

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
23rd February 2023**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

A Pearce, K Simms, R Taylor and F Wearne.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Giles

2302/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Brock and C Williams.

2302/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2023 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2302/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2302/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26th JANUARY
2023**

2301/09 A new grit bin has been installed at the top of Polgover Way.

2301/16 Councillor Anderson is going to suggest Grow St Blazey will be the constituted body responsible for the flower beds on the Fountain triangle.

2302/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Warden has had to re-build the wall at the entrance of the Town Car Park many times.

He has spent a lot of time seeing that the Fountain was emptied cleaned and re-filled after the Portable loo was put in the Fountain. Whilst the workmen were working on the fountain, the clean-up couldn't be carried out and so also spent a lot of time taking the workmen's equipment out of the fountain as vandals continued to put it in the fountain.

The warden has been unable to carry out much of his work this week as somebody parked in front of the container making it not enterable despite signs saying no parking as it is in constant use.

All other work is up to date.

2302/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I am pleased to say, the new bus stop signs at St Blazey Post Office and opposite Bridal Suite on Fore Street are now up and I have already seen people getting on and off there.

I have told the bus company that I am going to have a ride around to establish if there are other helpful stops along the routes which serve St Blazey division. The better service we can supply for our residents, the more people will use it (hopefully).

I had a very interesting Teams meeting with a gentleman who is keen to work with me to help fund projects to benefit the residents of St Blazey. I pitched several ideas and hope that he will come back to me to accept some of them.

It was the first warm hub at the Railway Club last Sunday. It was quiet but like most things will take a bit of time to get going. Thank you Councillor June Anderson for attending. I want to reiterate, anyone is welcome to pop in for a warm up and a cuppa for free, and booking a roast is not mandatory.

I am currently collaborating with the adjacent Councillor, Councillor Mustoe, to see if we can extend the pavement along Par Moor.

I have again emailed Cormac requesting a timeline for the yellow lines at Old Roselyon (cricket club end) and Penarwyn (Par Lane end) these should have been completed over 12 months ago, I await a reply.

I have sent a letter of complaint to Network Rail, requesting that they either repair the crossing on Bridge Street, or put up proper fixed signage. There are signs everywhere, often strewn across the pavement after falling over, causing trip hazards. They have promised me they will look into the problem and get back to me with a solution.

And finally, the annual Council budget was set on Tuesday. I know many people are unhappy, but nothing stands still. The Council runs all our important services like rubbish collection and home care. Wage costs, materials and fuel all play a part in their day to day running therefore in order to ensure they can be covered an increase was inevitable.

2302/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

In one the January editions of the Town and Parish Newsletters produced by CALC/CC more information was given as we had been informed in 2010 that as the provision of salt bins was a non-statutory service and Cornwall Council would cease

funding their provision. However since then they will fill them once a year before the start of the winter season.

After many e-mails to and fro, our four salt bins have been added to the Cornwall Council inventory for 2023-24.

2302/08 **REVIEW OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATGEY**

The Council considered the Investment Policy and Strategy. Councillor F Wearne proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2302/09 **TO CONSIDER A HANDRAIL FOR THE MOUNT**

The Clerk has been asked if a hand rail could be put in Pembroke Close where the steps go from the houses at the top to the houses below.. Councillor Anderson proposed that the hand rail be installed, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2302/10 **DONATION TO CITIZENS ADVICE CORNWALL**

Citizens Advice Cornwall have asked for a donation to continue their services. Councillor Wearne proposed a donation of £150, Councillor Anderson seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2302/11 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

Gemma Hankins has screened the St Blaise Neighbourhood Development Plan to decide whether the plan requires Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

As required by the SEA regulations she consulted the statutory bodies, Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency. I also asked Natural England to confirm whether or not HRA was required under the HRA directive.

Based on the scale of development proposed, Cornwall Council is of the opinion that the St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment or on European Sites and that SEA and HRA is therefore not required.

Youth Council.

The Clerk has sent flyers out to local youth organisations and displayed posters; Councillor Brock has also posted on Facebook.

Community Event

The Community Event to be held in King Edward Gardens on May 7th is coming together in the background.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Nethercott and Simms hosted the surgery on Saturday 4th February at St Blazey Community Rooms and had four members of the public visit. The next Surgery will be on 4th March and attended by Councillors Wearne and Anderson.

2302/12 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 65.97% of incoming vehicles, up from 65.7% are above the speed limit and 77.2% down from 77.55% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

We have been asked by a resident of Middleway to put up speed signs, the Clerk contacted Highways who are going to put a temporary Radarclass device to monitor the situation. The Clerk informed the resident that the Town Council have no ability to install speed signs as this must be Highways.

Network Rail will be carrying out Safety-critical vegetation work from St Blazey Road to the A390 Tywardreath Highway from 2230 on Saturday 11th March to 0830 on Sunday 12th March. Similar work will be carried out from St Blazey Road to the St Andrews Road, Par from Tuesday 28th February to Friday 3rd March overnight 0015 to 0445.

Eden are starting the installation of the coaxial system to create the single well heat exchanger very soon. There will be a very large (750 tonne) crane on site for 7-10 days from the beginning of March. The crane will be arriving on Thursday 2nd March during the morning. It will be mobilised on four vehicles, one of which will be an abnormal load with a police escort.

They anticipate the coaxial installation programme will take approximately 10 days.

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 18th to 20th March 2023 (24 hours)

Previously closed between: (6th to 17th March 2023)

Reason for Extension: Works to repair kerbing and footways

2302/13 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

- PA22/10151 Retention of annexe
Pencarrow.
East Crinnis
Par
- PA22/11426 Proposed ground-mounted solar array to provide 500 KVA
supply, including a permanent electrical housing unit,
underground cabling and security fencing.
Land Adjacent to Par Market
Par Moor Road
St Blazey
- Results Received.
- PA22/11441 Proposed New Dwelling, Access and Associated Works.
Land North of An Skyber.
The Mount
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA22/02759 Construction of annexe accommodation.
2 The Consuls
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA22/09345 Demolition of Double Garage and workshop and erection of a
2 bed bungalow
Land North of 87 Station Road
St Blazey
WIHDRAWN
- PA22/11164 Proposed additional accommodation within the rear garden to
be used as ancillary accommodation to the dwelling
40 Rose Hill
St Blazey
APPROVED

2302/14 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The Public Conveniences remain open daily and are cleaned weekdays.

Alexander Hall

The Clerk has had more repairs to the ladies toilets repaired due to leaks.

St Blazey Community Rooms

The fire Alarm at the Community Rooms was beeping constantly and giving a message battery low. Unfortunately, the police had nobody to open up and let the

alarm man in so the Clerk had to do this. It was fixed but a couple of days later the same again. Again, The Clerk had to wait around for the engineer.

Following this the Clerk received an e-mail saying it was the Town Councils responsibility as Landlords. The Clerk replied that as we didn't know who the contract was with, any contract details could they remove their alarm and we would fit our own. No reply has been received.

June Anderson Hall

The lock on the toilet needs repairing and a new cleaner has been taken on.

2302/15 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. We have not yet heard back from Cornwall Council regarding the bin.

Polgover Way – Sovereign were due to come next week to re-fit the Rota Net but this has been delayed by 3-4 weeks. Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Trail Blazer Park – The park has been subject to several fires and rubbish constantly strewn about even emptying the bins. A neighbour came to the Clerk to complain and has volunteered to unlock and lock.

2302/16 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	240.00
Interest	30.94
High Deposit Int	70.96
JA Hire	420.00

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1714.75
Wardens Wage	1560.74
Broadband	28.53
UK Fuels	83.32
Co All	144.00
Insurance	360.04
HMRC	907.28
CC (Pen)	618.39
Scribe	673.92
Fountain Elec	28.85
Sovereign	180.00
St Austell GM	221.40
Grit bin	280.26
Kompan	142.60
Trail Blayser lock	16.76
SLCC	52.30
Donations	300.00
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.75
Corona (Gas)	49.58

Corona (Elec)	
SWW	55.00
Cleaners Wage	17.40
Repair	95.00
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	52.90
Locking	40.00
Water	278.78
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	
Water	82.19
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	
Electric	152.10
Cleaning Materials	55.45
Repair	50.00
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761.90	8,258.29

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2302/17 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillors Nethercott attended a meeting on 9th February to discuss the future of the Community Network Panel areas however nothing was confirmed.

Councillors Nethercott, Anderson and the Clerk attended Planning Training, a lot is due to change however none are set.

Councillor Nethercott has received safeguarding training and feels that this will be useful during Councillors Surgeries as though the TC may be unable to help in certain situations he will know where to steer those in need.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that the road from the A390 to Polgrean will not open until after 2024.

Councillors Anderson, Nethercott, Wearne and Simms attended the lantern parade and the Service of St Blaise and reported what an excellent event it had been.

Councillor Taylor reported that work at Eden Geo-thermal on heat exchangers and connections will continue to enable them to provide heat to Eden Project by the spring.

Councillor Simms reported that work at the Mount continues and believes this to be a result of gas leaks.

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.

2302/18 **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 a Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Colin Parrock to the Town Council.

2302/19 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th March 2023 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.31 pm.