

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 25th August 2022**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

A Pearce & K Simms

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor P Giles
Mat Bateman
Chloe Lawson
Colin Pringle
Debi Evans
Kathy Moone

Debbie Evans had informed the Clerk that she wanted to give an update on the flooding issues at Brooks Corner, Councillor Nethercott said that this would be spoken about at Agenda item 10.

2208/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brock, R Taylor, F Wearne & C Williams.

2208/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 28th July 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2208/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2208/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 28th JULY 2022

2207/04 The Clerk has written to Highways regarding the narrow footpath in Middleway and the reply was that the highway steward has measured the footway and it is 1.4m wide, which is wider than many historical paths on the network. The gang were unable to take out any more vegetation, without the need to completely re-profile the adjacent bank.

The wardens have measured the footpath and it remains less than 1.4 meters in places.

2207/09 Cornwall Council have agreed to put a sign up at Bull Engine Park making it clear that the area is their responsibility.

2207/10 Cornwall Council have agreed that a notice board can be installed on the green in St Marys Road and this has been ordered.

2208/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. Due to dry weather grass cutting has just recommenced.

2208/06 **MAT BATEMAN TO TALK ABOUT THE G7 LEGACY PROJECT**

Mat Bateman, Chloe Lawson and Colin Pringle told the Council about the G7 Legacy Project which was awarded by the Government after the G7 conference in 2021. The Project is focussed on nature recovery and is led by Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Natural England.

They have recently worked on the Par Access improvement with the Rivers Trust and are looking for projects that they can help with. They have set up a group – Citizens Science Investigation and can help in many ways not just financial but people power and information.

To gain help an expression of interest should be completed on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust G7 web-page.

2208/07 **CAITLIN LORD – COMMUNITY LINK OFFICER - INTRODUCTION**

Caitlin is the Link officer for the St Austell and Mevagissey CNP and the St Blazey, Fowey and Lostwithiel, our CNP. Caitlin reported that the priorities for Localism are Highways, Panels and Devolution.

2208/08 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Much of my time as seems to be normal has been spent keeping local people homed. It has been lovely to see two local families move into newly completed 2 bedroomed houses in Landreath. This week I have seen section 106 rules work positively and that residents wishing to be housed in St Blazey must have proof that they have lived here for 3 years.

I have had a complaint from a resident of Rosehill who had requested yellow lines to give them better visibility when entering the A390. Four parking spaces have been lost, much to the annoyance of other residents however the complainant wants these furthering another four car lengths. I am not minded to support this and referred them to the Town Council.

During August there has been discussion about a directly elected Mayor for Cornwall. Whilst media has made a meal of this, I do not feel there has been sufficient information to make a decision. The decision could bring a lot more money into the County but we need to know how this will be spent and be assured that it will improve the lives of residents. When I am satisfied that I have all the relevant information to make a decision, I will be happy to discuss this with the members of the Town Council. A referendum will cost 1.4 million.

I have reported the bridge at the back of Co-op to their landlord and await to see improvements.

2208/09 **CNP REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillor Nethercott attended the recent CNP meeting and is prepared to be a St Blaise Town Council representative. Councillor Pearce is prepared to step down. Councillor Pearce proposed that Councillor Nethercott be a CNP representative, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2208/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

FLOODING IN ST BLAZEY

The Clerk has written to various agencies see replies below.

SWW – Surface water flooding not sewers.

Cornwall Council Chief Executive – Meeting to be arranged.

Environment Agency – 29th May 2022 event was not flooding but a demonstration of how new measures were protecting properties. More information to be available within 20 days.

Ofwat – Awaiting information from SWW.

Consumer Council for Water – Supportive of the risk of flooding for residents to be reduced.

StARR – provided ways of residents to contact in an emergency.

Professor Peter Hammond - I have already requested data from SWW under Environmental Information Regulations legislation. They have provided some of the data but have refused to provide one component citing the investigation of the water industry by the Environment Agency. It is very odd to provide some but withhold the rest. Without the complete set of data I cannot complete a full analysis.

Debi Evans thanked the Council for allowing her to speak and gave an update as follows.

The residents of Brooks Corner are now receiving flood warnings, SWW carried out some work on August 16th, Clear flow have cleaned and emptied the sewers and are on 90 day checks. The properties have been taken off the DG5 register. It was again emphasized the serious effect regular flooding had on the lives of the residents.

2208/11 **TO PASS A MOTION CALLING ON CORNWALL COUNCIL
TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE ON A
MAYOR FOR CORNWALL**

St Blaise Town Council believes that the way Cornwall is governed is extremely important to our local residents. We note the emerging proposals for a possible change to a powerful Mayor of Cornwall with their own staff, budget and choice of Cabinet. We believe that such a system should only be implemented if the people of Cornwall support it. We call on Cornwall Council and our local Cornwall Councillors

to ensure that there is a referendum of all voters in Cornwall on whether to introduce this significant change, as set out in the relevant legislation.

Councillor Anderson proposed that we support a motion for a referendum on a Mayor for Cornwall, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, Councillor Nethercott agreed, Councillor Pearce voted against and so it was RESOLVED.

2208/12 **DONATION TO BISCOVEY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Biscovey FC have asked for a donation of £300 for equipment. Councillor Simms proposed a donation of £300, Councillor Pearce seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2208/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning –

The Clerk has received the evidence to support the Neighbourhood Plan and will begin work on it shortly.

NEW PROJECTS - DEFERRED

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.

2208/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended the CALC Teams meeting on Tuesday 23 August with regard to the Good Growth Fund and Community Levelling Up Programme presented by David Rodda, Economic Growth Manager at Cornwall Council. The shared prosperity fund and the Levelling up programmes are the device for the government missions. The Community Levelling Up programme is only one of several routes available to access the Good Growth Programme. The investment priorities are Community and Space, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills.

Cornwall has put in its bid for the shared prosperity fund but has yet to hear if its submission has been successful however they are carrying on as if it has been. Cornwall is to receive £200 per head.

The year 1 budget is Revenue 2.11m and Capital 0.1m and Applications must be in by 30.11.22 and project completed by 31.3.23. We would need to apply for a funding opportunity to see if a project qualifies.

The Wardens have been watering the Buzz Stop outside Doubletrees School weekly and in the hot weather more often as we agreed this for the summer. The Eden Project have received some lovely press recently and believe the project has been a great success. Nobody is prepared to commit to the regular maintenance and therefore in the next couple of weeks they will be removed.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.33% of incoming vehicles, up from 65.97%, are above the speed limit and 77.39 from 75.25% of outgoing traffic is above the speed limit. The police have informed us that they do not install average speed cameras and Cornwall Council say that they recognise that communities would like to see average speed camera systems installed to address concerns. However cameras represent just one of the tools to change behaviour; they are not always the right solution. Every community/road is different, and any intervention should take into account the factors that apply at the location. The police have mentioned a Community Speed watch which could be a good option to take forward if there are local volunteers willing to be involved. The Council will investigate further.

Eden have a team of researchers from Oxford University helping them with some research. The team want to place some tiny motion sensors (each about 6” long and 1” wide) across the local area, for a month, to help them with their research into below-ground water movement. They are looking for temporary sites. The Eden Geothermal Project would benefit from the research as it could provide lots of really useful data about the geological structures we have been working with below ground, without any additional operations or cost. The Town Councillors will offer Piggy Alley, King Edward Gardens, Polgover Play Area and Penarwyn Play Area.

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: 31st October 2022 to 4th November 2022 (07:00 to 17:00 daily)

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

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road

Timing: 21st November 2022 to 23rd November 2022 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: Eden Project Marathon

Date: 16th October 2022

Times: 09:30 to 10:10

2208/15 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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| PA22/06521 | Construction of single storey extension to rear
31 Rose Hill
St Blazey |
| PA22/06655 | Works to trees subject to a TPO, works include fell 3x
Sycamore (T1), (T2) and T (3) and crown lift/stem tidy
Sycamore (T5).
20 Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey |
| PA22/07300 | Loft conversion, rear single storey extension and addition of
front porch.
18 Lamellyn Road
St Blazey |
| PA22/07480 | Provision of offline attenuation basin (pond); with associated
offtake structure from the St Blazey stream with non-
compliance of conditions 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10 and 11 of
PA20/01777 dated 25.03.2021.
Land to the South of Aberdeen Close
Land Adjacent to St Blazey Football Pitch
St Blazey |

Results Received.

2208/16 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets

Wallgate have had an incident where there was a fire in an automatic hand wash dryer like the ones we have in the public toilets. After extensive internal and expert investigations, it has been established that under extreme operating conditions an electrical component can overheat, which in turn could potentially lead to a fire.

We have been reassured that of the circa. 3,500 machines this issue has only led to this one failure and it is considered the likelihood of any further similar failure very remote but having established that there is a potential risk some very simple setting changes in the machine will fully resolve the issue and they will send a service engineer to you to make these changes.

Alexander Hall

Bookings have been low in August but will be picking up in September.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Bookings remain low.

June Anderson Hall

The hall is being well used.

2208/17 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

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

Polgover Way – Various vandalism has taken place and we are awaiting a visit from Sovereign the installers to remedy.

Trail Blazer Park – Unfortunately the park has had to close due to bottles being smashed regularly making the area unsafe for children.

2208/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	750.00
Interest	2.01
Burrows Electric	282.87
High Deposit Int	29.81
JA Hire	200.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1634.12
Wardens Wage	707.20
Wardens Wage	722.80
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	183.84
Screw fix	20.68
Insurance	360.04
HMRC	890.08
CC (Pen)	591.07
Burrows Elec	349.62
Fountain Elec	28.98
Noticeboards OL	780.00
Snowland Emb	114.00
ICO	35.00
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	46.05
Corona (Elec)	64.81
SWW	76.00
Cleaners Wage	23.70
CIS	22.08
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	16.32
Locking	40.00
SWW	407.82
<u>Community Rooms</u>	

Electric	44.80
Business Rates	104.00
SWW	85.41
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	5.84

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2208/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Simms told the Council that Eden Geothermal team have begun rigging up for the well cleaning operation which started yesterday.

Councillor Pearce told the Council that the St Blazey Flood Warning service has now gone live.

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

2208/20 **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.

No application received.

2208/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th September 2022 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22 pm.