

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Present**

Mayor – T Nethercott

**Councillors**

D Brock, K Simms, R Taylor, F Wearne and C Williams.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Cornwall Councillor P Giles  
Mr and Mrs Ankers  
Jason Jarvis

Before the meeting began M Ankers and his partner along with his architect spoke to the Council about his planning application at the Mount.

2209/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor J Anderson.

2209/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2209/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2209/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022**

2208/10 Cornwall Councillor Giles told the Council that StARR would not be holding a joint interested party meeting.

2208/12 Biscovey FC have written thanking the Council for the donation.

2209/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date and they are busy improving the equipment at Trail Blayser Park.

**2209/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I was pleased to welcome the then Duchess of Cornwall to Eden on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Little did we know the whole country would be in mourning just two days later. As Chairman, I opened the Book of Condolence at County Hall, laid flowers at the Cathedral, attended the Proclamation at the Cathedral on the Sunday, and did a reading at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Queens life on the following Sunday.

Operation London Bridge had been in place for many decades, and much was already organised, but flags half mast, flags up, flags half-mast again, which flags to fly, what meetings could and could not take place all needed discussion. It was a busy two weeks, but I am proud to have been the civic head of Cornwall Council and to have been heavily involved in it all.

Today another local family moved into one of the newly built 3 bedroomed houses in Landreath. At the last meeting there was disquiet about how someone outside of St Blazey had been allocated a new 2 bedroomed property.

Some weeks ago, the Managing Director of Ocean asked me to publicise that some 2-beds were ready for allocation. There was quite a discussion on my social media, a lot about families not wanting 2-beds, therefore because locals did not bid on them, they went outside our catchment. Whilst I understand when you have two children of different sexes, it is not ideal, it would have been a start and a move to a 3 bedroomed property in the next couple of years, the next step. Despite trying to explain this, they still did not bid, so Ocean gave the tenancies to families from further afield.

I have had a request to attend a residents meeting regarding what safety measures could be put in place at Harbour Road, I know the Clerk has also agreed to attend, and once a date is arranged, I will ask the Highways Manager from Cormac to attend too as she will have a better knowledge of the options available. This work would have to come out of St Blazey's Community Network Panel, Highways budget.

There has also been requests for a new bin by the newly renovated seat by the old telephone exchange on Par Lane, I have asked previously, and their reply was to move one from somewhere else! I have emailed again, I don't think it is too much to ask given the amount of people, (parents and children attending Biscovey schools) who use Par Lane. I have emailed again in the hope that we can get one.

I have emailed the Imerys Estates Manager asking once again, what materials are needed to help make a dry path under the bridge at Spit beach, I know the Town Council has agreed to act as the middle man to obtain Community Chest money in order to get this job done, I have asked for quantities asap.

Today I sat in a meeting with SWW regarding the seriously low water levels. This year has been the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest rainfall since 1891! This time last year Colliford Lake was 60% full, this year it is 21%. In order to avoid water restrictions, SWW have applied to take an extra 39% more water from the River Fowey. This will only be done at times of heavy rainfall or when the river is fully flowing, in order to increase water stock and avoid the use of stand pipes in the depths of winter. I know many

people think as it has rained a bit, the hosepipe ban seems a little silly, but in reality it's not raining enough to replace what's being used.

#### 2209/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The clerk was also contacted regarding a new bin for next to the seat by the old telephone exchange on Par Lane. There was a bin there at one time which was lost during a previous storm. The Clerk explained that it is on Cornwall Council land and therefore their responsibility although the Town Council would be prepared to purchase a bin but are not prepared to pay the expensive emptying costs.

The Clerk has been asked if Councillors would attend a residents meeting regarding what safety measures that could be put in place at Harbour Road, The Clerk will let the Town Councillors know when the meeting is and asked that they attend.

#### 2209/08 **TO APPOINT A TREE OFFICER**

The Clerk asked for a volunteer to be the Tree Officer, Councillor Brock volunteered. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2209/09 **ST BLAZEY FLOOD GROUP/ EMERGENCY GROUP REPRESENTATIVE**

Councillor Williams attended the recent Flood/Emergency Group meeting and is prepared to be a St Blaise Town Council representative. Councillor Brock would also like to join the group. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2209/10 **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The clerk had distributed the Financial Regulations. Councillor C Williams proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor K Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2209/11 **REVIEW OF BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

Amendment was made to core business - adding Polgover Play Area, Penarwyn Play Area and Deeble Drive Play Area. Councillor F Wearne proposed that the current document be accepted, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2209/12 **REVIEW OF THE RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

The clerk had distributed the Retention of Records Policy. Councillor D Brock proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2209/13 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The clerk had distributed the Publication Scheme Policy. Councillor F Wearne proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor C

Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2209/14 **DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Williams proposed a donation of £200 to the 2022 Appeal, Councillor R Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2209/15 **CAROL CONCERT READERS**

Councillors Nethercott, Brock and Williams all agreed to read at the 2022 Carol Concert.

2209/16 **CONCLUSION OF AUDIT**

The Clerk has received the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from the External Auditor. They found that the AGAR was not accurately completed before submission to review and the form was returned for amendment. The Clerk carried a previous year figure forward incorrectly.

2209/17 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk is to have a meeting with Gemma Hankins from the NP team at Cornwall Council on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Youth Council.**

The Clerk will write to local schools and youth organisations requesting the opportunity for Councillors to speak with local young people to gather interest.

**Community Event**

Councillor Anderson had suggested that a steel band play an event in King Edward Gardens. The Clerk will investigate if this could be a possibility.

**It's a Knockout competition.**

Deferred to next month.

**Councillors Surgery.**

It was agreed that a Councillors Surgery would be held on the first Saturday of each month at St Blazey Community Rooms for a trial period. The first surgery would be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

## 2209/18 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk asked the Councillors if the St Blazey Waste Recycling and Climate Change Committee should continue or if matters should be brought to the full council meeting. The outstanding matters are Town Climate Crisis Plan, Audit Town Businesses for Plastic and inviting Schools to join the committee which could be dealt with by the Youth Council. The Councillors agreed that the committee should be suspended.

The Clerk and Councillor Nethercott met with a representative from char.gy who would like to put 5 Electric Vehicle charging points into the Town Car Park and the car par at the Burrows Centre/ June Anderson Hall. They would feed from our electricity and would re-imburse us each month plus give us a 10% of the charging revenue.

The Councillors agreed that progress should be made with the Town Car Park however the Burrows Directors and the Nursery should be consulted with regarding Burrows Centre/ June Anderson Hall.

Councillors discussed a Facebook site for the Town Council. Councillor Brock will work with the Clerk on this.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 65.49% of incoming vehicles, up from 64.33%, are above the speed limit and 77.05% down from 77.39% of outgoing traffic is above the speed limit. The Clerk has received information from Cornwall and Plymouth Speed Watch and will start arranging a Community Speed Watch.

The Clerk has written to Cornwall Council about the lack of maintenance of the Brit Roundabout and was instructed by the Council to follow this up mentioning the A391.

The Clerk attended a meeting with SWW earlier today as there will be a drought permit sought to take water from the River Fowey to Colliford Lake. The Clerk will forward the presentation and the Environmental Assessment to all the St Blaise Councillors.

### **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: Footway near Aberdeen Close, St Blazey

Timing: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 9th June 2023 (24 hours)

## 2209/19 PLANNING MATTERS

There has been one planning applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to it.

PA22/08315            Construction of a three bedroomed dwelling.  
Land North of Tregoon  
The Mount  
St Blazey

Results Received.

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  
PART APPROVED/PART REFUSED

PA21/08882            Demolition of former Roselyon Trust School buildings and  
construction of residential development and associated  
infrastructure  
Former Roselyon School  
St Blazey Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

PA22/07300            Loft conversion, rear single storey extension and addition of  
front porch.  
18 Lamellyn Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

## 2209/20 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

### **St Blazey Public Toilets**

The Public Conveniences remain open daily and are cleaned weekdays.

### **Alexander Hall**

Bookings have begun to increase.

### **St Blazey Community Rooms**

Bookings remain low.

### **June Anderson Hall**

The hall is being well used.

## 2209/21 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. A resident has asked if the “Do Not Climb Trees” sign can be moved and the clerk gave her permission.

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

Polgover Way – Sovereign the installers are to return next week to remedy the vandalism. Councillor Brock will contact Katherine Kemp from Cornwall Council Anti-social behaviour team and ask her to visit the area.

Trail Blazer Park – The park has been re-opened however it is still suffering from bins being overturned and litter being strewn all over the place but fortunately no broken bottles and therefore deemed safe for children.

## 2209/22 ACCOUNTS

### Payments Received

Hall Hire	300.00
Interest	2.58
Burrows Electric	349.96
High Deposit Int	35.30
JA Hire	380.00
Precept	52,500.00
CTS Grant	916.67
St Blazey Reclaimed	4445.00
Burrows Cleaning	614.81
Black Sacks	35.00

### Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1634.32
Wardens Wage	707.20
Wardens Wage	714.80
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	89.92
Walter Bailey	11.70
Insurance	360.04
HMRC	826.83
CC (Pen)	591.07
Burrows Elec	283.21
Fountain Elec	27.11
Fountain Water	16.18
PKF Littlejohn	480.00
St Austell GM	54.00
M Ankers	70.00
Cormac	799.01
Biscovey FC	300.00
Corserv	438.00
Microsoft	59.99
E Bay	3.69
QE 11 Flowers	13.20
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	46.05
Corona (Elec)	46.94
SWW	55.00
Cleaners Wage	23.70
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	16.46
Locking	40.00

<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	46.91
Business Rates	104.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	61.21
SWW	15.45
Glasses	15.96

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59,579.32

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7,973.37

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

### 2209/23 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Simms, Wearne and Anderson had attended a meeting of St Blaise Feast and Fete and reported that there will probably be a parade next February.

Councillor Nethercott met the then Duchess of Cornwall at Eden on 6<sup>th</sup> September whilst the Antiques Roadshow was being filmed.

As Mayor, Councillor Nethercott read the Church Proclamation due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth 11, did a reading at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Queens life on the following Sunday and performed the Queens Vigil later the same day.

Councillor Nethercott asked the Councillors if the Late Queen's pictures could be purchased and displayed in each of the Town Council rooms, this was granted.

### **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**

#### 2209/24 **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.

#### 2209/25 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 pm.