

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
31st October 2024

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott
 Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

A Billings, S Burt, K Simms, C Williams, C Parrock & R Taylor.

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Community Warden
 Councillor Pauline Giles

Before the meeting began Mr Anthony Troon asked if St Blaise Town Council could do anything about the speeding traffic in St Blazey Road. He was shown correspondence received from Cormac informing us of that dragons’ teeth and “SLOW” road markings along with a Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign was to be installed. When planning permission was granted for the new housing development a planning condition for these improvements was included.

2410/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors F Wearne and A Pearce.

2410/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th September 2024 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2410/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2410/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2024**

2408/09 The Clerk has contacted the Church Diocese again so the adoption of the War Memorial can proceed however the person dealing with this is currently on Annual Leave.

2410/20 The Clerk has received a reply from the Police regarding speed checks and been told. “We appreciate the need for speed checks in the areas of Par Lane , Station Road and Middleway but it is no longer a case of just turning up with a hand held speed gun to carry out the checks , the locations need assessing for safety of all officers , which needs to be carried out by an authorised officer” .

“I will try contacting the speed enforcement team on your behalf if possible and ask if the areas you refer to can be considered for enforcement”.

The Clerk wrote to Highways asking if mirrors could be installed in Middleway opposite Landreath Place and Old Roselyon Road due to visibility being poor because of parked cars. The reply was that Highways do not generally authorise the use of mirrors on the highway. Mirrors can give a distorted view of the road and a misleading impression of the speed of approaching vehicles. In addition, mirrors can cause drivers to feel a sense of security when entering a road, to such an extent that due care may not be taken when completing the manoeuvre. Furthermore, they can present a hazard to a driver after dark when the sudden appearance of reflected headlights may cause a driver to take dangerous and unnecessary avoiding action.

2410/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN’S REPORT**

All work is up to date. We have consulted with the workers in Trailblazer on the days they have been on site. All the bus shelters have been cleaned. The fountain has been cleaned. We have cut the grass around the war memorial and removed all weeds.

2410/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

The resurfacing of the footpath adjacent to Biscovey School is underway, this will mean children will be able to use the path in the winter months as last year it was under water and often unusable.

Following numerous complaints at the speed of the traffic from the traffic lights upwards on Rosehill, a speed monitor has been installed. Time will tell whether it is speeding or perceived speed. Cormac did suggest a monitor like the one on Station Road, it might be something the Town Council would like to consider in the next financial year.

Has there been any replies from the legal investigations to allow a disabled gate (to replace the double gates) from the Town carpark into Westgate? I am happy to facilitate a survey with residents of Station Road if it helps show there is an appetite for the shortcut to the Co-Op during our opening hours.

Progression with the new premises for St Blazey Recycle is slower than expected and we find ourselves without premises for the free Grotto we do for local families who do not have the funds to pay to take their children to see Santa. I have booked a date with the Clerk to use Alexander Hall, and hope that you will support us by waiving the rental as this is a non-profit event for local residents. All the children get a gift and a new book financed from the funds St Blazey Recycle raise.

The Clerk was instructed to inform Councillor Giles that we would need to speak to the owner of Westgate before any decisions are made and legal costs incurred.

The Councillors decided that the hire of Alexander Hall on December 7th would be given at half price as other charities pay.

2410/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates.

2410/08 **APPOINTMENT OF CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUP**

Councillor Billings volunteered to be the co-ordinator and therefore the Emergency Planning Group will be informed.

2410/09 **WARDENS AND CLEANERS PAY AWARD**

The Clerk asked the Council if the Cleaners and Wardens hourly rate should be increased in line with the National Working Wage from the Living Wage Foundation increases from 1st November 2024. Mike Collings is currently paid 30p above the hourly rate and it was suggested this should be increased to 50p. Councillor Williams proposed that the Wardens wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2410/10 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor Tony Nethercott volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 10th November at 9.30 am. All Councillors were reminded that their attendance was required.

2410/11 **PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

The Clerk was given permission to purchase to Christmas Trees and pay for collection.

2410/12 **GOOD CITIZEN AWARD**

Two nominations for good citizen were given, after discussion it was agreed that Kathy Laity would receive the 2024 St Blaise Town Council Community Award.

2410/13 **REVIEW OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

The Clerk distributed the equality and diversity policy for St Blaise Town Council. Councillor Anderson proposed that the document be accepted without change, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2410/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning

The Clerk has not made any further progress within the last month.

Community Event

The next event will be the official opening of the new Trail Blazer Park once completed.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Billings and Williams hosted on October 5th. There were no visitors.

Councillors Parrock and Billings will host on November 2nd.

2410/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 67% of incoming vehicles, up from 64.62% are above the speed limit and 77.94% down from 79.24 of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk and Councillor Nethercott met with Mr Simon Stock to look at a site on Par Moor Road where he intends to install two storage units. His solicitor has sent plans and a design and access statement and said that they would be prepared to meet. Councillor Nethercott does not feel this is necessary as nothing will be seen from the road and does not affect anybody else.

Ocean Housing have written informing the Town Council of their plans to sell 45 Landreath Place. Proceeds from the sale will contribute towards investment into new affordable homes in Cornwall.

Citizens Advice Cornwall have written thanking the Town Council for the donation.

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council have written to the Town Council asking that we consider their Housing Manifesto and join them to call for change to Cornwall Council. The Councillors compared their Housing Manifesto with ours which is more up to date and has already been submitted to Cornwall Council.

The government is currently holding a consultation which would allow Councils to hold remote meetings (currently not allowed). The Clerk has forwarded details to each Councillor however the opinion of St Blaise Town Council is that actual meetings are the preferred choice for us.

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

Location: Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 17th October 2024 to 12th October 2024 (19:00 to 05:00 hours) E/M 9/10/24.

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

Location: Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 13th October 2024 to 13th October 2024 (24 hours)E/M 14/10/24.

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

Location: Middleway, St Blazey

Timing: 29th January 2025 to 31st January 2025 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

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

Location: Luxulyan Road, Par

Timing: 3rd March 2025 to 5th March 2025 (09:30 to 16:00 hours)

2410/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA24/06618 Proposed demolition of the existing dwelling attached garage and annexe, the erection of a replacement dwelling, a link attached double garage with accommodation over and the installation of a septic tank.

Liskey House
Tregrehan
Bodelva

PA24/07215 Ground Floor and first floor extension.

Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate

PA24/07309 Addition of single storey rear extension and front porch.

Barn 1
Biscovey Farm
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate

PA24/07442 Widen width of dropped kerb to driveway. Increase dropped kerbs from 3 to 4.

Cadmus
Doubletrees
St Blazey

Update:

PA24/06674 Proposed 1 bedroomed bungalow

Land North of 2 Duke Street
Duke Street
St Blazey

This application has been made invalid.

Results Received

PA24/06483	Demolition of garage and construction of new double garage without compliance of condition 3 of decision notice PA18/05980 dated 3/8/2018. Garage rear of 45 Rose Hill 45 Rose Hill St Blazey APPROVED
PA24/07442	Widen width of dropped kerb to driveway. Increase dropped kerbs from 3 to 4. Cadmus Doubletrees St Blazey

2410/17 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets -

Cleaned daily.

Alexander Hall

One of the toilet roll holders has been replaced and the guttering has been cleaned. Damaged slates on the roof have been repaired.

St Blazey Community Rooms

The guttering has been cleaned and branches overhanging the car park have been cut back.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings are good. Some cracks have appeared, the Clerk will arrange repair.

2410/18 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date and equipment has been cleaned.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date. No driving on the grass signs have been installed.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. Some Ivy overhanging from a resident's property has been cut back as requested.

Trail Blazer Park – Very little work due to new equipment being installed and wet weather. We need to set up a Focus group with 30 members so the Clerk asked the Councillors to speak to their friends and neighbours to recruit volunteers. The Clerk asked for volunteers to meet with the funders on Friday 15th November at 10 am.

King Edward Gardens – Ground maintenance is up to date. Fox gloves and shrubs have been planted.

2410/19 **ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received

Hall Hire AH	665.00
Interest	50.80
High Deposit Int	157.34
JA Hire	1,037.50
CC CIL	5,244.46
CC Grant	44,921.70

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Expenditure

Clerks Sal	1827.36
Wardens Wage	1981.16
Broadband	41.28
UK Fuels	103.18
HMRC	787.90
CC (Pen)	632.75
Insurance	309.86
Stationery	29.15
Warden Equi	222.59
Foun Elec	148.46
James Hallam	329.56
St Austell GM	99.00
T Blazer	4.30
Wisdom Signs	352.80
Xmas Lights	11.82
<u>AH</u>	
Water	114.50
Chubb (parts)	17.90
Chubb	223.19
Corona (electric)	104.45
SSE (Gas)	34.52
Cleaners Wage	19.20
Repair	51.32
Window Cleaning	56.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	50.00
Repair	
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	112.00
Water	72.41
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electricity	96.79
Cleaning Mats	5.99

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7,839.44

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

Fourways have sent the figures for Kernow Youth and the Councillors agreed to make their 2024/25 donation. It appears the structure of the Youth Club has changed and the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting as the donation was agreed with Fourways.

Lloyds Bank have written informing us that our bank account would be changing to a Community Account on January 14th 2025.

2410/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Parrock told the Council that he now had two vastly different quotes for remedial work to the War Memorial and was anxious that permission for the work be granted.

Councillor Parrock asked if St Blazey Feast and Fete could use King Edward Gardens on February 3rd. Permission was given.

Councillor Anderson told the Council that Truro Festival of Lights would attend the Feast Celebrations on February 3rd in King Edward Gardens. Councillor Anderson also told the Councillors that there was a suggestion that Fire Eaters and Stilt Walkers be part of the celebration. Councillors made it clear that they had no problem with stilt walkers but Fire Eaters would not be allowed in the Gardens.

Councillor Anderson told the Council how annoyed she was getting when areas in St Blazey are referred to as Par or St Austell. This problem is because Par is split between Par and Tywardreath parish areas and the St Blaise area. Some residents believe they are in Par or St Austell when they actually live in St Blazey.

2410/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 28th November 2024 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.06 pm.