

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday
30th October 2025**

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott
Deputy Mayor – Anthony Billings

Councillors

T Chapman-Gunner, K Simms & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Assistant Warden

2510/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Fitzpatrick & Parrock.

2510/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2025 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2510/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2510/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th September 2025**

2508/05 Our bid for the LMP grant has been successful.

2509/12 Councillor Fitzpatrick is unable to read at the Carol Concert on December 14th, Councillor Billings offered to replace her.

2509/15 The Clerk was unable to put a bid in for funding for CCTV between Wilson Way and Trenythron Road as nowhere suitable could be found with an electricity supply.

2509/15 New signage regarding dogs has been put Trailblazer Park.

2509/15 Councillors Nethercott and Billings will attend the CALC AGM on 11th November.

2509/15 Councillors Nethercott, Billings and Williams will attend the Community Flood Forum on Friday 7th November.

2510/05 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

All work is up to date. Two seats at Landreath have been repaired. One of the seats at the Fountain had been vandalised and this has also been repaired. The salt bins have been filled.

The 1st project that we have LMP funding for, footpath adjacent to Biscovey School has been completed. The Wardens assisted the contractor.

2510/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Once again residents of Par Lane have raised concerns regarding speeding, alluding to both the Town Councils and my disinterest in the matter. I have had five speed traps set from Trenovissick to the bottom of Par Lane in the last two years which has resulted in no firm evidence of speeding other than it always being the same few offenders exceeding the speed limit.

Cormac have agreed to one more speed trap but stated there are other places in Cornwall needing them more as they have a bigger problem. I will share the results when I receive them but expect they will not be as the residents anticipate. It is a shame that a few upset so many.

The consultation for the Bull Engine Park new equipment has now closed. I am endeavouring to obtain the results but the information has not come forward. I have to say I am appalled at the disrespect some residents have shown me just because they do not want new equipment. I am the Cornwall Councillor for thousands of residents and cannot override the decision process, I will not accept abuse and will withdraw from communication with these residents going forward.

Cornwall Council have launched a loan scheme to bring empty house back into use. Property owners can apply for a loan to fund renovation and restoration projects whilst considering individual circumstances and will offer repayment terms based on a fixed rate loan term. You can google "Empty home loan scheme Cornwall" for information and instructions on how to apply.

I am pleased that Matt Trevivian has returned as our Police inspector for this area, we also have a new PCSO Cameron Mallatratt. I look forward to meeting them when they visit St Blazey in the next few weeks.

I have received complaints about an increase on dog mess along Rundles Walk. I went and walked the path and confirm that too many people are letting their dogs off their leads and not paying attention to their movements. Please be a little more aware and clean up after your dog. There is no excuse as there are dog bins either end of the path.

I will be laying at wreath at 11am on the 11th November at St Blazey Church and observe the minutes silence. I hope to see Councillors and residents then.

2510/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates from Cornwall Council however the Wardens continue to conduct services that they do not. They have cleaned away the leaves from Middleway pavement.

2510/08 **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 2025. Mike Collings is currently paid 50p above the hourly rate and should this continue. Councillor Nethercott proposed that the Wardens wage be increased in line with the National Working Wage, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2510/09 **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

Mayor Tony Nethercott volunteered to lay the remembrance wreath at St Blazey Church at the Service on Sunday 9th November at 9.30 am. All Councillors were reminded that their attendance was required.

2510/10 **PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

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

2510/11 **GOOD CITIZEN AWARD**

Councillor Williams suggested that a Community Group could be given the award and nominated the Tuesday Gateway Club for good citizen award 2025. Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2410/12 **REVIEW OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

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

2510/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

We have accepted the St Blazey Post Offices offer of a donation towards next year's Community Event on August 23rd 2026 but how we use it is yet to be decided.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Nethercott and Billings hosted on October 4th however no visitors attended. Councillors Williams and Simms will host on November 1st.

Now that it has been agreed that the Surgery would now be in two places it would be best to write a Rota in advance.

2510/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 67.19 % of incoming vehicles, up from 67.16 % were above the speed limit in October and 80.3 % up from 79.75 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

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

Location: Fore Street, St Blazey

Timing: 13th October 2025 to 15th October (19:00 to 07:00 hours) E/M 29/9

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

Location: Station Road, St Blazey

Timing: 3rd October 2025 (24 hours) E/M 3/10

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.16A

Event: Eden Project Marathon

Timing: 19th October 2025 (09:30 to 10:30) E/M 8/10

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

Location: Luxulyan Road, St Blazey Gate

Timing: 16th January 2026 (09:30 to 15:30)

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

Location: Trenovissick Road, Par

Timing: 12th March 2026 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

Children's Hospice South West have written inviting attendance to the Santas on the Run event at The Eden Project on Sunday 7th December and making us aware of the Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme. The Clerk has displayed Posters.

Ocean have written to make us aware of their intention to sell a flat in Penarwyn Road. Councillors discussed this as many homes are being sold but the money does not appear to be invested in new ones. The Clerk will write inviting attendance at a meeting or an explanation.

Cornwall Council have written about two of their assets, one at the Mount and the other at Churchfield Place. The Councillors cannot find a use for either of them and will reply.

The Clerk has received the forms for the Highways Scheme and will complete them for the area at Doubletrees already discussed.

2510/15 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA25/07987 Hedgerow removal notice to gain access to property to charge electric vehicle.
24 Doubletrees
Fore Street
St Blazey

PA25/07540 Change of Use of existing garage space to additional shop floor area (Use Class E(a)) and extra storage space (Use Class B8). New entrance proposed with improved access. Replacement Of old shutters to garage to be blocked up with recessed windows, additional air conditioners added to the roof. New signage to be added across the old garage facade to match existing signage.
Biscovey Garage
St Austell Road
St Blazey Gate

Results Received

2510/16 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets -

Cleaned daily. The wardens have had to repair the toilet roll holder in the men's toilets again.

June Anderson Hall

The gutters have been cleaned again.

St Blazey Community Rooms

The gutters have been cleaned again.

Alexander Hall

The wardens have cleaned the gutters. The Clerk has received permission from Co-op to use our local workers to fix the leak at Alexander Hall. This will be done the weekend of 8th/9th November.

Burrows Centre

The wardens have cleaned the gutters.

The Clerk continues to work on the new lease.

The dampproof and ventilation work has been completed but decoration has not been.

2510/17 **PLAY AREA UPDATES**

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

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. The multi-unit has been repaired as vandals had ripped off the climbing ring. Two tree stumps have been removed from grassed area.

King Edward Gardens - All maintenance is up to date. Glass had to be removed again. The Wardens worked with the tree surgeon who cut back the trees. The Wardens are concerned about an area in the gardens where children have built a den. The youths are shouting at residents from their hiding places and causing fear. The Wardens will cut this back.

Trailblazer Park - All maintenance is up to date. The Clerk reported that the CCTV at Trailblazer Park has been installed and new signage displayed.

Graffiti had to be removed but this was before the CCTV was operational.

The wheelchair swing and the cross trainers have been installed.

2510/18 **ACCOUNTS****Payments Received**

Hall Hire	AH	607.50
Interest		30.75
High Deposit Int		146.17
JA Hire		180.00
C/R Hire		108.00
CIL		4,320.28

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	2171.31
Wardens Wages	2615.05
Broadband	41.91
UK Fuels	56.00
Insurance	354.72
HMRC	1458.57
CC (Pen)	767.12
Warden Equi	16.01
Warden Uniform	49.98
TB CCTV	3625.20
KEG	850.00
Fountain Electric	77.07
Caloo	16197.00
Bank charges	7.16
CALC	30.00
CC (Elec Exp)	577.36
Town Maint	270.00
TB Sign	48.50

<u>AH</u>	
Water	107.50
Chubb (parts)	19.12
Electric	91.01
SSE (Gas)	33.37
Cleaners Wage	25.10
Chubb (Fire)	232.12
Window Clean	40.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	50.00
Electric	39.21
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electricity	62.63
Business Rates	112.00
Water	111.91
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electricity	67.73
Cleaning Mats	19.60

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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2510/19 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillors Nethercott and Billings attended the CAP meeting on 21st October 2025. They agreed that it was a good meeting and had acquired information about various funding sources.

2510/20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 27th November 2025 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.