

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
24th November 2022**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk

2211/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Pearce and F Wearne.

2211/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th October 2022 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2211/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2211/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th AUGUST 2022**

2210/20 The Clerk told the Council that Jonathan Wood had not been in contact and therefore we are back to looking for two town Councillors.

2211/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Wardens have now finished grass cutting until the Spring and are concentrating on footpaths as they are becoming increasingly slippery due to fallen leaves. The gutters have been cleaned at the Community Rooms and the Stars for the top of the Christmas Trees have been refurbished.

Dave Pearce told the Council that his last day as Community warden would be December 9th and thanked the Councillors for his enjoyable employment. The Councillors thanked Dave for his sterling work over the years.

2211/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Councillor Giles sent her apologies and the following report.

I was very pleased to visit Spaceport recently, what a vision for the future. Having now seen first-hand the opportunities for not only Cornwall but its children, I am excited to see what comes next. Satellites will enable us to control crops, people movement, monitor destruction and generally improve the planets chances of survival. Horizontal launches aren't like vertical, and the work the satellites do, far out ways the detrimental aspects. This has truly put Cornwall on the world stage, we are the first in Europe to facilitate a horizontal launch. I hope to run a space competition with school children in the New Year to further entice them to believe they can be and do whatever they want as a career, the sky is not the limit.

There has been lots of praise for the new hardcore path under the railway bridge on Par Moor. After much negotiation with Imerys, they agreed to finance the materials and work one more time, but stressed, as they do not own the land, would not be able to help in the future. Some people have complained that there is a loss of headroom, this is because hugely important pipes run under the path, meaning that excavation was not an option. Imerys will kindly put-up signs to remind people to "Mind your head".

There are a number of people interested in putting up a new mural on the bridge, Imerys are happy to assist with this to complete the job.

I am currently working on a local warm hub/club spreadsheet encompassing St Blazey, Par, Tywardreath, Fowey and Lostwithiel and the bus (The Go bus that goes around the area, which is free to OAPs)! I am hopeful that there will be something going on every day in our area which will be accessible to all during the cold months. I'm sure a warm place to sit, a cup of tea and chat will be welcome for many.

Please look after our older residents, and if you see someone who needs help, please email me cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk

I was pleased to attend the St Blazey Remembrance Service at the church last weekend. Whilst laying a wreath, I noticed that Jesus was looking a little tired and could do with a new coat of paint. I will liaise with the church and I have asked if this is something the residents of Harbour Housing would like to help with, as they did such a lovely job with the bus shelters. Having driven through Tywardreath last week and seen the lovely poppies (put out by the Tywardreath Pre School and main school) on their lampposts, I wonder if this is something we could aspire to for next year? Perhaps a silhouette of a soldier beside our Welcome to St Blazey signs too?

As this is the last meeting of the year, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2023 to make St Blazey an even brighter and vibrant community.

2211/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The Mayor told the Councillors that he had attended the Community Network Panel meeting on November 9th where he had voted against joining up with St Austell as he wanted St Blaise to be linked with the Clay Country as agreed at October's meeting. Par and Tywardreath PC and Fowey TC voted to link with St Austell as did Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles.

Councillor Nethercott also asked if feasibility/consultancy costs for projects would come out of CNP finances or if another funding stream would be used, we await an answer.

Councillor Nethercott has been asked by the Cornwall Mayors group to lobby at County Hall on Tuesday 29th November for a referendum for a Mayor for Cornwall rather than the Conservative Cornwall Councillors deciding among themselves. The Town Councillors all agreed that he should attend.

Cornwall Councillor Giles later corrected this by telling the Councillors that all 87 Cornwall Councillors would have the decision not just the Conservative Councillors if a referendum failed to take place.

2211/08 **LVP REPRESENTATIVE**

The Clerk asked if any of the Councillors would be prepared to become the Luxulyan Valley Partnership Representative, they all agreed to think about this so will add again to the January 2023 Agenda.

2211/09 **REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had sent all the Councillors the Risk Assessment and said that the name of the insurance company needed changing. Councillor Nethercott said the container needed adding. No other changes are to be made and so all agreed the document was acceptable.

2211/10 **REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS**

The Clerk asked the Council to consider if adequate internal controls are in place and that they accept the responsibility of safeguarding public money. The Clerk asked if the Statement of Internal Control was adequate, and to consider that the Minute Book, Risk Assessment, Attendance Book and Declarations of Interest are being kept properly, the accounts are being verified correctly, enough insurance is in place, banking arrangements are acceptable, approved the direct debits, variable and static.

All agreed that the Internal Controls are acceptable.

2211/11 **REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF CONTROL**

The Council considered the Statement of Internal Control. No changes were made. and all the Councillors deemed the document acceptable.

2211/12 **TO SET 2023/24 PRECEPT**

The Clerk had written a budget with a proposed increase of 10%. Councillor J Anderson proposed the increase, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2211/13 **DONATION TO KERNOW YOUTH/FOURWAYS**

Kernow Youth/Fourways have asked that the Annual Donation is paid into the Kernow Youth Account rather than Fourways. Councillor Williams proposed that this change is made, Councillor Brock seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed.

2211/14 **CLERKS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk told the Council that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a £1925 pay award for all staff, pro-rated for part time employees for 2022/23. Councillor Simms proposed that St Blaise Town Council give the pay award, Councillor Anderson seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2211/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

The Clerk is having difficulty amending the document so has sent it to a local computer expert and will forward to CC when returned.

Youth Council.

The Clerk will write to local schools and youth organisations in January.

Community Event

Councillor Pearce is still investigating local bands for the Community Event on 7th May 2023.

Councillors Surgery.

It was agreed that the first Councillors Surgery would be held on Saturday 14th January and then the first Saturday of each month at St Blazey Community Rooms for a trial period. The first surgery will be attended by Councillors Carol Williams and Tony Nethercott.

2211/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The footpath at the Mount was blocked by a fallen tree and therefore the Clerk instructed a tree warden to remove it at a cost of £100.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 66.2% of incoming vehicles, up from 65.49%, are above the speed limit and 78.85% up from 77.05% of outgoing traffic is above the speed limit. The Clerk has asked for volunteers for Speed Watch however nobody has come forward.

The Clerk has received an e-mail from PL24 Community Association asking for a list of land owned by the Town Council and for permission for litter picks which was given, permission to put a banner on the fence at the Burrows Centre which was given and a list of benches that need attention as they would arrange refurbishment. As the benches were all painted earlier this year none came to mind but if the Councillors see any looking in need of attention these will be reported to them.

Forest for Cornwall will be giving out a free tree to plant in residents gardens on Saturday 3rd December at Priory Car park, St Austell.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that the Christmas Trees will be erected and decorated on Monday 5th December meeting at St Blazey Church at 9.30 am.

The Clerk asked the Councillors how many seats needed reserving and who would be meeting and greeting. Councillors Nethercott and Anderson will meet and greet. Councillor Brock will take photographs.

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

Location: Footway near Aberdeen Close, St Blazey

Timing: 28th November 2022 to 9th June 2023 (24 hours)

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)

2211/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA22/10244	Extensions at ground and first floor level and loft conversion to create new second floor level. 45 Trenovissick Road St Blazey
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PA22/09809 Two storey extension to rear of property
295 Manor View
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to.

PA22/02759 Construction of annexe accommodation.
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St Blazey

Over development of site. Too close to neighbouring property.

Results Received.

PA21/02675 With Revisions - Hybrid application comprising full planning permission for Altitude Snow Park and associated parking and access and outline planning permission for additional car parking and play area for Biscovey School and six self-build residential plots with access only considered and all other matters reserved.
Land Northeast of Crinnis Farm
Par Moor Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA22/04081 Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for the construction of a new dwelling house and improvements to access, landscaping and associated works.
Land Adjacent to Lilac Cottage
Pennys Lane
St Blazey
REFUSED

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

PA22/06521 Construction of single storey extension to rear
31 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA22/09163 Application for tree works within a TPO area: T6 Oak – Remove, T20 Lawson Cypress – Remove, T19- Oak – Crown.
Lower Penarwyn House
Penarwyn woods
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA22/09133 Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for a proposed end of terrace dwelling
Land West of 8 Trenythor Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA22/10244 Extensions at ground and first floor level and loft conversion to create new second floor level.
45 Trenovissick Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA22/09475 Single storey Front Extension to Annexe and Replace Conservatory
13 Bodelva
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED

2211/18 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The Public Conveniences remain open daily and are cleaned weekdays.

Alexander Hall

The Clerk has received complaints about cleanliness.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Bookings remain low.

June Anderson Hall

The hall is being well used.

2211/19 **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 – Sovereign have reduced their quote to £600.00 to re-fit the Rota Net. St Blaise Town Council agreed to pay this as the outstanding money due from the Residents Association has been received.

The resident's association have also asked to put a bench on the concrete base where the old seat was. Councillors gave permission.

Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Trail Blazer Park – A quote has been received to repair the slide on the Junior MPU for £480 and to remove the zip wire including the earth mounds at each end and level and reseed the ground for £4850. The Council agreed to accept both quotes. Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

2211/20 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	260.00
Interest	6.48
Burrows Electric	216.63
High Deposit Int	56.62
JA Hire	460.00
Roselyon Res Ass	6181.14
Penarwyn Res Ass	1133.09

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Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1646.62
Wardens Wage	776.67
Wardens Wage	784.07
Broadband	22.00
UK Fuels	30.38
Co Travel	19.80
Insurance	360.04
HMRC	837.63
CC (Pen)	591.07
RDG tree serv	100.00
Fountain Elec	25.97
100 th Donation	20.00
St Austell GM	182.30
Kompan	142.60
Larcombes	3600.00
QE 11 Pictures	119.98
Xmas Lights	7.99
Toilets Water	199.23
X mas Trees	140.00
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	15.38
Corona (Gas)	
Corona (Elec)	53.33
SWW	55.00
Cleaners Wage	17.40
CIS	57.79
PPL/PRS	103.50
Cleaning Mats	1.25
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Locking	40.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	104.00
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	10.46
Electric	57.62

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2211/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillors Nethercott and Anderson visited one of our residents, Edna Lidicoate on the occasion of her 100th. Birthday. A remarkable lady and still very active raising money for the Merlin Project.

Councillor Nethercott laid the wreath on Remembrance Sunday and thanked the Councillors for attending.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that PL24 Community Association have funding for benches and said that we could apply as could Residents Associations if anybody knew of an area in need of one.

Councillor Anderson is concerned that now the StARR Project are working on the fields at the back of Doubletrees, Rosehill and Church Street a lot of mud is coming down onto the A390. The Clerk was asked to request that the drains be cleaned.

Councillor Simms said that he hadn't attended any Eden-Geothermal meetings as these have been delayed due to lack of reports now that the end of the project is in sight estimated to be end of March 2023.

Councillor Williams attended the Community Flood Forum Event on November 4th and reported that it had been an interesting event and was looking forward to hearing further information regarding the introduction of Beavers locally.

Councillor Taylor said that through this excessive wet weather he had not received any flood warnings, the Clerk will speak to the EA and see if there is a problem.

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.

2211/22 **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 a Town Councillor.

No applications had been received.

2211/23 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th January 2023 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.26 pm.