

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 26th February
2026**

Present

Deputy Mayor – Anthony Billings

Councillors

S Fitzpatrick, C Parrock, K Simms, R Taylor & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Warden
Alice Maffey

2602/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors T Nethercott, S Burt, T Chapman-Gunner and A Pearce.

2602/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th January 2026 postponed to 2nd February were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2602/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2602/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29th JANUARY 2026
POSTPONED TO 2nd FEBRUARY**

2601/11 The band and the Church have been booked for the 2026 Carol Concert.

2602/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. We have cut a lot of branches from Rundles Walk and the footpath from Debble Drive to Old Roselyon Road. We also had to remove a branch from the footpath from Biscovey Road to Penny's Lane. We have continued to work caused by storm damage.

2602/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies, I am currently signed off sick and am dealing with casework only.

I did sit on the Full Council meeting via Teams on Tuesday as it was the Budget setting meeting. It was agreed that the Council Tax should increase by 4.99% with a breakdown of 2.99% for general services and 2% for Adult Social Care.

I know many council/social housing residents are upset about the rise in their rent, but the Portfolio Holder for Housing stated that Cornwall's rent is amongst the lowest in the country. The knock on from this is, there was very little in the pot for repairs, with much of the housing stock, when vacated, having repairs and improvements of around £50,000. This is not viable and would take years of rent to retrieve, so the houses are put up for Sale. I am regularly getting emails from Ocean notifying me that they are selling off properties in St Blazey.

The irony of this is private buyers are snapping them up and are not required (like the Council or Social Housing providers) to do such stringent improvements, give said house a lick of paint and put on the rental market charging exorbitant rents!

To get repairs done, the rents have increase for the benefit and welfare of the tenant.

Considering the recent weather, the Met Office are offering a series of free courses designed to support community volunteers to strengthen their knowledge and preparedness for severe weather events, which I fear we will see more often.

Anyone interested in attending one of these courses, or to get more information can email training.cca@metoffice.gov.uk

2602/07 **ALICE MAFFEY from OCEAN HOUSING – POLGREAN COMMUNITY SPACE**

Alice asked the Councillors if they would have any objection to Ocean Housing changing the use of the Polgrean Community Space into a Commercial property as it is currently used very rarely. The Council replied that if the residents had no objection after consultation, they wouldn't either.

2602/08 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates from Cornwall Council. The Wardens have cleaned the grill in Penny's Lane and removed the padlocks from the drainage pipes from the grill at the attenuation pond at Bull Engine Park. On the 28th January Station Road flooded so they put our Road Closed signs and directed traffic.

2602/09 **REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY**

The Council considered the Investment Policy and Strategy. Councillor C Parrock proposed that the document be deemed acceptable, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2602/10 **ASSERTION 10**

TO ADOPT A DATA PROTECTION ROAD MAP

The Clerk had previously distributed a Data Protection Road Map for the Councillors to consider. Councillor Billings proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

TO ADOPT AN IT POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed an Information Technology (IT) Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Parrock proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

TO REVIEW THE PRIVACY NOTICE

The Clerk had previously distributed the Privacy Notice to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Taylor proposed the document be accepted as is, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

TO REVIEW THE DATA PROTECTION POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed the DATA Protection Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Billings proposed the document be accepted as is, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

TO REVIEW THE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Clerk had previously distributed the Website Accessibility Statement to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Parrock proposed the document be accepted as is, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

2602/11 COUNCIL TO ADOPT NEW POLICIES

STRESS POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed a Stress Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Taylor proposed the document be accepted, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed an Adverse Weather to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Taylor proposed the document be accepted, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed an Environmental Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Billings proposed the document be accepted, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

BIODIVERSITY POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed a Biodiversity Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Parrock proposed the document be accepted as is, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

2602/12 **GDPR UPDATE**

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

2602/13 **TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUEST FROM ST BLAZEY CHURCH**

St Blazeay Church have started fund raising to restore the Town Clock, they have requested a donation of £500. Councillor Parrock proposed the donation be given with the express terms that if the clock has not been repaired within 5 years the money would be refunded. Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal and all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2602/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

Discussion took place but it was agreed no further action until after Easter.

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Fitzpatrick and Williams hosted on February 7th but no visitors. Councillors Burt and Simms will host on 7th March.

The Councillors agreed that future surgeries would be 2 monthly.

2602/15 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk attended the Cornwall Council update regarding the revised National Planning Policy Framework & other planning consultations and changes on Tuesday 24th February. Consultations are ongoing until July and therefore we will have to wait until this is in place before we can start work on a Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

Cornwall Council have written telling us that they will be removing the streetlight in the Lawns as it is illuminating unadopted highway and asked whether the Town Council would adopt it and maintain it. The Councillors agreed not to do this.

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 64.25 % of incoming vehicles, down from 66.33% were above the speed limit through February and 79.86 % down from 81.43 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

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

Location: St Marys Road, Par

Timing: 4th February to 6th February 2026 (24 hours) e/m 6/2.

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 5th May 2026 to 6th May 2026 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

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)

2602/16 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PA26/00375 Use of land for the siting of lodge to be used as managers accommodation.
East Crinnis Holiday Park
East Crinnis Farm
St Blazey

Results Received

PA25/09153 Proposed two storey extension to dwelling and associated works.
154 Old Roselyon Road
St Blazey
APPROVED

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
APPROVED

PA25/07045 Works to trees subject to a TPO, works include two Sessile Oak Trees, No 1 in front gardens to remove epicormic regrowth from major stems to clear house roofs and 360-degree crown lift branches to 8 metres. No 2 in back garden 360 crown lift to 8 meters and 20% crown lift.
49 Treryn Close
St Blazey

2602/17 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets -

Cleaned daily. The wardens have started painting the inside and will start the outside when weather permits.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings continue.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Bookings remain low.

Alexander Hall

Bookings continue. Some roof and guttering work had to be carried out. Tomorrow some roof tiles will be replaced. Councillors discussed a rent increase but decided against one.

Burrows Centre

The Clerk continues to work on the new lease.

2602/18 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date. The rope climbing nets have been tightened. A resident placed a skip on the play area which constantly overflowed and there fore we had to do a lot of clearing on several occasions. We are concerned about a hole that has appeared but have filled it for now.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. The rope climbing nets have been tightened. We have had to fill in holes in the grassed area due to a dog that digs.

King Edward Gardens - All maintenance is up to date. We have dug out the dead shrubs and tree and removed the laurel bush. The Bamboo has been cut back.

The two trees that were damaged during storm Goretta have now been removed. The wardens have worked with the contractors to remove all the debris which included closing the footpath in Rundles Walk.

Trailblazer Park - All maintenance is up to date. Due to wet ground the park was closed on for a few days. The rope climbing nets have been tightened.

2602/19 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	AH	405.00
Interest		28.24
High Deposit Int		131.37

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	2171.11
Wardens Wages	2780.39
Broadband	41.91

JA Hire	724.05	UK Fuels	57.00
CR Hire	96.00	Insurance	354.72
		HMRC	1571.72
		CC (Pen)	767.12
		Warden Uniform	54.99
		Fountain Electric	72.72
		Fountain Water	169.99
		Bank charges	9.01
		Cllr Allowance	144.00
		M Ankers	7554.45
		R Heyward	3400.00
		Purl Design	500.00
		<u>AH</u>	
		Water	107.50
		Chubb (parts)	19.98
		Electric	97.03
		Cleaners Wage	21.50
		Gas (BG)	88.24
		Gas (SSE)	161.50
		Cleaning Mats	23.79
		D & S Builders	260.00
		<u>PC</u>	
		Locking	50.00
		Electric	39.46
		Water	155.03
		Paint	81.40
		<u>Community Rooms</u>	
		Electricity	215.34
		Water	126.19
		Business Rates	
		<u>JA Hall</u>	
		Electricity	157.85
		Water	29.00
		Cleaning Mats	9.00
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	1,384.66		21,291.94

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2602/20 TOWN BUSINESS

The Clerk and Councillor Nethercott met with Sarah Scoltock, our Community Link Officer, on February 4th and took a short walk. St Blazey Stream was highlighted and Sarah was asked to report the issue to the relevant department from Cornwall Council.

Sarah was asked to find out who owns Rundles Walk footpath so that the Town Council could work with them to get the pathway improved.

Sarah asked if the Town Council had any interest in having Bull Engine Park devolved to them. This was a definite no as play areas are extremely expensive to maintain, there is an attenuation pond sited which we have no knowledge of and we do not know what the skatepark is to be replaced with.

Councillor Nethercott and the Clerk asked who we should now contact regarding the StARR project as the attenuation tank at Bull Engine Park is not working as we believe it should and the plants have been removed from the rain gardens in Par Lane.

Councillor Williams told the Council that there will be one-hour free parking at Par Beach, £2 per day, Hamleys Corner 1hour free and no fees at St Andrews Road.

Councillor Parrock said how well St Blaise Feast had gone and thanked all those concerned.

2602/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 26th March 2026 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.49 pm.