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Ivan Tomlin
Wayne Brown
Debi Evans
5 members of the public

Mayor Tony Nethercott welcomed the new Councillor Jo Gaulton.

Debbie Evans said that she wanted to speak about the flooding issues at Brooks Corner, Councillor Nethercott said that this would be spoken about at Agenda item 9.

2207/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pearce.

2207/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th June 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2207/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2207/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JUNE 2022**

2205/15 Councillor Williams is disappointed with the cutting back of the verge in Middleway as prams and people using mobility aids still can't use the pavement. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways.

2207/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. Due to numerous complaints the overgrowth at the fountain has been cut back to allow motorists greater visibility.

2207/06 **IVAN TOMLIN TALK ABOUT PROPOSALS FOR THE PACKHORSE INN**

The Packhorse Inn is one of Cornwall's few remaining Free houses and as such relies on drink sales alone. The public house has been working on plans to promote business since 2017 and has made 3 pre planning applications. The first is for 8 new houses to the rear of the property, the 2nd and 3rd for a single storey extension to allow food sales. There will also be a detached extension to build 5 letting rooms. The access will be to the left of the current building.

2207/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Sorry I cannot be at the meeting tonight, I am judging Charlestown Carnival.

Last week we had our first face to face Network Panel meeting. I was pleased to propose Cllr Nethercott as Vice Chair and he was elected.

It was good to see the Police there, but not to hear that our panel area has the highest incidence of ASB in the county. I know that residents are fed up with being told to report to 101, it has now been acknowledged that it's not working and there is a survey on social media sites asking people about their thoughts on it, which will hopefully lead to improvements. I am still asking you to persevere as the Police need to know what is going on.

Also discussed was the skate park. I can honestly say, this entire project has been badly handled by Cornwall Council. The equipment was not fit for purpose and should never have been installed in a residential area. Despite noise mitigation it still failed, yet the officer leading the project stated that the equipment provider said it would be okay. I am angry because someone has overstepped their authority and purchased unfit equipment, which didn't compare to what the children asked for, and neither Councillor Rowse nor I were involved in any consultation. It is so frustrating that for yet another summer the children have no equipment.

I was disappointed to see that from data monitoring Par, St Blazey and St Blazey Gate Has been identified as one of two areas with the lowest participation in Cornwall. Biffa and Cornwall Council will be delivering leaflets tomorrow and start door knocking week commencing August 15th. We all need to do our bit. There is no excuse not to recycle and as you know the Clerk has a supply of bags.

Cornwall Council will be opening invitations for projects to bid for Shared Prosperity Funding against the following themes as well as government-set specifications and outcomes:

- Cultural events and talent programme
- Culture / heritage regeneration programme and aligned skills and training activity
- Community hubs and community skills hubs
- Digital connectivity and inclusion
- Business, research and development and enterprise infrastructure
- Town, rural and coastal retail development and aligned skills programme
- Multiply numeracy programme

There will be assistance available for businesses and organisations to apply for these funds. I urge anyone looking to open/expand a business addressing any of the issues above to apply online at ciosgoodgrowth.com. Due to timescales for spending in the first year there will be a short deadline for project applications but there will be further opportunities for applications in 2023/24.

The Clerk told the Councillors that she and the warden had spent six months checking the recycling every other Wednesday morning for six months and at that time the majority of homes were recycling and therefore the minority were letting the town down.

2207/08 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT A CAPABILITY PROCEDURE**

The Clerk has written a capability procedure which was distributed to all St Blaise Town Councillors. Councillor Anderson proposed that the document be adopted, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2207/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

FLOODING IN ST BLAZEY

Debi Evans thanked the Council for allowing her to speak and reported as follows.

Debi Evans has lived in Blazey Road for many years and is the spokesperson for the registered group **Sewage without Worry Community Residents at Par**.

Since 2006 we have been flooded 102 times and complained to various Agencies, Cornwall Council, EA, SWW, OFWAT, Consumer Council for Water, local Councillors and MP's. SWW have put our homes on a DG5 register as at high risk of both external and internal sewer flooding.

StARR has not helped our situation as we are now seeing products from the sewers coming down Par Lane. Some mitigation measures have been taken which we agreed to reluctantly include:

The StARR project was something we the residents did not want and we objected to. SWW contribution was originally offered to put another pumping station on St Blazey Road to pump our sewage in emergencies however it is not OUR sewage that floods us.

Covid is tracked in waste water, water companies are being taken to task by Professor Chris Whitty, OFWAT and CC Water. Professor Peter Hammond, Government Advisor to EA on waste water and sewage, is helping us but being obfuscated by SWW.

We have been told that there is to be a multi-disciplinary meeting to have more discussions MITIGATING MEASURES. With the continuing housing developments on Par Lane and Lamb Park our homes will ALWAYS flood.

St Blaise Town Council will write to all relevant agencies.

BULLENGINE SKATE PARK

The Clerk has written to Vicky Fraser and Jon Mitchell regarding the closure of Bull Engine Skate Park. The Town Council were not informed prior to its closure. No reply has been received.

Cornwall Council are saying that a concrete park cannot be installed due to the depth of the foundations however this does not make sense due to the site being next to an attenuation pit.

The Town Council will ask Cornwall Council to put a sign up at Bull Engine Park making it clear that the area is their responsibility.

2207/10 COUNCILLORS TO CONSIDER A NOTICEBOARD FOR THE GREEN IN ST MARYS ROAD

Councillor Williams proposed that a notice board be installed on the green in St Marys Road to allow the residents to keep abreast of Council issues. Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2207/11 PROJECT LIST

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Nethercott will be in receipt of the evidence to support the Neighbourhood Plan shortly.

NEW PROJECTS

Councillor Brock suggested a Youth Council.

Councillor Nethercott suggested a Community Event i.e. Carnival or Fete.

Councillor Wearne suggested an It's a Knock out competition.

Councillor Williams suggested a Councillors Surgery.

All these will be added to August Agenda.

2207/12 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk attended the SLCC Joint Branch Meeting on July 6th. The first speaker was an insurance expert who told us that the reasons insurance for Town and Parish Councils had risen dramatically were Flooding, Brexit and loss of income being the most prevalent although there are many other factors. The market correlation could mean high increases in the future also and therefore precepts should be adjusted.

The second speaker spoke on employment matters and reminded us that the council is the employer and individuals cannot direct staff. The Council can be held accountable for the actions of an individual Councillor.

An update on the emerging position of Levelling in Cornwall was presented by CALC. Cornwall Council will apply to the UK shared prosperity fund which replaces EU funding but unfortunately are not being forth coming with information.

CALC gave a presentation on the Civility and Respect Project which is a joint initiative on standards and conduct which ends in 2023 so we will have quite a wait for the outcome.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 65.97% of incoming vehicles, up from 64.78%, are above the speed limit and 75.25% down up from 77.02% of outgoing traffic is above the speed limit. The police are telling us that the average recorded speeds are 33 mph towards St Blazey and 32 mph towards Par. This falls within the 85th percentile which they look at before considering enforcement sites.

Evolis who sold us the speed camera have said to bear in mind that the radar speed sign can detect vehicles up to 1000ft in an open area. The higher speeds recorded could have been out of the detection range of the device used by the police. Some drivers tend to speed up when they think they are out of range of the radar. If the Evolis radar speed sign is installed at 10ft high and the police device was at 5ft high, the readings won't be the same.

The Clerk will contact the police and tell them that an average speed camera is needed and that we can provide residents proof.

The Clerk told the Councillors that the revised proposed Ski-Park planning application has not been received but been informed that footpath 414/3/1 which is part of the LMP agreement is to be moved. The Clerk read a statement from the Countryside Access Development Officer saying that Public path Order would have to be made.

The Clerk was asked if a gate could be put on the entrance to King Edward Gardens however there is a bar to stop children running into the road and it would make access difficult for pushchairs, prams and mobility scooters.

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

The below Road(s) will be temporarily closed to allow works to be completed on the highway.

Location: Luxulyan Road, Par

Timing: 12th September 2022 to 16th September 2022 (24 hours)

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

Location: Cornhill Road, St Blazey

Timing: 21st September 2022 to 24th January 2023 (07:30 to 17:00 hours) daily

2207/13 PLANNING MATTERS

There have two planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to either of them.

- PA22/06076 Proposed two bedroom private residential dwelling
Land adjacent to 2 Le Dorney Villas
Harbour Road
St Blazey
- PA22/05234 Hybrid planning application (part Full, part outline) seeking
i) detailed permission for 21 cabins for holiday
accommodation on Shorthorn Beach, associated car parking at
Crinnis Beach, landscaping, and associated works and
infrastructure; and ii) outline permission (all matters reserved)
for 21 cabins for holiday accommodation on Shorthorn Beach,
a central pavilion on Shorthorn Beach and a smaller pavilion on
Polgaver Beach both to accommodate a range of uses Classes
E(a), E(b), E(d), F1(a), F2(c) and to provide a function/events
venue for live performances, weddings and the hire of beach
equipment (sui Generis), landscaping, associated works and
infrastructure. All for a temporary period of five years.
Shorthorn Beach & Polgaver Beach
Carlyon Bay

Results Received

- PA22/03602 Listed Building Consent for restoration of railway turntable.
Traction Engine Turntable
The Roundhouse Business Park
Harbour Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA22/033929 The demolition, rebuild and extension of an existing (unused)
brick built store (the Old Brick Store), to form a new three
bedroomed family dwelling, to become the applicants future
home.
Old Brick Store
Penarwyn Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

2207/14 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets

A new person has undertaken the locking of the facility.

Alexander Hall

Bookings are low in August due to many stopping for the summer.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Bookings remain low.

June Anderson Hall

Yoga has transferred from Alexander Hall.

2207/15 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – The “Please don’t climb the trees” signs have been purchased and displayed.

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Trail Blazer Park – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date, Cormac have started to carry out repairs.

2207/16 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Hire	470.00
Interest	
Burrows Electric	219.98
High Deposit Int	
JA Hire	660.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1627.72
Wardens Wage	707.20
Wardens Wage	722.80
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	85.55
St A Gdn Mach	106.30
Insurance	360.11
HMRC	845.99
CC (Pen)	591.07
Burrows Elec	219.98
Fountain Elec	24.38
CALC	24.00
Viking	83.56
Reade Signs	76.00
Wardens Travel	61.20

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Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	47.41
Corona (Elec)	50.14
SWW	76.00
Cleaners Wage	31.80

PC

Electric	134.19
Locking	55.00
Walter Bailey	28.40
CIS	133.24
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	45.14
Business Rates	104.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	64.95

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2207/17 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Anderson told the Council that StARR working with Cormac Volunteer Services would be doing work on the Fountain Triangle. The Friends of St Blazey Triangle Group has ceased to exist but she would be working with Jenny Moore on the project.

Councillor Taylor had attended the Fourways AGM on July 5th and had been re-elected as Chairman. He also attended the CNP meeting on July 20th when Councillor Peter Guess was elected Chairman.

Councillor Brock had attended Tree Planting training on July 19th and asked the Councillor to consider places for tree planting as part of the Forest for Cornwall Project.

Councillor Brock and a friend have weeded the Roselyon Road to Par Lane footpath. She would like to see St Blazey weed free and thinks if the Council had a youth council they could engage.

Councillor Brock would like to have a job fair or similar in St Blazey and asked if she could research this, the other Councillors were very eager to support this.

Councillor Wearne told the Council that she is now working for Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change (CN4C) but is yet to be based at Polgrean Community Space due to technological difficulties but they would be holding a drop in Coffee Morning on August 24th and everybody is welcome.

Councillor Simms told the Council that Eden Geothermal plan to start the wireline logging on 17th August and logging operations from 17th-19th. Well cleaning 15th August and, assuming all goes smoothly the equipment will arrive on site ready for set up over the weekend of 20th/21st **August**. We expect the cleaning operation itself to take place on or around Monday 22nd August. The cleaning operation will follow with some further wireline logging. Finally there will be an injection test - planned for Saturday 27th August.

Councillor Williams attended the Flood Group meeting on July 9th however attendance was poor.

Councillor Nethercott attended the Par Liaison meeting on July 19th and said that Imerys are very much still local and busy and are lithium testing.

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

2207/18 **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 1 Town Councillor.

No application received.

2207/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th August 2022 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.