

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
27th March 2025**

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – June Anderson

Councillors

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

In attendance: Town Clerk
Duncan Mitchell
Portia Coulthard

2503/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors S Burt and F Wearne.

2503/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th February 2025 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2503/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2503/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY
2025**

2502/11 The new Trailblazer Park was officially opened on Sunday 23rd March and was an enormous success with well over 100 attendees.

2503/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date.
Since the fountain was cleaned and the new pump fitted, I have ensured the water levels have been kept up. I have made more repairs at the War Memorial and have prepared the flower beds for planting this year.

2503/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

No report received.

2503/07 **M POWER PRESENTATION**

Duncan Mitchell told how MPower can help fill the gaps in the education bridge between society and industry offering practical training. MPower is based alongside the St Blazey Roundhouse and is offering education, training and practical skills to local youths including those not in education, employment and training.

They are working with many local organisations and national companies delivering training in many areas of engineering and hope to launch SC41 (Skills for Cornish Industry) in September 25. They celebrate Neuro Diversity with the use of visual, auditory and kinaesthetic learning which helps those with Dyslexia, Autism, Dyspraxia and ADHD.

To date they have re-opened the Train Turntable which has been visited by the Flying Scotsman and received the National Railway Heritage Trust Award in 2024.

St Blaise Town Councillors thanked Duncan for the work he has done so far and all the best for MPower's future and said how great that this was happening on our doorstep in the middle of Cornwall.

2503/08 **KERNOW YOUTH PRESENTATION**

Some years ago, St Blaise Town Council agreed to give Fourways Youth Club an Annual Donation. Councillors have learned that Fourways no longer exist. Portia Coultard explained that Kernow Youth have replaced Fourways but are still offering the same opportunities in St Blazey.

Portia will go back to the Directors of Fourways and ask them to provide an explanation and statement so that St Blaise Town Council can decide to continue to support Kernow Youth.

2503/09 **TO CONSIDER THE CLERKS PAID HOURS**

During the Clerks appraisal it became apparent that more hours are worked than paid, Councillor Nethercott proposed that the Clerks hours be increased to 28, seconded by Councillor Simms. All the Councillors agreed and so it wavs RESOLVED.

2503/10 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

The warden has cleared the road drain / grills in Harbour Road and Penny's Lane during the heavy storms and he has cleared the soil around the gate at Carvear Moor so it is now usable again.

2503/11 **TO CONSIDER ADOPTING & CHANGING THE PURPOSE OF STATION ROAD TELEPHONE BOX**

St Blaise Town Council have been approached regarding the closure of the telephone box at the end of Station Road. The Councillors discussed adopting it and putting a defibrillator in it. Further discussion took place and it was agreed that placing a blood

spill pack inside would also be a good idea. The Clerk was instructed to begin the adoption process.

2503/12 **ST BLAZEY WAR MEMORIAL**

Councillor Parrock gave the Council a quote from Kerrow Moor Memorials for £420 for the renovation of the War Memorial which is much more reasonable than our other quotes. Councillor Nethercott proposed to accept the quote, seconded by Councillor Parrock, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2503/13 **GDPR UPDATE**

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

2503/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Neighbourhood Planning/ Neighbourhood Priority Statements

The Clerk is waiting to hear further details regarding Neighbourhood Priority Statements.

Community Event

The next event will be the commemoration of VJ day which is 15th August but the event will be held in King Edward Gardens on Sunday 17th August 2025.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Wearne and Billings hosted on March 1st. No visitors. Councillors Nethercott and Anderson will host on April 5th.

2503/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 65.34 % of incoming vehicles, down from 67.35 % are above the speed limit and 79.50 % up from 79.16 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

The Clerk told the Councillors that she had received the quote for the footpath between Fore Street and the Lawn and will speak to the resident shortly.

The Clerk read a letter from a diving instructor who is trying to help children and young adults to improve their mental health and general wellbeing. It is a local group called Sunshine and Showers.

Councillor Billings has finished an updated Emergency Plan which has been distributed.

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

Location: New Road, St Blazey

Timing: 9th June 2025 to 27th June 2025 (24 hours)

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

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey

Timing: 30th June 2025 to 18th July 2025 (19:00 to 07:00 hours weekdays only)

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

Location: Road from Prideaux Road to Trenowah Road, Bodelva

Timing: 23rd July 2025 to 24th July 2025 (09:30 to 16:00 hours)

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

Location: Road from Luxulyan Road to Cornhill Road, St Blazey

Timing: 30th July 2025 to 5th August (24 hours)

2503/16 **PLANNING MATTERS**

No Planning Applications received.

Results Received

2503/17 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS****St Blazey Public Toilets -**

Cleaned daily and Mike cleared the blockage in the men's urinals.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings are good.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Electrical upgrades were be made 17th/18th March 2025.

Alexander Hall

The roof tiles have been repaired.

2503/18 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date. The warden had to clear a fly-tip and take the rubbish to the tip.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. The overgrowth on the neighbour's wall has been cut back and grass seed has been sown.

Trail Blazer Park – Councillors to meet on April 2nd at 10am to discuss where additional furniture and CCTV should be installed. Additional equipment will be paid for with CIL.

King Edward Gardens – Ground maintenance is up to date. Mike has had to spend quite a bit of time clearing up broken glass.

2503/19 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	AH	495.00
Interest		
High Deposit Int		
JA Hire		810.00
CLUP		44921.70
CR Hire		84.00

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	1875.66
Wardens Wage	1333.58
Broadband	41.28
UK Fuels	63.00
Insurance	309.86
HMRC	607.96
CC (Pen)	651.71
Assistant Ward	48.38
Wardens Uniform	47.99
Van Ins	653.60
Admin	13.80
Stationery	85.02
Good Citizen	7.98
Warden Equi	390.24
Donations	200.00
Polgover	520.00
Polgover Play Ins	40.00
Deeble Play Ins	45.00
Penarwyn Play Ins	60.00
Trailblazer Open	86.52
Trailblazer Cons	8.40
Trailblazer Bins	444.00
Bank charges	8.66
Clerks Travel	154.20
Xmas Tree	8.67
Trailblazer	1044.00
NP web-site	21.60
Megaphone	23.70
<u>AH</u>	
Water	114.50
Chubb (parts)	19.12
Electric	62.94
SSE (Gas)	217.69
Cleaners Wage	25.10
D & S Bldrs	130.00
<u>PC</u>	

Locking	50.00
Electric	39.46
Toilets drain	9.25
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
All Connections	2257.80
Electricity	118.52
Key Cutting	8.98
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electricity	133.79
Repair	5.87
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2503/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

No further business to report.

2503/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.