

MINUTES of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of the St. BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at the St Blazey Community Rooms, ST BLAZEY
on
Thursday, 25th May 2023 at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Councillors:

J. Anderson	D Brock
F Wearne	T Nethercott
C Williams	K Simms

In Attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Parrock and Taylor.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 26th May 2022, were taken as read, confirmed as being a true record of the meeting, agreed UNANIMOUSLY and later signed by the Chairman.

REPORT TO ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL BY CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

This time last year we were prepping for the Jubilee, planting, painting, sewing and baking! I did smile that this year for the Coronation, we were ahead of the game with all the seats and bus shelters already painted. I did wonder if we would see more of the wildflower seeds appear this year, but sadly I have seen nothing. This year we saw Phases 1 & 2 of Oceans houses completed and families are now enjoying their lovely new homes.

All the yellow lines around St Blazey have been completed to the delight of some residents and annoyance of others! The crossing at Middleway was installed making crossing the busy road a little bit safer. The new traffic light system and crossing at Fore Street has made it a lot easier for residents to cross the main A390 to access the Post Office.

The StARR project has completed much of its planned works in St Blazey, we have yet to see if the measures will be affective but given that we would need a flood to find out, I hope that it is never tested. Remembrance was well attended, I wondered if we could consider arranging a cornet player from a local band to sound the Last Post and Reveille this year.

Behind the scenes I have been glad to help local families with housing issues and other issues. St Blazey Recycle continues to be there for those in crisis and on low incomes. 76 local children came to see Santa and received a new book and cuddly toy free of charge, G is already planning this year's grotto! St Blazey is 'on the up' and has so much to look forward to in the next 12 months!

The turntable has been renovated and hopefully the Flying Scotsman was there at the end of last month and will herald the start of apprenticeship opportunities for local people with on-site training right here in St Blazey.

The ski slope development will break ground and hopefully be complete by the time I write next year's annual report. I am hopeful that the overflow carpark which Mr Olford has kindly offered the use of, to parents for collection and drop offs at Biscovey school will help alleviate the dangerous parking.

Cornwall's first geothermal distillery will be sited at the Eden Project using the surplus heat left over from heating the biomes. We have a real opportunity to create well paid jobs for locals and live up to the benchmarks set out by Cornwall Council of a great place to start well, live well and age well. We have a great community we can build on.

From a personal perspective 2022 was another one to remember. Dave and I attended the Queens Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, and the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall presented me with my BEM. It has been a privilege to serve the people of St Blazey and I look forward to the next 12 months and all the good things it can bring.

POLICE REPORT

The police failed to attend the meeting or forward a report.

MAYORS REPORT

I have enjoyed representing the people of St Blaise as Mayor for the past year. It has been a great honour to represent and have enjoyed my role. My duties have been varied working with residents and supporting the Community.

I have attended many events which unfortunately included covering remembrance service for Queen Elizabeth 11 who passed away on September 8th and the proclamation of the new King, Charles 111 on 11th September.

I enjoyed judging at Par Carnival, presented the good citizen award at St Blaise Town carol service. I met the then Duchess of Cornwall at Eden when we both attended the Antiques Roadshow in September. I laid the remembrance wreath in November and attended St the St Blaise Feast Event on February 3rd.

The Town Council welcomed two new Councillors this year Debbie Brock and Colin Parrock. The work in Polgrean by Ocean Housing has progressed. I am pleased to see the StARR project also progressing with work continuing behind Aberdeen Close which will continue to alleviate the risk of flooding in St. Blazey. It is a great shame that the new Skate Park at Bull Engine Park has been removed but I hope that Cornwall Council will re-instate a replacement soon.

It is a shame that we have had to close Trail Blazer Park at various times over the year due to vandalism however it is now open. Polgover Way Play Area is now fully operational now that the Rota-net has been repaired and new seats will be installed shortly thanks to the fund raising of the residents committee. A new seat was installed at Penarwyn to mark Queen Elizabeth 11 70th Anniversary on the throne and another at King Edward Gardens.

We said Goodbye to Dave Pearce our Community Warden in December, Malcolm Rowe is his replacement and we welcomed a new Warden to cover the summer months Mike Collings in April. I believe that they will continue to do an excellent job cutting grass, looking after flower beds, maintaining footpaths, carrying out weed treatments, inspecting play equipment and generally keeping St Blaise in good shape.

A Town Council Notice Board has been placed on the green in St Marys Road. I am very pleased that we now hold a Councillors Surgery on the first Saturday of each month at St Blazey Community Rooms between 10 am and noon. Come and Discuss Local Issues that may be affecting you No appointment necessary.

St Blaise Town Council would have liked to have had a Youth Council, which would have kept us abreast of the needs and wants of the young people in our community. Unfortunately we did not get adequate response.

It was the Coronation of King Charles 111 on May 6th. The Town Council held a Community Picnic in King Edward Gardens on May 7th where drinks and Cake was given to all those that attended. I would like to thank Kerry Pearce for making the Coronation Cake.

I would like to thank all the Town Councillors for their commitment to making St. Blazey a better place in which to live.

Finally I must thank Gaynor, our Town Clerk, for her sterling work and guidance over the last year.

Meeting closed at 7.09 pm.