

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
26th September 2024**

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – J Anderson

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden
Councillor Pauline Giles

Before the meeting began Councillor Nethercott welcomed new Councillor Anthony Billings.

2409/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors F Wearne and R Taylor.

2409/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th August 2024 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2409/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2409/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY
2024**

2408/06 The delay of the attenuation pond at the back of Aberdeen Close has been caused by the Football Clubs Solicitor losing the file during their office move.

2408/09 The Clerk has contacted the Church Diocese so the adoption of the War Memorial can proceed.

2408/16 The consultation event for Trailblazer Park at Polgrean Community Centre was held on 18th September.

2409/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. We have consulted with the workers in Trailblazer daily. All Local Maintenance Footpath work has been completed. We have had to replace the

wood on three of the Town council seats and re-painted them. We have re-hung the gate at the Mount footpath.

In addition to our work, we have cut the footpath adjacent to Par Lane from Manor View to the crossing near Penarwyn. We have cut back the steps from Treryn Close to Middleway, the steps up to the Field Old Roselyon Crescent and the field walking area. We have cut back the pavement near the entrance to the cricket club, this was so overgrown the post box could not be used. We have trimmed back the highway overgrowth at the Mount.

2409/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

I have fielded complaints from residents who have contacted the waste department for replacement waste containers. If you have made a report and have a case number, you are in the queue. Please do not report again and generate another case number as the system then becomes clogged. One resident gave me 5 case numbers.

Regarding planning application PA24/06208 at the former Roselyon School where the developers have applied to modify the S106 agreement, I am in regular contact with the officer in charge of the case. I have stated plainly this must not be decided by officers without my input. I have been assured that I will be contacted before a decision is made and should it go to committee, I will speak against the proposal.

Sadly, missed the Polgrean flats viewing on September 11th due to a hospital visit. I have helped one of the new residents to obtain some furniture and he has invited me to have a viewing next week. It will be good to speak to him about his experience through the Home Choice system and his thoughts of his new flat that I will then relay to Ocean.

At the Full Council meeting of Cornwall Council held on Tuesday it was resolved to write to the government to request a reversal of the winter fuel payment decision. Many of Cornwall's elderly live in older, poorly insulated, damp properties exasperated by our damp climate and proximity to the sea.

In Cornwall approximately 119,600 pensioners will be affected meaning 80% of pensioners currently eligible will no longer be able to claim. The energy price cap is due to rise by 10% next month combined with the removal of the winter fuel payment, this will push thousands of our elderly into fuel poverty.

Anyone concerned about how they or anyone they know will be affected and how they will cope can contact me cllrpauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk and I will do my best to help. We also resolved to ask that further cuts will not involve pensioners benefits and will not take away bus passes, free prescriptions or TV licenses from our most vulnerable.

2409/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

See Wardens additional work.

2409/08 **COUNCIL TO REVIEW the RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY**

The Clerk distributed the retention of records 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.

2409/09 **COUNCIL TO REVIEW the PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Clerk distributed the publication scheme for St Blaise Town Council but suggested it should be changed to include the website and social media. Councillor Anderson proposed that the document be accepted with change, Councillor Parrock seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2409/10 **COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE 2024 DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Burt proposed a donation of £300 to the 2024 Appeal, Councillor Parrock seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2409/11 **COUNCIL TO DECIDE the 2024 CAROL CONCERT READERS**

The Councillors discussed this and decided that new Councillors Billings and Burt would do a reading and Councillor Williams volunteered for the third reading.

2409/12 **GDPR COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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

2409/13 **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 Taylor and Nethercott hosted on September 7th. Four complaints were received. Grass Cutting which the Wardens have dealt with which was due to Cormac not giving the attention needed. The loss of the post box at the Mount which is due to damage, the post office has been written to asking when it will be replaced. 20 MPH speed restrictions needed however will be introduced in residential areas by Highways. A speed restriction or prohibition HGV's requested which has been passed to Highways.

Councillors Parrock, Billings and Williams will host on October 5th.

2409/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.62% of incoming vehicles, down from 67.77% are above the speed limit and 79.24% up from 76.37% of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk and Councillor Nethercott attended a Teams meeting with Cornwall Council on September 16th regarding health and Leisure. Due to lack of funding Public Leisure Facilities are not providing an acceptable service, for example children are not receiving swimming lessons and as a result 31% of 12-year-olds cannot swim.

There are to be out and about events across the County and it is hoped the Community Interest Companies will be set up to run Leisure provisions.

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

Location: Harbour Road, Par

Timing: 18th January 2025 to 19th January 2025 (22:00 to 08:00 hours)

2409/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

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| PA24/06483 | 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 |
| PA24/07029 | Demolition of former Roselyon Trust School buildings
And construction of residential development and associated infrastructure without complying with condition 2 of decision notice PA21/08882 dated 3/10/22.
Roselyon Trust School
Roselyon Gardens
St Blazey
Cornwall |
| PA24/06712 | Proposed En-suite domestic extension to existing bungalow.
Farthings
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate |

It was RESOLVED to object to:

PA24/06674 Proposed 1 bedroomed bungalow
Land North of 2 Duke Street
Duke Street
St Blazey

Over development of site, insufficient access, unstable ground.

Results Received

PA24/06712 Proposed En-suite domestic extension to existing bungalow.
Farthings
Biscovey Road
St Blazey Gate
APPROVED

PA24/06243 Proposed Extension to Create Ground Floor Wet Room.
Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

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.
Westgate business Park
Middleway
St Blazey
APPROVED

2409/16 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

Cleaned daily. We have replaced one of the toilet seats in one of the ladies' cubicles.

Alexander Hall

Bookings could be improved.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Still awaiting Police return.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings are good.

2409/17 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

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

Penarwyn Green – Play inspections & ground maintenance are up to date. We are concerned about the safety of children as cars are driving on the green. Councillors decided that No driving on the grass signs should be installed.

Polgover Way – Play inspections and ground maintenance are up to date. We have been asked by a resident of Polgover to cut back some Ivy overhanging his garden and this will be done when the weather allows.

Trail Blazer Park – No work completed due to new equipment being installed.

King Edward Gardens – Ground maintenance is up to date. A new light has been ordered.

2409/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	AH	395.00
Interest		52.44
High Deposit Int		154.92
JA Hire		745.00
Precept		61,000.00

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	1827.36
Wardens Wage	1865.96
Broadband	41.28
UK Fuels	126.01
HMRC	807.08
CC (Pen)	485.31
Insurance	309.86
Warden Equi	81.93
Microsoft	59.99
Van Repair	625.61
Foun Elec	48.54
Polgover Play	64.21
Outdoor Play	29947.80
Donations	400.00
Town Maint	41.98
TBP	20.00
<u>AH</u>	
Water	114.50
Chubb (parts)	17.90
Corona (electric)	92.28
SSE (Gas)	93.92
Cleaners Wage	19.20
Cleaning Mats	57.79
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	50.00
Repair	17.99
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	112.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electricity	83.06

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

The Clerk asked if she could apply for a paying in card as payments in Post Offices are delayed due to the use of a paying in book. Permission was granted. The Clerk asked if we should renew our Cyber Insurance and this was agreed.

2409/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Pearce asked if the Police Recruitment Strategy had been received. It has not and so will be chased.

Councillor Burt attended the Luxulyan Valley Partnership meeting on September 25th and reported:-

1. Removal of the current partnership working groups, an EGM is to be held when new working groups will be formed and the Terms of Reference will be updated.
2. The Friends of the Luxulyan Valley partnership will be holding an open day on November 16th at Luxulyan Village Hall 2pm to 5pm and stall holders are invited.
3. The damaged bridge into the valley is to be a Cornwall Council priority.
4. Future meetings will be moved around to other parishes.

Councillor Billings said that he was extremely distressed by the figures from the speed camera in Station Road. A general discussion about speeding took place and it was agreed to write to the Police and ask when we would have the speed checks. We were promised these for Station Road, Par Lane and Middleway especially as these had been conducted in neighbouring parishes.

It was agreed that in our next Newsletter and the PL24 magazine information would be given to explain that St Blaise Town Council has no say in speed control as this was down to Highways and the Police. Volunteers for Speed Watch would be asked for and Councillor Pearce would hold training sessions.

The Clerk was instructed to write 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.

2409/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 31st October 2024 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.01 pm.