

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
27th April 2023**

Present

Mayor – T Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk

Before the meeting began, Linzi Bright spoke to the Council regarding a PRE/APP for a neighbouring property to her home.

2304/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Pearce.

2304/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th March 2023 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2304/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2304/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 30th March.
2023**

2302/09 A handrail for the Mount has been installed.

2303/05 Mike Collings has been appointed Assistant Warden.

2303/09 A meeting with residents of Par Lane and Harbour Road was held before this meeting.

2303/11 The Public Space Protection Order consultation form was returned adding King Edward Gardens, Trail Blayser Park, Polgover Way Play Area, Penarwyn Green Play Area and Bull Engine Park.

2304/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Mayor Welcomed Mike Collings.

The Wardens said that grass cutting had begun, they would be working on the LMP footpaths and weed killing soon. All work is up to date.

2304/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for not attending, I am in Africa!

So, just when I thought we were making headway with the buses and after the bus company went to the expense of putting up stop signs, they have changed the route of Bus 28 and it now skirts St Blazey via Eden and Prideaux Road, which is useless! I have a meeting with the bus company in a couple of weeks, to put the case to revert to the original route. What is most galling, is that the new routes must have been agreed and timetables printed BEFORE they agreed to the new stops.

I have received numerous complaints about the potholes on the A390 at the top of Trenovissick, particularly around the Four Lords area. Cormac have confirmed that resurfacing of this area is on the programme of works for 2023, and in the meantime, they will assess the potholes and make temporary repairs, should they be needed.

I had several calls about the felling of the trees at Manor View. Cormac said the work was needed as there was overgrowth out into the carriageway. Although it has upset many residents Cormac stated that vehicular safety was paramount, and the work was necessary.

The gullies under the railway bridge at Par Harbour have become silted up and surface water is slow to drain, they will be cleared on 15 May.

Cornubia are about to start a minibus service for those wishing to attend their warm hub. The minibus will initially run on Fridays, but it is hoped that if it is popular, will increase to Mondays also. There is a small charge, and anyone interested should call Sonia at Cornubia to book their transport. Lunch is available for £2.

And finally, I must congratulate St Blazey AFC on their 3-2 win against Sticker and their subsequent promotion to the Western League. This is the first time in the Club history that they have achieved this. Well done to the team, its managers and all at St Blazey Football Club on this brilliant achievement.

2304/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Councillor Nethercott told the Council that Community Network Panels (CNP) no longer exist and there will not be Community Area Partnerships (CAP) until July 11th, 2023.

2304/08 **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS**

The Council all agreed and approved: -

The Council have prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

The Council has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices.

The Council has during the year given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.

The Council has considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.

The Council has arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this authority.

The Council has responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.

The Council has disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2022/23 to the Council. Councillor J Anderson proposed that they be accepted, Councillor R Taylor seconded, all the council agreed, and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £181,449 into the new financial year. £700 belongs to Emergency/Flood group and £17500 belongs to Burrows Centre Ltd. The reserves will be apportioned as follows: -

Our actual balance is £163,249.

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	55,000.00
To build up Reserves	- 108,249.00

Reserves to be used for new play equipment and improvements to the Town Car Park.

Algaard Renshaw the internal auditors reported.

Having undertaken a comprehensive Internal Audit of St Blaise Town Council Town Council's accounting records and system of internal control, we have concluded that, based on our inspection, the Town Council has maintained an effective and accurate system of internal control arrangements for the accounting period 2022/23.

2304/09 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

No progress since last month.

Community Event

The Councillors will meet at 10am for Community Event in King Edward Gardens on May 7th. Gazebos will be put up; drinks will be purchased.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Williams and Parrock hosted the surgery on Saturday 1st April at St Blazey Community Rooms and had one member of the public visit. The next Surgery will be on June 3rd as the 1st Saturday in May is the Coronation of King Charles 111.

2304/10 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

SPEEDING/PARKING IN PAR LANE/HARBOUR ROAD

A meeting with the residents of Harbour Road and Par Lane was held at 6.30pm on 27th April 2023 which was attended by 17 residents.

Councillor Debbie Brock instigated this meeting and introduced herself and explained that a 20 MPH speed limit is to be introduced through out Cornwall in residential areas. The residents were pleased to hear this however said that this would be of no use unless the scheme was policed or enforced.

There is a lot of worry as one lady present had had her garden wall knocked down and another had had her car hit. Each of these accidents were preventable and luckily nobody was hurt. In Harbour Road people park on pavements and there are houses on the road and residents must be EVEN MORE careful when leaving their homes as cars come so close there could be a casualty.

Various traffic calming measures were discussed:-

1. Chicanes - These do not work as cars increase their speed to pass through quicker than oncoming traffic. This also increases noise.
2. Speed Humps - Not desirable on bus routes due to passenger dis-comfort. Par Lane is on a School Bus Route.

The Clerk shared the results of the Radar Class findings however the residents said that these were placed in the wrong areas and should be outside 36 Par Lane.

The residents would like more signage, maybe a zebra or pelican crossing as this would slow traffic and give a safe crossing place.

Harbour Road residents have been promised bollards in the past but never materialise.

All residents agreed that a speed camera that gives fines would be the best solution even asking if money could be raised privately.

The Clerk will investigate all the issues raised and report back to the residents.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.68% of incoming vehicles, down from 64.93% are above the speed limit and 76.24 down 77.68% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk has received a plant donation from the Packhorse public house.

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

Location: Par Surfacing Works

Timing: 5th April 2023 to 6th April 2023 (24 hours)

Previously closed between: 21st March to 4th April 2023

Reason for Extension: Closures for phased surfacing work through Par

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 17th April 2023 to 20th April 2023 (19:00 to 07:00 hours daily)

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: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 5th July 2023 (09:30 to 16:00 hours)

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

Location: Biscovey Road, St Blazey Gate

Timing: 24th July 2023 to 26th July 2023 (24 hours)

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

Location: Par Moor Road and Harbour Road

Timing: 15th May 2023 to 17th May 2023 (19:00 to 06:00 hours daily)

2304/11 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA23/02940 First Floor Extension
27 Old Roselyon Crescent
St Blazey

PA23/02892 Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice
PA19/04813 dated 23/10/2019: partial substitution of external
materials relating to Block C Phase1) Polgrean Place and to
increase in height of the bike store by 300mm.
Land at Polgrean Place
St Blazey

PA23/01805 Small porch to the front of property
5 Southview Road
Par

It was RESOLVED to object to:-

PA23/02460 Conversion of dwelling house into 3 self-contained flats
2 Fore Street
St Blazey

Overdevelopment of site on a flood plane.
No Parking provision.

Results Received.

PA23/02892 Non-material amendment in relation to decision notice
PA19/04813 dated 23/10/2019: partial substitution of external
materials relating to Block C Phase1) Polgrean Place and to
increase in height of the bike store by 300mm.
Land at Polgrean Place
St Blazey
APPROVED

PA22/01140 Proposed two storey rear extension and new front entrance
porch.
40 Par Lane
St Blazey
APPROVED

2304/12 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The Public Conveniences remain open daily and are cleaned weekdays.

Alexander Hall

The Hall continues to be used however bookings could be better.

St Blazey Community Rooms

The internet has been topped up and is working.

June Anderson Hall

The Hall continues to be used however bookings could be better.

Councillors agreed that rents should stay the same for another year.

2304/13 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 still yet to receive an invoice for the bin.

Polgover Way – Sovereign have re-fitted the Rota Net however the swings were vandalised the following weekend. The residents have asked that we purchase two seats, and they will re-imburse us which the Councillors agreed to. The RA have also asked that the Town Council pay for installation. Councillor Anderson proposed that the Town Council paid for installation, Councillor Taylor seconded, and all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Trail Blazer Park – The park has now been un-locked however vandalism continues. The Clerk is waiting for levelling funding to be released to put in a bid for new equipment and outside gym.

2304/14 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	500.00
Interest	38.47
High Deposit Int	
JA Hire	380.00
Packhorse	125.00
Precept	57750.00
VAT Refund	4434.78

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	1714.75
Wardens Wage	769.07
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	64.62
Insurance	360.04
HMRC	729.93
CC (Pen)	618.39
Warden Wage	610.40
Fountain Elec	38.73
Fountain Water	
CALC Members	2262.28
St Austell GM	126.90
CALC Training	48.00
Coronation Cake	100.00
Currys	599.00
E-Bay	5.99

Snowlands	9.50
Glasdon	1461.84
Sovereign	540.00
St Austell G Centre	14.58
Mobile	7.56
Handrail	12.82
E-bay	3.99
Screw fix	149.96
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.75
Intruder Alarm	165.73
Corona (Gas)	131.23
Corona (Elec)	55.95
SWW	55.00
Cleaners Wage	21.85
St Austell Glass	72.00
Cleaning Mats	6.00
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Locking	40.00
Wallgate	917.71
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	106.20
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	
Electric	130.07
Cleaning Mats	106.34
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2304/15 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Anderson would like a photo of the Welcome Stones submitted to James Hallam for their Annual Calendar. The Clerk will do this.

Councillor Taylor told the Council that Fourways are looking for new Committee members and asked that the Councillors pass this information to anybody who may be interested.

Councillor Williams has been approached by a resident of St Marys Green regarding its upkeep. The Green is the responsibility of Cornwall Council. Some time ago Councillor Rowse tried to set up a resident working group however this did not come to fruition.

Councillor Williams along with Councillor Pearce will be having a stall to promote the Par/St Blazey Emergency/Flood Group.

Councillors Brock told the Councillors that mulch would be put on the flower beds at the fountain by Grow St Blazey.

Councillor Simms has been thanked and asked to pass on the appreciation to the Town Councillors by the residents of the Mount for the handrail.

Councillor Parrock reminded the Council that Defibrillator training would be taking place on May 14th at the GWRSA club.

2304/16 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th May 2023 at 7.00pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.39 pm.