

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Present**

Mayor – T Nethercott  
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

**Councillors**

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk

2306/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Brock and C Williams.

2306/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2306/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2306/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

2305/08 The Clerk contacted Councillor Giles about a piper which was mentioned at the Annual Assembly but has not heard back. Councillor Parrock said that it was a bugler not a piper we should be investigating.

2305/14 Two pop up gazebos and two banners have been purchased.

2305/20 The Clerk has e-mailed Beryl Bikes about extending into St Blazey but no response received.

2306/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

The Wardens have planted all the flowers and are watering daily. The flowers put in by St Blazey Grow at the Fountain have had mulch added which spread across the triangle and into the fountain which the wardens have cleared.

The Wardens said that grass cutting had begun and is up to date however the ride on mower is not performing well. The Wardens would like a new mower at a cost of £3,100 however the current mower could be sold. Councillor Taylor proposed that a

new mower be purchased, Councillor Anderson seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

As you may be aware the Community Rooms had most of the windows broken between Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and the morning of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Councillor Nethercott reported this to the police who responded that they had are no viable lines of enquiry to ID any suspects however the Wardens tell me that they saw several police there and they know who did it as it is a revenge attack on them for taking away the culprits' mobile phones.

The wardens have begun working on the LMP footpaths and weed killing will begin soon. All work is up to date.

#### 2306/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for not attending.

As many of you will know, we have had a spate of Anti-Social Behaviour around St Blazey in the last few weeks, including the Community Rooms. I had a meeting with Sgt Chambers and PCSO Jamie Ward to see how we could collaborate to try and sort this situation out.

Due to the escalation in ASB, someone involved had their phone confiscated. I am trying to arrange a meeting between the Police, Ocean Housing, Fowey School and the Council ASB officer to try and work with the offenders and also to some extent, hold the parents to account. I am hopeful that we can come up with a plan which will reduce the amount of youth offending, some of these children are 12 years old!

Going forward, it might be an idea to cut back the trees adjoining the Town Carpark, to give more visibility to people on Station Road, should ASB be taking place.

A new intruder proof, security fence will shortly be erected at the back of the Travis Perkins site, too much Police time is being wasted on the continual break-ins and it is hoped the new fence will stop that. The Police will also be using the site as a Police dog training ground, so we should see a better Police presence in the area soon.

I have spoken to the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ascertain when the next grant allocation will be available, I am told it is soon. I think we should apply and the get a night vision camera installed to cover the path between Station Road and Polgrean and Trail Blayser Park. I will keep an eye on when the grant pot opens and perhaps, we can talk about applying.

I have been in contact with Ocean about resurrecting the resident's group at Polgrean/Landreath, there are quite a few new residents on this site now, and it would be good to foster friendships and perhaps set up group keen to keep the estates tidy. I am keen to see more Town noticeboards erected to keep our residents better informed, and I can help with this through the Community Chest fund.

The timetables have now been erected on the new Bus stop signs on Fore Street, the 24 service has been a little sporadic, this route is run by First Kernow and not Go

Cornwall Bus and at times there have been either a shortage of a driver or the wrong type of vehicle that can operate on this route. It is being investigated, as people rely on the bus service for work. Can I urge you all to try and use a bus occasionally, it's a case of use it or lose it and not everyone has the luxury of having a car as a back-up.

On Wednesday evening, the Cornwall Councillors had our pre-CAP meeting for our CAP area, it was very positive and I am hopeful that there is an opportunity to get a lot more done. We also have a much-increased budget on which we can bid into, so get your thinking caps on as we want to be in the front of the queue. The inaugural meeting of all members, including Towns and Parishes is on Tuesday 11 July at Studio 4, White River Place, St Austell, this is open to all residents who wish to speak, I look forward seeing our representative there.

Can I remind everyone that we still have a water ban, so the filling of swimming pools/hot tubs and use of hoses is not allowed. The reservoirs are still very low and with little rainfall forecast, is not likely to change.

#### 2306/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No update as the Community Area Partnerships (CAP) have not yet begun.

#### 2306/08 **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS, CONFLICT OF INTERESTS WITH BDO LLP EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Clerk asked the Councillors if any of them had a Conflict of Interests with our External Auditors BDO LLP. All Councillors declared none.

#### 2306/09 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONTROL OF MONEY**

The clerk distributed the Separation of Duties Matrix which demonstrates the control of money. Councillor Pearce proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2306/10 **TO REVIEW THE ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

The clerk distributed the Anti-fraud and Corruption policy. Councillor Simms proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2306/11 **TO REVIEW THE STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk distributed the Standing Orders. Councillor Anderson proposed that the new standing orders be adopted, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2306/12 **REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LVP PARTNERSHIP AND DEPUTY**

Councillor Nethercott volunteered to be the Town Councillor representative however ask for a volunteer to deputise. Councillor Wearne volunteered.

2306/13 **GDPR COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

The GDPR committee met on earlier and agreed all procedures are being followed correctly.

2306/14 **PROJECT LIST**

**Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk is progressing with the updates.

**Community Event**

The Councillors will consider ideas for a future event.

**Councillors Surgery.**

Councillors Nethercott and Simms hosted the surgery on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at St Blazey Community Rooms and had three members of the public visit. The next Surgery will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be hosted by Councillors Taylor and Wearne.

2306/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

St Blazey Fountain is not working due to an Electricity Pylon catching fire over the weekend. National grid will be sending contractors to fix the Fountain on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 65.9 of incoming vehicles, up from 65.85% are above the speed limit and 77.31 up from 76.78% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk has received correspondence from a resident who has volunteered to be a Town Crier. The Clerk was instructed to ask how we would use one.

A resident has asked for a sign saying Children at Play in Polgrean. The Clerk will contact Ocean to see what can be done.

The Clerk attended the South West joint SLCC meeting earlier today and as a result Cyber crime would be added to the July Agenda.

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

Location: Footway near Aberdeen Close, St Blazey.

Timing: 10th June 2023 to 28th July 2023 (24 hours)

Previously closed between: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 9th June 2023

Reason for Extension: Closures for phased surfacing work through Par

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

Location: Biscovey Road, Par

Timing: 26th June 2023 to 30th June 2023 (24 hours)

**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: St Andrews Road, Par

Timing: 9th January 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (22:00 to 06:00 hours)

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

Location: Pennys Lane, Par

Timing: 29th August 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 (07:00 to 17:00 hours daily)

**2306/16 PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA23/03753            Side Extension  
Biscovey Garage  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate

PA22/10040            Two storey extension to rear side of house.  
X3                      1 Trevarweneth Road  
St Blazey

Results Received.

PA23/01400            Replacement Carport and workshop with new First Floor home  
office in Roof space  
13 Bodelva  
Bodelva  
APPROVED

PA23/03195            Removal of existing conservatory and replace with rear and  
side extension to accommodate open plan kitchen/seating area  
and a utility/WC.  
187 Old Roselyon Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

- PA23/02482 Proposed extension of existing dropped kerb from (50.350163, -4.707498) to (50.350207, -4.707390), by 9.3m to allow access to future Environment Agency Installation. This is part of the A3082 Culvert Scheme.  
1 Harbour Road  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA23/01805 Small porch to the front of property  
5 Southview Road  
Par  
APPROVED
- PA23/03185 Proposed residential dwelling and associated works without compliance with condition 2 of a decision PA21/01800 dated 24/9/2021.  
3 Bridge Street  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

#### 2306/17 **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.

##### **St Blazey Community Rooms**

All glass has been replaced from the vandalism.

##### **June Anderson Hall**

The Hall has had its Annual Fire and Alarm maintenance.

#### 2306/18 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – The work found by the Annual Play inspection has been carried out, these were repairs to the slide and the safety surfacing. The park was closed for a week however the weekly play inspections and ground maintenance are up to date.

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

Polgover Way – The annual play inspection showed that some caps were missing from the climbing frame. Sovereign were scheduled to make these repairs on Monday however this has been delayed.

Trail Blazer Park – The park has now been un-locked however vandalism continues. The vandals are bringing wood and large stones onto the site which we believe comes from the Polgreaan development. The surfacing under the MPU has been set alight.

2306/19 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Hire	400.00
Interest	38.76
High Deposit Int	99.14
JA Hire	500.00
WPD	12.49
C/R Hire	108.00

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1,158.39

**Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	1702.35
Wardens Wage	769.07
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	30.30
HMRC	704.33
CC (Pen)	604.46
Warden Wage	1113.74
Fountain Elec	108.93
Fountain Water	
St Austell GM	290.36
Aosom	133.98
A 2 Z Signs	75.60
Vencini	150.00
E-bay	4.99
In2playgrounds	549.80
Sitebuilder	43.20
Wardens Phone	20.00
Walter Bailey	18.90
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.75
Emergency Light	135.17
Corona (Gas)	114.22
Corona (Elec)	132.44
SWW	55.00
Cleaners Wage	11.51
Cleaning Mats	136.15
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Locking	40.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	109.00
Water	
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Water	
Electric	240.73
Cleaning Mats	31.00

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7,382.29

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2306/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Anderson said that St Blazey stream was not flowing well, the Clerk will report this to the EA.

Councillor Wearne asked if we knew when the pavement in Station Road would be repaired, the Clerk will follow this up.

Councillor Parrock reported that a lot of residents and businesses had suffered loss due to the Pylon catching fire.

2306/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.