

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

Present

Mayor – Tony Nethercott

Councillors

S Burt, T Chapman-Gunner, S Fitzpatrick & K Simms.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Warden

2603/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors A Billings, C Parrock, A Pearce, R Taylor and C Williams.

2603/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th February 2026 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2603/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2603/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2026

Alice Maffey from Ocean Housing has sent a leaflet to all addresses on Polgrean Place and Landreath Place and has not received any objections to the change of use for the community space and therefore it is their intention to submit a change of use planning application.

2603/05 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

All work is up to date. We have Painted both inside and outside of Station Road toilets and re-laid the tarmac at the entrance. We have cleaned the bus shelter at Lodge Hill and cleaned around the bus shelters in Middleway. The fountain has been cleaned. The steps at the Mount and Old Roselyon have been cleaned.

2603/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

Apologies for tonight

Hopefully you will all have heard that Cornwall Council is stepping up what you can recycle. More plastic like carrier bags, bread bags, sweet wrappers, crisp packets, cling film, bubble wrap and cat/dog food pouches can be recycled in your red bag. It

is a good idea to condense all the small items in one bag to ensure that they do not become loose and litter the road. Cartons are also on the list, so milk, fruit juice and soup cartons can also go out with the recycling. This is a great step forward and no one should have a problem reducing their black bag waste to fit into their fortnightly wheelie bin collection.

I attended Bull Engine play area with two officers on Tuesday where Cormac had organised a drop-in and pictures of the proposed work on the site. I have to say it is a reduced scheme, partly due to feedback from the online questionnaire. Hopscotch and Twister will soon be painted on the tarmac space where the previous unsuitable equipment was. It was heartening to see how many children frequent the park after school and I hope there will be further improvements soon.

From 1 April the new Crisis and Resilience Fund will start, the Council has £1.5 million which it can distribute to help residents navigate the soaring cost of heating oil. Those who rely on heating oil should check the Cornwall Council website for more details of the scheme and eligibility. I have to say, I am somewhat annoyed that this will probably be means tested and whilst many homes have the opportunity of choosing gas and electric whose prices are capped, others have to rely on oil and will lose out and either have to dip into their savings or turn their heating off. Thankfully warmer weather is just around the corner!

Hopefully, by the next meeting the PL24 defibrillator map will be completed ready for the next edition of the magazine. Once this is done the drop-in to learn how to use the equipment will be arranged.

Anyone wishing to speak to me regarding Council issues can email me at cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk

2603/07 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT A NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

The Clerk had previously distributed a new Community Engagement Policy for the Councillors to consider. Councillor Nethercott proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

2603/08 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates from Cornwall Council.

The Wardens have had to clean up after the recycling lorry as the workers are being careless, the Clerk has made a report to Cornwall Council Refuse and Recycling.

2603/09 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT NEW POLICY'S**

ANNUAL LEAVE POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed an Annual Leave Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Burt seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed an Absence Management Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Chapman-Gunner proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Nethercott seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed a Bullying and Harassment Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Fitzpatrick proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Burt seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

PLAY AREA POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed a Play Area Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Chapman-Gunner proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

WELLBEING POLICY

The Clerk had previously distributed a Wellbeing Policy to the Councillors to consider. Councillor Nethercott proposed the document be adopted, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal and so it was RESOLVED.

2603/10 **OLD ROSELYON CRESCENT SEATING**

PL24 Community association have told us that they will be donating 2 seats for Roselyon Crescent seating. Originally the residents were promised 3 seats and so the Clerk asked if we could pay for the third. Councillor Nethercott proposed the extra seat be purchased, Councillor Burt seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2603/11 **CLERKS INCREMENT**

Councillors considered whether the Clerk should move up to scale point 34 on National agreed pay scales. Councillor Nethercott proposed the increment be given, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal. All the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2603/12 **EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

Deferred to next month.

2603/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

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

Councillors Surgery.

Councillors Parrock and Simms hosted on 7th March but no visitors. The next Surgery will be on May 2nd.

2603/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road. Par

Timing: 15th June to 17th June 2026 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 76.52 % of incoming vehicles, up from 64.25% were above the speed limit through March and 79.61% down from 79.94 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

John Elkington has had no reply from the Co-op or landowners about putting picnic tables and benches in the green space in front of the Co-op. However he has agreed with the Co-op manager to remove the shrubs from the smaller triangular plot that backs on to Alexander Hall, with a view to putting in some more attractive planting. He has been in touch with a contractor who will clear the plot and they are planning to get this done in April/May.

Luci Isaacson has asked that we write to our MP supporting Extreme Climate and Weather Events. The Councillors agreed this should be done.

2603/15 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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

PA26/01402 Convert existing garage into an office replacing doors and windows.
236 Manor View
St Blazey

PA25/06685 Replacement of damaged/vandalised footbridge
Co-op Retail Services Ltd
Middleway
St Blazey

Results Received

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
APPROVED

PA25/06685 Replacement of damaged/vandalised footbridge.
 The Co-op
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

2603/16 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

St Blazey Public Toilets -

Cleaned daily. The wardens have finished painting the inside and outside of the building.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings continue. The wardens have repaired the downpipes. The Fire doors need attention, the Clerk has asked a carpenter for a quote.

St Blazey Community Rooms

Bookings remain low. The wardens repaired the meeting room door handle.

Alexander Hall

Bookings continue. Some of the roof tiles have had to be replaced. Another leak has been found.

Hartnell Taylor Cook acting for the Co-op have written with new lease details as follows:-

Term:	9 Years, expiring on the 4 th April 2035
Rent:	£5,400 per annum
Rent Review:	Annual CPI Index rent review with a cap and collar of 1% & 3%
Break:	Mutual break on the 5 th anniversary of the term
Alienation:	As per the existing lease, subject to reasonable modernisation
LTA 1954:	Inside the Act - As per the existing lease, subject to reasonable modernisation
Other:	As per the existing lease, subject to reasonable modernisation.

The Clerk was instructed to negotiate further.

Burrows Centre

The Clerk continues to work on the new lease.

2603/17 PLAY AREA UPDATES

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date. We were concerned about a hole that appeared but the area has been dug out and there does not appear to be a problem.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. Vegetation has been removed from the footpaths.

King Edward Gardens - All maintenance is up to date. A lot of weeds have been removed and grass seed has been sown. Work on the damaged wall has started.

Trailblazer Park - All maintenance is up to date.

The quarterly Play Inspections have been conducted.

2603/18 ACCOUNTS

Payments Received

Hall Hire	AH	495.00
Interest		23.98
High Deposit Int		148.47
JA Hire		202.50

Expenditure

Clerks Sal	2171.31
Wardens Wages	2610.88
Broadband	27.58
UK Fuels	59.60
Insurance	354.72
HMRC	1668.31
CC (Pen)	767.12
Warden Van	210.00
Fountain Electric	73.12
Wardens Equip	107.90
Bank charges	6.27
Hawthorne Web	65.52
Van Insurance	732.00
Stationery	276.22
Donation	500.00
Postage	25.70
Clerks Travel	97.50
Play Inspections	225.00
<u>AH</u>	
Water	107.50
Chubb (parts)	19.98
Electric	82.58
Cleaners Wage	21.50
Gas (BG)	123.08
Gas (SSE)	
Cleaning Mats	57.91
Excavate & Repair	106.00
CEF	293.71
FA Box	4.50
Plumbing Repair	87.00
Window Cleaning	60.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	50.00
Electric	39.46
Water	
Paint	17.99
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electricity	160.99

	Water	
	Business Rates	
	<u>JA Hall</u>	
	Electricity	110.56
	EPC	200.00
	Cleaning Mats	38.24
	Repair	43.68
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869.95		

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2603/19 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Burt has concerns about the parking in Biscovey Road, The Clerk will contact Highways and Parking Enforcement.

Councillor Billings was part of the reception at Eden when Charles 111 and Camilla visited on 24th March.

Councillor Simms visited Eden on March 17th for their 25th Celebrations.

2603/20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 30th April 2026 at 7.30pm at St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.