

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Present**

Mayor – Tony Nethercott  
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

**Councillors**

K Simms, R Taylor, C Parrock & S Burt.

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Community Warden  
Gwilym Chisman  
Kate Chisman  
Councillor Pauline Giles

2408/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors F Wearne and C Williams.

2408/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2408/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2408/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JULY  
2024**

2408/13 Signage prohibiting motorbikes have been installed at Polgover Way Play Area.

2408/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. We continue working on kerb side weed treatment. We have started cleaning the bus shelters.

2408/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

The saga of the attenuation pond at the back of Aberdeen Close rumbles on. Understandably the residents adjacent to the area are annoyed that after two years the project has still not been completed and the fencing remains. I have followed this up again but still not received a reply from StARR which is extremely frustrating.

The Cormac manager and I took a walkabout a few weeks ago to highlight issues within this division. Top of my requests is the path running behind Biscovey School which I would like to have more hardcore put in again before the children return to school as this is used by many of the students and was under-water for much of last year. Cormac have agreed to do this as soon as possible.

There is a tree between Wilson Way and Trevarweneth which is over hanging badly and Cormac have agreed to contact the social housing provider to request a cut back, Cormac also attended and cut the grass area. I highlighted the overgrowth of the hedges on St Marys Road and Biscovey Road and requested a quote, this has been added to a schedule.

We visited Doubletrees and the central reservation for cars turning into Doubletrees school and the houses is not the size prior to the road being re-tarmacked. Cormac have come a re-marked the road. I have also requested a rough surface each side of the Doubletrees crossing which will make it disability friendly and has been added to the list to be completed.

I asked for a continuation of the footpath in Middleway from the bus shelter to the doctor's surgery. There is little point in having a crossing and then pedestrians having to walk in either mud or in the road. This is being looked at and a plan put together.

We went to Prideaux Road to look at a thorn in my side due to the complaints I receive about potholes. It was agreed that there needed to be a closure and investigation, which will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.30am to 6.00pm, as it looks like there is a Spring and a blocked leat. I am hopeful that after the investigation the problem with the road will be fixed and there will be no more potholes.

We discussed the triangle of land opposite Aberdeen Close where a seat could be sited. The manager as offered to put a proposal together which would allow the Town Council to adopt the land. The Town Council would then be responsible for the area and could place a seat there if they so wished.

You will have seen the planning application where the developers have applied to modify the S106 agreement amending the Affordable Housing Contribution saving them £500,000. They are claiming that the original proposal is no longer viable due to the increase in building costs. I am not happy about this and have spoken to the planning department at Cornwall Council and requested they keep me informed before a decision is made. This behaviour is happening all over Cornwall and I believe either the applicant pays the affordable housing levy up front which is then held in bond or if they state later, they find this unaffordable the planning approval should be rescinded.

I am sure you are all aware of the drama and resulting closure of St Blazey Recycle with just 14 days' notice given which has been extremely stressful. We all worked hard to ensure that it happened on time. I am hopeful that the new planning application at Westgate Park will be passed and allow us to set up again in St Blazey.

I have been humbled by the support we have received from residents near and far who recognise it is more than just a charity shop. It is a community hub where people can go and feel safe, have a chat with no obligation to spend anything. Fingers crossed we are up and running soon.

Finally, anybody with a Cornwall Council related problem can contact me by e-mail. [cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk). Using social media to project hearsay and make unwarranted personal comments about me is unacceptable. I have always been easily approachable. Please use the proper channels to contact me so that I can log your complaint for my records. Sad that it has come to this but that's what Facebook has done.

#### 2408/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

PL24 have kindly agreed three seats to St Blazey to be sited at the green on Old Roselyon Crescent. We seem to have to jump through many hoops to be allowed to do this.

#### 2408/08 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT CO-OPTION POLICY**

The Clerk distributed a co-option policy for St Blaise Town Council. Councillor Taylor proposed that the document be adopted, Councillor Anderson seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

#### 2408/09 **COUNCIL TO DISCUSS ST BLAZEY CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL AND CLOCK**

Councillor Parrock has contacted the war memorial trust who are trying to find out who the custodians are. If nobody is found then either the church or town council can take over the responsibility. Councillor Burt proposed that the Town Council take over custodianship, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal. All the Councillors were in favour and so it was RESOLVED.

Gwilym and Kate Chisman, the Church warden and Secretary were in attendance and asked how the Town Council could help with the repairs to the clock. It was explained that the church could apply to many places for funding but the Town Council are limited. Gwilym said he would like to set up a St Blazey church Clock trust fund and the Council said they would help where they could.

Gwilym also offered to help with the War Memorial.

#### 2408/10 **REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

The clerk had distributed the Business Continuity Plan. Councillor R Taylor proposed that the current document be accepted without change, Councillor C Parrock seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2408/11 **TO CONSIDER DONATION'S****CITIZENS ADVICE CORNWALL**

Citizens Advice Cornwall have asked for a donation to extend their services. Councillor Nethercott proposed a donation of £200, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

**CHESTNUT APPEAL**

The Chestnut Appeal have asked for a donation to extend their services to assist with men's health in Cornwall. Councillor Anderson proposed a donation of £200, Councillor Burt seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2408/12 **PROJECT LIST****Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk has made progress with the current document.

**Community Event**

The next event will be the official opening of the new Trail Blazer Park of which installation begins 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**Councillors Surgery.**

Councillors Anderson and Simms hosted on August 3rd. Councillors Nethercott and Taylor will host on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

2408/13 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 67.77% of incoming vehicles, up from 66% are above the speed limit and 76.37% down from 79.09% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk has received various e-mails from Caroline Stephenson representing the Luxulyan Valley Partnership inviting St Blaise Town Councillors to a public session "Gateway to the Valley" to be held at Alexander Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Location: Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (24 hours)

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

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey

Timing: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

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

Location: Pennys Lane, St Blazey

Timing: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (24 hours)

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

Location: St Marys Road, St Blazey

Timing: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (07:30 to 17:00)

2408/14 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been four Planning Applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to three of them.

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| PA24/06243 | Proposed Extension to Create Ground Floor Wet Room.<br>Old Roselyon Road<br>St Blazey  |
| PA24/06147 | Construction of 26,250sq ft of space consisting of 15 units (classes B1, B2, B8) with ancillary trade counter sales and associated infrastructure and parking without compliance with conditions 5 and 9 in relation to decision notice C2/06/00830 dated 24.7.2006.<br>Westgate business Park<br>Middleway<br>St Blazey |
| PA24/06280 | Demolition of an existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and construction of 2 no replacement dwellings and 6 new dwellings all infrastructure without compliance with conditions 3 and 4 of decision notice PA23/04914 dated 1/12/2023.<br>5 Doubletrees<br>St Blazey  |

It was RESOLVED to object to:

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| PA24/06208 | Deed of Modification to S106 agreement dated 20.9.22 amending Affordable Housing Contribution for development of Former Roselyon School Trust, St Blazey Road.<br>Former Roselyon School<br>Roselyon Gardens<br>Middleway<br>St Blazey |
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## Results Received

- PA24/04931 Works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (TPO), works to include 2 x large beach trees to be reduced and thinned, 7 x medium sycamore trees to be removed, 1 x yew tree to be removed 3 x ash trees showing signs of die back to be removed 2 x Scots pine to be removed 1 is heavily damaged due to large limbs being snapped off.  
Former Roselyon School  
Roselyon Gardens  
Middleway  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA24/04959 Proposed external works comprising conservatory extension (retrospective); new external lounge door (retrospective); home office (retrospective), privacy screen fencing (retrospective) replacement garden shed and pergola.  
53 Aberdeen Close  
St Blazey  
APPROVED
- PA24/06280 Demolition of an existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and construction of 2 no replacement dwellings and 6 new dwellings all infrastructure without compliance with conditions 3 and 4 of decision notice PA23/04914 dated 1/12/2023.  
5 Doubletrees  
St Blazey  
WITHDRAWN

2408/15 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS****St Blazey Public Toilets -**

Cleaned daily. We have replaced the lock on the men's toilet cubicle.

**Alexander Hall**

Pat Testing has been completed.

**St Blazey Community Rooms**

Pat Testing has been completed.

**June Anderson Hall**

Pat Testing has been completed.

2408/16 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections & ground maintenance is up to date. We have had to clear some graffiti from the multi-play-unit.

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. We have finished the sensory garden in Polgover Play Area. The wet pour has been repaired under the swings. Signage prohibiting motorbikes have been installed.

Trail Blazer Park –Play inspections and ground maintenance is up to date. We continue to suffer from acts of vandalism. The safety surface under the tyre swing has been lifted and repaired.

The Clerk is still hoping to hire the Polgrean Community Space to have an open event with the residents of Polgrean and Landreath to discuss the park.

King Edward Gardens – Ground maintenance is up to date. Many new plants have been installed in King Edward Gardens and will flower in the spring.

The annual play inspections on all parks have been completed.

2408/17 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Hire	AH	855.00
Interest		61.01
High Deposit Int		168.70
JA Hire		1187.50
C/R Hire		156.00

**Expenditure**

Clerks Sal	1827.36
Wardens Wage	1904.16
Broadband	41.28
UK Fuels	86.00
HMRC	771.48
CC (Pen)	780.19
Insurance	309.86
Warden Equi	192.99
Wardens phone	101.20
Trailblazer	
Stationery	
Foun Water	40.43
Foun Elec	225.54
Tree Surgeon	
Par Comp Rep	80.00
Polgover Play	134.20
Polgover Signs	372.00
Postage	17.60
ICO	35.00
Cormac	430.13
R Heyward	650.00
<u>AH</u>	
Water	45.50

	Chubb (parts)	17.90
	Corona (electric)	348.26
	SSE (Gas)	107.92
	Cleaners Wage	36.93
	Cleaning Mats	9.00
	PAT Test	24.00
	PPL/PRS	176.94
	<u>PC</u>	
	Locking	50.00
	Water	153.83
	Hygiene	111.93
	<u>Community Rooms</u>	
	Water	131.13
	Business Rates	112.00
	PAT Test	6.00
	<u>JA Hall</u>	
	Electricity	545.77
	PAT Test	6.00
	Water	57.06
	Cleaning Mats	41.20
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	2,428.21	9,980.79

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 2408/18 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Parrock requested that the footpath from Middleway to Treryn Close be looked at as pedestrians were not easily able to pass. The Clerk replied that the footpath was the responsibility of Cornwall Council but would instruct the Wardens to ensure it is walkable.

Councillor Burt requested that the footpath from Polgover to Roselyon Road be looked at as pedestrians were not easily able to pass. The Clerk replied that the footpath was the responsibility of Cornwall Council but would instruct the Wardens to ensure it is walkable.

Councillor Anderson asked that the Clerk contact Ocean to arrange a visit to the new Polgrean flats.

**PART TWO- ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC** as per Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) ACT 1960.

#### 2408/19 **CO-OPTION OF A NEW TOWN COUNCILLOR**

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.



2. Co-option of a Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Anthony Billings to the Town Council.

2408/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.