

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th June 2022**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

D Brock, A Pearce, K Simms, R Taylor, F Wearne & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
B Chambers – Children’s Hospice South West

2206/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

2206/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2206/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2206/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26th MAY
2022**

2205/13 Cornwall Council will not be inviting us to apply for CIL funding for new play equipment at Trail Blaser Park.

2205/15 Cornwall Highways have denied an onsite meeting with regard the narrowing footpath in Middleway. Cornwall Councillor Giles has said the work will be carried out starting 4th July and has asked that the verge be dug back as well.

2206/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN’S REPORT**

All work is up to date. Dave and Malcolm have emptied, jet washed and re-filled the fountain and all the fish have been rehomed. Due to numerous complaints the footpath and steps from Middleway to Treryn Close has been cut back and the overgrowth around the seats by the boat on the A390 have been cut.

The wardens have been cutting around the bus shelter in Middleway to keep the area looking tidy, however they have to collect a large amount of litter before each cut. Cornwall Council have been asked to put a bin on site but this has been denied.

2206/06 **REPORT FROM BERNADETTE CHAMBERS ABOUT THE WORK OF CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTH WEST**

Little Harbour is 10 years old this year and was instigated when parents of two sick children found that 31 years ago only one facility of its kind was in this country and was in Oxford. There are now 3 Little Harbours in the South West.

Little Harbour offers end of life care to children and a place to make memories for families. Each bedroom is tailored for every child visiting and their families are accommodated so that during these times they do not have to give care.

There are many additional facilities like a games room, an eye room, a soft play area and a hydrotherapy pool.

Due to Covid practices have changed although even during lock down music therapy continue through zoom and so now they have introduced day visits and care at home and end of life care at home. They currently look after 144 children, 250 siblings and 70 bereaved families. Care continues after a bereavement.

2206/07 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

It seems ages since the jubilee but all in all the celebration on Sunday June 5th went well. I note from last month's minutes that the Town Council had no clear idea of the proposed celebrations. To clarify I had nothing to do with the running of events but contributed from the Community Chest.

I feel that the council need to be more resident focussed, I baked 150 cup cakes and delivered them at my own expense. I did this as people need to see who I am. Perhaps the Town Council could organise an event and ask residents what they would like to see in the Town.

I have had complaints about the build-up of water beneath the bridge on the footpath to Spit Beach. IMERYS own the car park and have helped maintain this footpath under the railway line in the past however Network Rail are responsible as they own the land. IMERYS have agreed that if the stone is purchased they will lay it. I will use some of my Community Chest to purchase the stone but need a constituted body to make the request. St Blaise Town Council agreed to do this.

I note that the Council have decided not to move the speed camera from Station Road, is there a cut-off point. (This will be covered in the Town Clerks Report). Could the next siting be Par Lane as I get calls about speeding there all the time.

The skate park equipment at Bull Engine Park has undergone its noise mitigation work but the resident closest to it still states it is too noisy. Further monitoring has taken place and we await the findings.

The Polgrean development is now underway again with phase 3 looking to be complete in October. Phase 1 and 2 works are currently at ground level with a completion date of July 2024.

The Par Moor ski slope application has now answered all consultee questions so the application should be back to full Council shortly.

The collapsed wall on the footpath from Station Road to Polgrean has been reported but no reply as yet.

2206/08 **GDPR COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

The GDPR committee met on June 13th and agreed all procedures are being followed correctly.

2206/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

We are yet to meet our new Community Link Officer, the Clerk will invite her to a future meeting.

The Clerk is receiving an abundance of complaints about overgrowth, Cornwall Council replies that these are delayed due to the protection of Flora and Fauna.

2206/10 **COUNCILLORS TO ADOPT NEW STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk has re-written the standing orders which were distributed. Councillor Anderson proposed that the new standing orders be adopted, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2206/11 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONTROL OF MONEY**

The clerk distributed the Separation of Duties Matrix which demonstrates the control of money. Councillor Pearce proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2206/12 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTI FRAUD and CORRUPTION POLICY**

The clerk distributed the Anti-fraud and Corruption policy. Councillor Simms proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2206/13 **LUXULYAN VALLEY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillor Nethercott attended his first meeting of the LVP partnership and was very impressed. The partnership would like to make the path from the Pont's Mill car park to St Blazey crossing an official multi use trail, he asked the councillors to report at next month's meeting the many uses for it and by how many.

Councillor Nethercott asked that a deputy be appointed, Councillor Francine Wearne Was appointed to the role.

2206/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

Councillor Pearce has not yet been able to investigate if the evidence can be sought.

Play Area Update

Deeble Drive – Children have been climbing the trees and broken the branches in the surrounds of the park, residents have requested that “Please don’t climb the trees” signs be purchased and displayed. The Councillors agreed.

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

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. The chairman of the residents group has requested that the police make regular visits.

Trail Blazer Park – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date but we are still awaiting Cormac to carry out repairs.

Town Vitality Fund.

The Councillors agreed not to progress at this time.

Councillor Nethercott asked the Councillors for ideas for new projects.

2206/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Cornwall Council have requested to close the following road(s) to carry out works to their apparatus.

Location: St Blazey Road, Par

Timing: 27th July 2022 to 28th July 2022 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

The Clerk told the Councillors that John Gronwalt would be moving and so is looking for a new person to lock the toilets.

The Clerk has received further correspondence from Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council who would like support for their proposal to write to the Ombudsmen if Cornwall Council will not support their housing policy. The Clerk was instructed to write that we support allocation to local people first followed by those in desperate need.

The Clerk has received a response from Cornwall Council regarding the speed cameras on the A390 that do not seem to be working. We are told that the site is still

operational and is still detecting a similar number of offences to previous years, so they are not seeing anything untoward. There will however be a site check next week.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.78% of incoming vehicles, down from 66.28%, are above the speed limit and 77.02% up from 67.9% of outgoing traffic is above the speed limit.

The police have contacted us to say they had a calibrated speed monitoring device placed at the location, near to the vehicle activated sign that we have in position on Station Road. This was in place from 05/05/22 to 17/05/22.

The average recorded speeds are 33 mph towards St Blazey and 32 mph towards Par. This falls within the 85th percentile which we look at before considering enforcement sites. At no point was any vehicle recorded by the device to be travelling at 70+ miles per hour.

They have concern that our device is not giving correct readings and suggest that we have our device recalibrated. The Clerk will investigate this.

2206/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA22/03929 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

PA22/03385 Self-contained annexe in garden
Woodlands
Prideaux Road
St Blazey

2206/17 **ALEXANDER HALL/ ST BLAZEY COMMUNITY ROOMS/ JUNE ANDERSON HALL**

Alexander Hall – We have a new regular booking starting in September. Pat testing has been carried out.

St Blazey Community Rooms – The Clerk has written to Devon and Cornwall Police asking that we reclaim the room that isn't used by them. We have no regular bookings. Pat Testing has been carried out as has the fire protection maintenance.

June Anderson Hall – Bookings are sparse but the hall is being used. Pat Testing has been carried out as has the fire protection maintenance. Par and St Blazey

Emergency/Flood Group have booked the hall on the evening of 12th July at no charge.

2206/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	340.00
Interest	0.52
Burrows Electric	276.53
High Deposit Int	20.70
WPD	12.49
JA Hire	350.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1606.51
Wardens Wage	707.20
Wardens Wage	722.60
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	150.70
St A Gdn Mach	343.20
Insurance	25.00
HMRC	809.79
CC (Pen)	591.07
Burrows Elec	276.53
Site Builder	43.20
Wardens Phone	20.00
Fountain Elec	24.96
Fountain Water	15.77
Warden Equip	58.00
Kompan	193.84
Plants	820.20
Paint	34.38
Trago-Mills	52.64
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	61.96
Corona (Elec)	51.59
SWW	76.00
Cleaners Wage	49.57
Pat testing	32.78
Emergency Light	117.54
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	140.59
Locking	40.00
Repair	102.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	49.40
Business Rates	104.00
Fire crest	285.27
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	67.25

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2206/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson told the Council that StARR would not be doing any work on the Fountain Triangle. The Clerk was instructed to write to the EA to say that St Blaise Town Councillors are disappointed that due to the disruption that the people of St Blazey have suffered during the project, the triangle would not be improved for the residents.

The Clerk will also write to Rebecca Dixon, Cormac Community Partnership Officer who manages volunteering aspects of any scheme, and say that further to her conversations with the Friends of St Blazey Triangle Group/Grow St Blazey when it was reportedly said that as the triangle was kerb side abutted to the highway they may be able to do some work and ask if this is still a possibility.

Councillor Wearne told the Council that she would be working for Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change (CN4C) starting July 11th based at Polgrean Community Space and will be working to further build the project and focussing on Community Engagement.

Councillor Taylor asked who was now sponsoring the Brit Roundabout as it is looking neglected. Cornwall Councillor Giles will investigate.

Councillor Pearce expressed concern about the two storey building on the old Kelly's site. The Clerk will report this to enforcement. Councillor Pearce also told the Council that the Roselyon Road Residents Group are working on plans for a Sensory Garden.

Councillor Pearce told the Council that she had arranged a meeting of the Par and St Blazey Emergency/Flood Group at 6pm on of 12th July at JA Hall. This will be put on Facebook for all those interested and hoped the Town Council representatives will attend.

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

2205/20 **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 1 Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Jo Gaulton to the Town Council.

2206/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.