

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
30th November 2023**

Present

Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

C Parrock, K Simms, R Taylor, F Wearne, and C Williams

In attendance: Town Clerk
Mike Collings.
Dylan Myers
James Earp

2311/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Brock and T Nethercott.

2311/02 **MINUTES**

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

2311/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2311/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 31st OCTOBER 2023**

2309/17 The Clerk has ordered the begonias for next summer and ordered with those for PL24 Community association, our cost will be £1,015.

2310/08 Mayor Tony Nethercott attended the remembrance service on November 12th along with Councillors Parrock, Wearne and Simms. Councillor Parrock also attended at 11am on 11th of the 11th and will let all Councillors know next year.

2311/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All usual duties are up to date and the re-painting of the Town furniture is nearly finished. We have emptied and repaired the trenches in the Burrows Centre/ June Anderson Hall Car Park. We have also emptied the guttering and repaired where necessary at June Anderson Hall/ Burrows Centre.

During the storms a lot of the trees in King Edward Gardens lost branches as did many trees around the town. We cleared these and once finished Cormac arrived to do

the work we had already done. King Edward Gardens is still being littered with broken glass on a regular basis.

We have put daffodils into the boats, the planters at the end of Station Road and the planters at the entrance to the Town Car Park. We cleared the steps at Treryn Close and these are now safe for pedestrians to use. Cormac have put some salt in our bins however they were far from full and so we have topped these up also.

St Blazey Toilets could do with painting and this will be carried out when time allows.

The Wardens collected the Christmas trees earlier today and they will be decorated tomorrow.

The Footpath from the Mount to Par Moor Road has a broken gate, the Wardens were going to fix it however Cormac will be completing the work.

2311/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for not attending, it's that time of year again, and the good old chest infection is back.

Steve Double and I laid wreaths at St Blazey Church on the 11th of November and held a minute's silence in the company of a couple of residents and Cllr Parrock. I noted that Jesus was looking a little tired, and needs a paint job, the church has agreed that they are happy for me to get this done in the Spring when the weather improves.

The saga of the reopening of the Police station rolls on, we were so close, but funding has been redirected elsewhere so once again we wait. I will write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to see if we can have some clarity on how long it is going to take to reopen.

Whilst we are all concerned about service cuts across Cornwall Council, I am grateful that unlike many councils across the country we are still able to maintain a good level of services. However, our mental health liability increases daily and to cover this it is inevitable that something will have to give in the future. These decisions are not easy to make and I know residents feel cheated, especially when things like seasonal verge cutting is reduced or road repair takes much longer than expected. I am sure that given the suicide rate being much higher in Cornwall than other regions, residents would agree that mental health provision is most important.

I am pleased to tell you that I have resolved the issue of the ridiculously high rent demand issued to Kernow Youth for use of Fourways has been resolved, and after I have spoken with the Trustees will be able to share more details. Enough to say I think they will be very happy, and I am glad that Cornwall Council saw reason.

St Blazey Recycles grotto is ready! Santa will be in residence on the 9th, 13th, 16th December, and I hope you will all pay him a visit. Each child gets a gift from Santa and this year a studio set has been added, so that families can come in at any time to have a lovely photo taken.

I have posted on Facebook asking any working families who have seen an increase in their bills recently and are worried how they are going to afford Christmas, to contact me as St Blazey Recycle will help by supplying a box filled with ingredients for a full Christmas Dinner. So far five families have reached out.

This being the last meeting of the year, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

2311/07 **Dylan Myers & James Earp TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR A GYM AT PENTRUFF DRY.**

The plans for the gym had been distributed to the Councillors and are currently with Cornwall Council and so will come to the Town Council for comment shortly. Councillor Parrock said that he liked the plans and it was good that a facility of this kind which will cater to the disabled and children was coming to St Blazey.

Dylan explained the need that is due to them out growing their current venue and the site is next to the site of the proposed desalination plant. There is car parking for 49 cars and 20 bikes although they would have liked improved pedestrian access. It is hoped that building will begin in the Spring of 2024 and finish by the end of the year with a launch in early 2025.

2311/08 **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 2023/24. Councillor Simms proposed that St Blaise Town Council give the pay award, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/09 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

We have been told by the CAP that no new road schemes will be considered this year however dropped kerbs in Penarwyn and some safety work will be carried out in Harbour Road shortly.

2311/10 **REVIEW OF ASSETT RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Clerk had sent all the Councillors the Risk Assessment. Councillor Williams proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/11 **REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF CONTROL**

The Council considered the Statement of Internal Control. No changes were made. Councillor Simms proposed the document be accepted; Councillor Wearne seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/12 **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.

Councillor Taylor proposed that all internal controls are adequate, Councillor Wearne seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/13 **TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2024/2025**

The Clerk had written a budget with a proposed increase of 5.5%. Councillor C Parrock proposed the increase, Councillor C Williams seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/14 **DONATION TO FOUWAYS YOUTH CENTRE**

Kernow Youth have asked that the Annual Donation of £2500 is paid into the Kernow Youth Community Fund Account. Councillor Williams proposed that the donation be made, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2311/15 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

The Clerk is still working through the recommendations from Cornwall Council.

Community Event

No further progress.

Councillors Surgery.

The Surgery for on December 2nd will be cancelled. The Surgery on January 7th will be hosted by Councillors Williams and Taylor.

2311/16 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.93% of incoming vehicles, down from 66.35% are above the speed limit and 77.97% up from 77.64% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk attended the Cornwall Community Flood Forum Conference on Friday 3rd November along with Councillors Taylor and Pearce. The Clerk forwarded the notes on November 10th.

Councillors Taylor, Anderson, Simms, and the Clerk attended a site meeting of Polgrean development on Tuesday 7th November. It was an excellent visit and we

learned why the building was delayed so much. The delays were mainly due to Covid and a mine shaft that was found.

The Clerk attended a Martyn's Law Briefing on Thursday 9th November which will introduce new rules for events. More rules will be introduced but the law has not yet been passed.

The Clerk has received the renewal for the Local Maintenance Partnership for 2024-2025, the Councillor's agreed that we will continue with the scheme.

PL24 Community Association have asked if there is anywhere that we would like seats if they got funding. We have asked for two benches' for Penarwyn Green.

Cornwall Council are offering councils the opportunity to join the Cornwall Council online learning hub at a cost of £35. This will enable access to a range of online learning resources including Digital Skills, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, Health and Safety, Leading and Managing, Personal Development, Safeguarding and other resources. The Councillors agreed this should be joined.

Malcolm will finish on December 22nd and Mike and Gaynor will be on leave from December 22nd until January 2nd so there will be no Town Council for this time however Gaynor will check e-mails. The toilet warden will keep the toilets open.

SWW are having an information event for the public at Alexander Hall on Monday 11th December regarding the Par Desalination Project. They will be holding preview sessions for key local representatives and stakeholder groups from 15:00 – 16:00.

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

Location: Par Moor Road

Timing: 13th November 2023 to 15th November 2023 (19:00 to 0600)

Notified 30/10/23 E-m 30/10/2023.

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

Location: New Road, St Blazey

Timing: 3rd November 2023 to 9th November 2023 (24 hours)

Notified 3/11/23 E-m 3/11/2023.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, S.16A

Event: St Blaise Feast

Date: 3rd February 2024

Times: 18:00 to 19:00

2311/17 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA23/02200 Demolition of existing double garage and workshop to be replaced with a gym to the ground floor and a study to the first-floor mezzanine.
Land Northeast of 87 Station Road
St Blazey

PA23/09102 Demolition of existing flat roof porch and replacement with a flat roof extension to form a new porch and utility room.
Alteration to first floor South facing window.
1 Meadow Drive
St Blazey

It was RESOLVED to object to:

PA23/08628 The change of use of existing recreational field to include the siting of 9 holiday lodges and retention of two staff caravans to replace the holiday accommodation permitted under reference PA19/10345.
Britannia Inn
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate

The site is on a flood plane and is within 20 metres of a water course (Crinnis River and Tregrehan Stream), it will increase the risk of flooding at the market, the shops and kidzworld.

Results Received

PA23/04914 Demolition of an existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and construction of 2 no replacement dwellings and 6 new dwellings all infrastructure and landscaping.
5 Doubletrees
St Blazey
APPROVED

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Land Northeast of 87 Station Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

- PA23/08309 Application for consent to Display an Advertisement namely the siting of two internally illuminated LED signboards (displaying static images).
Cornish Market World
Stadium Retail Park
Par Moor Road
St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA23/09102 Demolition of existing flat roof porch and replacement with a flat roof extension to form a new porch and utility room.
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St Blazey
APPROVED
- PA23/06129 Change of use of land to 1. No Gypsy/Traveller pitch comprising of 1 no. touring caravan, and the residential use of those caravans, 1 x Day Room, 1 x Secure Storage Container, retention of existing hard standing and associated works (part retrospective).
Land at Biscovey Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

2311/18 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The toilets are being cleaned Monday to Friday.

Alexander Hall

Bookings have improved slightly.

St Blazey Community Rooms

The rooms continue to be used but bookings could be improved.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings are up.

2311/19 **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 – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Trail Blazer Park – Trailblazer Park improvement funding application is with Cornwall Council; the Clerk will be having a team's meeting with CC on Tuesday.

2311/20 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	600.00
Interest	67.45
High Deposit Int	130.21
JA Hire	890.00
C/R Hire	108.00

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1,795.66

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	1710.57
Wardens Wage	845.20
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	132.47
HMRC	753.37
CC (Pen)	604.46
Warden Wage	1040.00
Insurance	306.13
Fountain Elec	44.66
Wardens Equip	456.15
Fountain Water	14.18
IconWeb	220.00
In2Playgrounds	144.84
Kernow Youth	2500.00
Snowland Emb	47.50
CALC	57.99
Earl Haig	250.00
Good Citizen	11.29
Xmas Trees	140.00
Xmas Lights	19.99
SLCC	10.00
Admin	2.99
Carol Concert Ref	37.90
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.75
Corona (Gas)	77.01
Corona (Elec)	65.78
Cleaners Wage	19.20
Cleaning Mats	6.00
<u>PC</u>	
Electric	
Locking	40.00
Water	172.70
Cleaning Materials	15.60
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	109.00
Water	54.17
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Cleaning Mats	50.45
Electric	112.76
Car park/drain	92.05
Water	25.60

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10,292.57

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2311/21 **TOWN BUSINESS**

No further business.

2311/22 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.