

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL  
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday  
24<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Present**

Mayor – Tony Nethercott  
Deputy Mayor – June Anderson

**Councillors**

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
Councillor Pauline Giles

2504/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pearce.

2504/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2504/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2504/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**

2503/08 We have not received an explanation statement from Fourways/Kernow Youth.

2503/12 Kerrow Moor Memorials will begin work on the War Memorial in May 2025.

2504/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. LMP work has begun.

An assistant Warden is to start on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.

2504/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

As this is the last meeting before the election, I thought I would bring you up to date with projects I have been working on.

After two years of wrangling the extension of the pavement from the Middleway crossing to the Doctors Surgery has been approved and will be installed in June 2025.

A draft plan for the under 12's pump track has been drawn up for Bull Engine Park (Adjacent to the Burrows Centre). After the last disaster I was very strong in ensuring nothing would be done until both the residents and schools were suitably consulted. The skateboard ramp was unsuitable for the area creating noise. Littering and anti-social behaviour.

The plan is to create a pump track integrating it into the big grassy mould behind the basketball cage. By this it will lessen the noise created by the skateboards and will be constructed from asphalt which is known to deaden sound. I hope the adjacent residents will feel that this is a suitable compromise, keeping noise down but giving children freedom to enjoy the outdoors.

Consultation will start shortly and if agreement reached work will commence in the autumn.

There is also a question of what we will we do with the large expanse of tarmac still existent from the previous skateboard base. It has been suggested to paint old school games on it, hopscotch, twister or snakes & ladders for example. Doing this will keep a flat surface for small children to ride their bikes on but something a little more entertaining for the older children. Fingers crossed the consultation brings forth a suitable outcome for all concerned.

I have been like a dog with a bone with regards to the lift bridge at Par Train Station. Whilst not in our division, many of our residents use it and I was mindful that young parents with push chairs, small children with subsequent paraphernalia were able to cross the bridge safely. Our OAP's and disabled were also missing the opportunity of a train ride. I have been assured that due to the good weather we have had, the project is on time and on budget and we will get the bridge. With now two trains per hour from Par in both directions this will also open better access to jobs outside the area and will be a great result for all.

You will know that St Blazey Recycle, Reclaimed and Re-use and I have been working behind the scenes to get funding for the old Kellys site with the ambition to turn it into a Town Centre. Unfortunately, we were not successful in obtaining SPF (Shared Prosperity Funding) but once I have a bit between my teeth there is no going back. I am delighted to tell you that there is a trust who will purchase the land in perpetuity, this will allow me to progress the development of five units/shops which already have planning permission plus permission for another warehouse which I would like to see become a community activity building offering a pack away cinema, sports, room for Christmas/craft fayres, short mat bowls, the world is our oyster. Contracts are being prepared so I am hopeful we will be seeing progress by the Autumn. I do not want this rushed but ensure that the Town centre gives what residents want and will use. It is very exciting.

I was disappointed that the Town Council turned down the short-term contract on the land at Bridge Street which may have allowed a public seat. A seat would be beneficial to our residents. I would ask that the council gives this further discussion.

We should be looking to do things that benefit our residents, ask our residents what small improvements would have a positive impact on wellbeing.

I know that there was talk about the removal of the telephone box opposite the chip shop and I know Councillor Parrock would have happily utilised it. When I have driven by, I have often thought, subject to the agreement of the property owner, it would be a great place for a mural and damn that telephone box in the way. I just want you to give it some thought as the one in St Austell has been there many years and cheers up a quiet part of the Town. We have much history in PL24 with many families involved in the clay industry. I think it would be great to document that.

It has been my pleasure to serve St Blazey for the last 8 years, putting my heart and soul into improving its services and lifestyles of its residents. Should I not be re-elected you will find me at St Blazey Recycle which is now up and running and once more helping our residents and beyond.

2504/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates

2504/08 **TO CONSIDER RESCINDING THE DECISION REGARDING THE HALL HIRE FOR SANTAS GROTTTO**

No representations made.

2504/09 **EOY ACCOUNTS**

The Council all agreed and approved: -

The Council have prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The Council made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

The Council has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.

The Council has during the year given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.

The Council has considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.

The Council has arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this authority.

The Council has responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.

The Council has disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for 2024/25 to the Council. Councillor J Anderson proposed that they be accepted, Councillor R Taylor seconded, all the council agreed, and it was RESOLVED.

The Council will carry £227,666 into the new financial year. £700 belongs to Emergency/Flood group and £17500 belongs to Burrows Centre Ltd. The reserves will be apportioned as follows: -

Our actual balance is £209,466.

Council running costs (in case of emergency) –	65,000.00
To build up Reserves	- 144,466.00

Reserves to be used for new play equipment and improvements to the Town Car Park.

Algaard Renshaw the internal auditors reported.

Having undertaken a comprehensive Internal Audit of St Blaise Town Council Town Council's accounting records and system of internal control, we have concluded that, based on our inspection, the Town Council has successfully achieved an exceptionally high standard of financial and administrative management during the accounting period 2024/25.

St Blaise Town Council continues to operate both effectively and efficiently. The Clerk/RFO and Town Councillors are to be commended for the hard work and dedication to the maintenance of the Town Council area. In particular, the extensive knowledge and dedication of the Town Clerk/RFO, and the Chairman, must be alluded to.

St Blaise Town Council exhibits the standards to which all Town and Parish Councils should allude.

The Clerk asked the councillors if any of them needed to declare an interest with BDO LLP. No interest was declared.

Councillor Anderson requested that it be recorded that the Town Council are extremely pleased with the Clerks performance.

## 2504/10 **PROJECT LIST**

### **Neighbourhood Planning/ Neighbourhood Priority Statements**

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

**Community Event**

The band has been booked for commemoration of VE & VJ day which is on 17<sup>th</sup> August in King Edward Gardens.

**Councillors Surgery.**

Councillors Nethercott and Anderson hosted on April 5th. No visitors. Councillors Williams and Parrock will host on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**2504/11 TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 66.49 % of incoming vehicles, up from 65.34 % are above the speed limit and 77.50 % down from 79.50 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit.

A resident has asked if the ECC stone at Polgover Way could be repainted. The Clerk will contact Kerrow Moor Memorials to arrange this.

The Clerk Has heard from J Foye that we can add a CCTV camera to their mast if we abide by certain conditions.

The clerk has responded to the Cornwall Council consultation regarding the Taxi and private Hire Policy saying that fire extinguishers should still be kept in the vehicles.

Since Councillor Billings finished the updated Emergency Plan consultations have taken place with the EA and there are to be some additions. A member of the public has asked if they could view the document in draft, permission was given.

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

Location: Par Moor Road

Timing: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 (19:00 to 07:00 weekdays only)

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

Location: Biscovey Road, St Blazey

Timing: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (24 hours) E/M 16/4

**2504/12 PLANNING MATTERS**

There has been one Planning Applications received and it was RESOLVED to not object to it.

PA25/02416                      Construction of a single storey extension to form two bed annexe for family member and carer.  
Rosemont  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate

Results Received

PA24/09281            Proposed extensions and alterations  
13 Hillside Avenue  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

## 2504/13 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

### **St Blazey Public Toilets -**

Cleaned daily however the football club are not locking after their matches and we have suffered vandalism. The toilet roll holder has been ripped off the wall and the toilet rolls put down the toilets on several occasions. The Clerk will write to the Football Club emphasising that we need to know when they have their games and reminding them of their duty to lock the toilets after games.

### **June Anderson Hall**

Bookings are good.

### **St Blazey Community Rooms**

Electric Lights have been replaced with LED.

### **Alexander Hall**

Bookings are good.

### **Burrows Centre**

Bright eyes are eager to renew their contract however certain stipulations have been asked for. The Clerk and Mayor will arrange legal advice.

## 2504/14 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. The warden has had to remove graffiti.

Trail Blazer Park – All maintenance is up to date. The brownies have planted trees with the wardens help. We are suffering a fair bit of vandalism including smashed eggs meaning the slides cannot be used and graffiti.

King Edward Gardens – Ground maintenance is up to date. Mike had to repair the tarmac as vandals had smashed a hole.

Mike is to meet Councillor Burt at King Edward Gardens to discuss the best place and way to install an electric socket.

2504/15 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Hire AH	607.50
Interest	51.05
High Deposit Int	159.99
JA Hire	812.50
Precept	65000.00
CIL	5453.15
VAT Refund	24385.67

**Expenditure**

Clerks Sal	2063.27
Wardens Wage	1111.95
Broadband	41.91
UK Fuels	135.10
Insurance	309.86
HMRC	759.74
CC (Pen)	651.71
Stationery	153.81
Warden Equi	57.81
CALC Member	2457.15
Aalgard Renshaw	420.00
SLCC Member	240.00
Fountain Electric	74.55
Trailblazer	5239.48
Bank charges	6.61
<u>AH</u>	
Water	114.50
Chubb (parts)	19.12
Electric	91.52
SSE (Gas)	
Cleaners Wage	20.20
Intruder Alarm	187.75
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	60.00
Electric	35.39
Water Manage	
Cleaning	202.39
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
All Connections	350.40
Electricity	145.43
Business Rates	114.75
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electricity	106.71

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2504/16 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Parrock reminded the Councillors that he would be laying a wreath at St Blazey Church on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11 am to commemorate VE Day and would like them if available to also attend.

Councillor Billing will be meeting with Caroline Wildish, the Chairman of Par and Tywardreath Parish Council to look at the new Emergency Plan.

Councillor Wearne said her goodbye to the Council and said that she had enjoyed being a Councillor but work commitments meant she could not continue. Councillors thanked her for her service.

Councillor Anderson said her goodbye to the Council and said that she had enjoyed being a Councillor and her many years of being Chairman, Mayor and Deputy Mayor but after 30 years felt it time to stand down. Councillors thanked her for her service. Councillor Williams reported that the footpath in Middleway is too narrow for a mobility scooter, the Clerk will report this to Highways.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the CAP meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Councillor Billings. At the meeting he had spoken to a Fourways representative who said the building was to be renamed St Blazey Hub.

Councillor Nethercott thanked Councillors Wearne and Anderson for their service.

2504/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.