

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
25th January 2024**

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

C Parrock, R Taylor &, F Wearne

In attendance: Town Clerk
Mike Collings.
Alex Riddle

Before the meeting began Mr Riddle told the council about parking problems in Trenythron Road, the Councillors said that there was little they could do but would write asking the residents to be aware and leave room for emergency vehicles.

2401/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Brock, Pearce, Simms and Williams.

2401/02 **MINUTES**

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

2401/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2401/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 30th NOVEMBER 2023**

2311/16 At the meeting on November 30th final preparations were agreed for the Carol Concert. The Concert went very well and the Councillors agreed that the Clerk should rebook for next year.

2401/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All usual duties are up to date and re-painting of the Town furniture is complete except for the seat opposite the Packhorse. We put the Christmas Trees up at the beginning of December but unfortunately some of the lights stopped working at St

Blazey Church so we had to do emergency repairs but as the tree was up we could not re-do the star.

Cornwall Council did put some salt in the salt bins but did not fill them so extra salt was added at the beginning of December. The bins still have an adequate amount of salt in them.

We have filled the potholes in Station Road Car park but holes reappear often so are keeping an eye on them. We have cleaned the steps from Middleway to Treryn Close and the steps at the Mount.

The Tommy Statues are stored at the back of St Blazey Church, the church is having a problem with undesirables of an evening but we have planters which they will be fixed into and placed next to the war memorial shortly.

The seat at the end of Station Road was vandalised but this has now been repaired.

The toilet roll holder in the men's toilets in the Station Road public toilet has been vandalised and repaired again.

The van has had its MOT and passed but a new tyre had to be purchased.

We have had more tree damage due to severe weather at King Edward Gardens but we have cut and cleared them.

There was a broken gate on the footpath at Carvear Moor, we have replaced this with a good second hand one.

The Warden left the meeting.

Councillors discussed the Wardens pay rate and agreed to pay him an additional 30p per hour.

2401/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Happy New Year to you all.

Just before Christmas I had a walkabout with the Environment Agency looking at the river behind Co-op. It is appalling that residents think so little of where they live that they dump their household items in it. Bottles, cans, food packaging, road cones and bikes were also rotting away there. I am going to see if we can get funding and volunteers together and put a plan in place to clean up the area and may even be to put seating in the area which is lovely and could be such a great asset to the community, watch this space.

St Blazey Recycle had 127 children visit their grotto and we had great reviews. The children were all well behaved and excited, it was a joy to be part of. Five families also benefitted from a large hamper of food which included their Christmas dinner. Heartfelt thanks to all the customers who bought raffle tickets to facilitate it.

I had an on-site meeting with CC officers at Bull Engine Park. I am hopeful that we are moving to a suitable resolution for all. There might be an opportunity to incorporate a community orchard, helping to landscape the area and provide fruit for local people. I emphasise that no decision will be made without consulting those affected. I do not want phone or e-mails complaining at this stage before a way forward is considered viable.

I am pleased to say MPower Kernow's SPF application has gone from EOI to full application. This initiative could give youngsters an opportunity of an engineering apprenticeship and a well-paid job.

Many of you will be aware that there was a landslip behind what was the Cornish Arms. Cornwall Council sent the fire brigade to ensure that there was no further danger to the residents. The road above is affected and alternative refuse solutions have been arranged. The road is private and residents will need to work with their insurance companies to reach a conclusion.

2401/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No Updates

2401/08 **GDPR COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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

2401/09 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

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

Community Event

No further progress.

Councillors Surgery.

The Surgery on February 3rd will be hosted by Councillors Parrock and Brock.

2401/10 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 66.58% of incoming vehicles, up from 64.93% are above the speed limit and 77.837% down from 77.97% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk attended the Cornwall Society of Local Council Clerks meeting on December 14th. NALC will be amending the Clerks Contract and training will be available before implementation. Government have been asked if Town and Parish Councils could hold virtual meetings but this has been rejected.

Training will be available for civility and respect; Cornwall has a problem with Councillors not treating Clerks as they should and vice-versa. Precepts in Cornwall have risen on an average of 300% since 2009.

CALC are having difficulties getting information from Cornwall Council who are being difficult over devolution. It is also thought that Cornwall Council who are the gatekeepers for funding are not being as helpful as they could be.

A new Clerks Contract is being written which we can or cannot move to.

St Blazey church clock face is in a bad state of dis-repair, the Church have received a quote for £6035 plus vat. The Council will talk to the Church about fund raising.

Cornish Connection Barbershop Harmony Chorus have written offering their service.

CALC have provided a Cornwall Council election calculator for the 2025 elections, unfortunately it does not work.

Openreach are building ultrafast fibre to the premise networks in the Par telephone exchange area. To enable the premises around and including the Burrows Centre they would like to build a small underground jointing chamber on the existing BT duct which is on land owned by the Town Council. As it is private land, they need a wayleave agreeing to proceed as it would provide fibre availability to third parties as well as The Burrows Centre. The Councillors agreed to this.

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

Location: St Andrews Road, PAR

Timing: 9th January 2024 to 10th January 2024 (22:00 to 06:00)

Notified 25/12/23 E-m 3/1/2024.

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

Location: A390 Bridge Street to Porcupine, Par

Timing: 10th January 2024 to 11th January 2024 (22:00 to 06:00)

Notified 25/12/24 E-m 3/1/2024.

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

Location: Pennys Lane, Par

Timing: 18th January 2024 (07:30 to 17:00)

Notified 18/1/24 E-m 18/1/2024.

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

Location: Footpath Par Lane to Old Roselyon Road, PAR

Timing: 4th March 2024 to 12th April 2024 (24 hours)

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

Location: Footway at rear of Aberdeen Close, St Blazey

Timing: 29th April 2024 to 7th June 2024 (24 hours)

Network Rail will be undertaking maintenance work at the Ponds Vale/Ponds Mill Viaduct and therefore the permissive footpath will be closed from 26th February to 28th February.

2401/11 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA23/09698 | Application for Non-Material amendment to PA21/08882 for demolition of former Roselyon Trust School buildings and construction of residential development and associated infrastructure, namely 1) Aesthetic improvements to fenestration and materials.
Former Old Roselyon School
Roselyon Gardens
St Blazey |
| PA23/08407 | Car porch/garage in Rosehill House
Rosehill House
Middleway
St Blazey |
| PA23/09454 | Two storey extension to provide office accommodation for the existing garage
Land Southwest of Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate |
| PA23/09839 | Development of former Imerys site with erection of two buildings to accommodate 10 Commercial Units (E, B2 and B8 use), repositioning of access, provision of access road, pedestrian access and associated landscaping works.
Pentruff Dry
Par Moor Road
Par |

PA23/10379	Single storey extension to front of property. 15 Doubletrees St Blazey
Results Received	
PA23/09454	Two storey extension to provide office accommodation for the existing garage Land Southwest of Biscovey Garage St Austell Road St Blazey Gate APPROVED
PA23/08256	Change of use from commercial to residential two bedroomed flat. Dental Surgery Ground Floor, 97-99 Station Road St Blazey APPROVED

2401/12 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS and RENT REVIEW**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The men's toilets have been vandalised and repaired again.

Alexander Hall

Mike repaired the office door lock at Alexander Hall as when the Clerk returned from the Christmas break, she could not get in the office. The building electrical test has been conducted.

St Blazey Community Rooms

No updates.

June Anderson Hall

No updates.

Councillors discussed the rent on the buildings which have not increased since April 2020, Councillor Nethercott proposed an increase for Alexander Hall and June Anderson Hall to £45 per session, Councillor Anderson Seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2401/13 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. Strimming has begun as the grass has started growing already.

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. Strimming has begun as the grass has started growing already.

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. Strimming has begun as the grass has started growing already.

Trail Blazer Park – A lot of tree growth has been cut back and we are suffering vandalism again. Mike is finding broken glass and rubbish strewn everywhere. Trailblazer Park improvement funding application is with Contract Finder.

The Clerk is working on the funding bid for levelling up money for improvements to Trailblazer Park

2401/14 ACCOUNTS

December

Payments Received

Hall Hire	460.00
Interest	69.70
High Deposit Int	140.26
JA Hire	1020.00
C/R Hire	48.00

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	2323.20
Wardens Wage	845.20
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	65.00
HMRC	982.09
CC (Pen)	604.46
Warden Wage	1040.00
Insurance	306.13
Wardens Equip	39.99
Carol Concert Ref	9.50
MCB	300.00
DVLA	320.00
Tyre	69.98
MOT	40.00
Xmas Lights	28.78
Tommy Statues	59.98
Members All	1495.00
Stationery	179.44
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.75
Corona (Gas)	103.70
SWW	45.50
Cleaners Wage	24.94
Chubb Alarm	149.93
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	50.00
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	
Business Rates	109.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	

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1,737.96

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9,248.88

January 24**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	520.00
Interest	63.24
High Deposit Int	145.08
JA Hire	300.00
C/R Hire	84.00
LMP	492.34
J Foye	100.00

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	1803.03
Wardens Wage	603.66
Broadband	40.31
UK Fuels	108.00
HMRC	1210.69
CC (Pen)	859.06
Warden Wage	1040.00
Insurance	306.13
Fountain Elec	98.17
Scribe	673.92
CALC	36.00
CC	42.00
Corserv	179.89
<u>AH</u>	
Chubb (parts)	16.79
Corona (Gas)	174.70
Corona (Elec)	148.35
SWW	45.50
Cleaners Wage	14.40
All Connections	545.40
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	40.00
Cleaning Materials	3.50
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	109.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	204.42
Cleaning Mats	25.83

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2401/15 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Wearne told the Council that residents around Churchfield Place had concerns about the icy roads in Churchfield Place, the area will be looked at.

2401/16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 29th February 2024 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.