

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Present**

Councillor A Billings – Newly Elected Mayor  
 Councillor T Nethercott – Newly Elected Deputy Mayor

Councillors

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

**In attendance:** Town Clerk  
 Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles  
 Community Warden

**2605/01 ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Anthony Billings be Mayor of the Town Council.

Councillor Billings took the Chair.

**2605/02 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Chapman-Gunner and Parrock.

**2605/03 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was RESOLVED that Councillor T Nethercott be Deputy Mayor of the Town Council.

**2605/04 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Anthony Billings - Community Area Partnership  
 Cornwall Association of Local Councils  
 Doubletrees School Governor  
 Employment Committee (SBTC)  
 Planning Committee  
 PL24 Community Association  
 St Blaise Feast & Fete  
 St Blazey & Par Emergency Group

Tony Nethercott- Community Area Partnership - Deputy  
 Employment Committee (SBTC)  
 GDPR Committee (SBTC)  
 Par Liaison  
 Planning Committee (SBTC)

Steve Burt -	Carlyon Bay Beach Development Employment Appeals Panel (SBTC) GDPR Committee (SBTC) Luxulyan Valley Partnership
Tamsin Chapman Gunner	Employment Appeals Panel Planning Committee PL24 Community Association Press Officer St Blaise Feast & Fete
Sonia Fitzpatrick -	Employment Appeals Panel Par Liaison
Colin Parrock -	Employment Appeals Panel (SBTC) Facebook Administrator GDPR Committee (SBTC) Luxulyan Valley Partnership - Deputy Planning Committee St Blazey Feast and Fete
Amy Pearce -	Employment Appeals Panel (SBTC) Footpaths/Bridleways/Cycleways St Blazey Community & Par Emergency Group
Kelvin Simms -	Eden Liaison Employment Committee (SBTC) GDPR Committee (SBTC) Internal Verifier St Blaise Feast and Fete
Roy Taylor	Cornwall Community Flood Forum Kernow Youth Club Management Committee St Blazey Community & Par Emergency Group Par Liaison Planning Committee
Carol Williams	Cornwall Association of Local Councils – Deputy Employment Appeals Panel (SBTC) Footpaths/Bridleways/Cycle ways Kernow Youth Club Management Committee St Blazey & Par Emergency Group 2 <sup>nd</sup> Internal Verifier

Councillor Williams told the Council that the Kernow Youth Management Committee no longer exist. The Council said that with the Town Council giving such a large donation each year we must have some input. The Clerk will contact them.

**2605/05 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

**2605/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2605/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

None

**2605/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

None

**2605/09 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date and all planting of the flower planters has also been completed. ready to collect. All grass cutting, strimming and hedge trimming is up to date as is weed killing. Work on the LMP footpaths is up to date and roadside weed treatment continues.

**2605/10 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

As part of the 2025 Right on Survey conducted by the Council, children and young people shared their experiences of being online. 50% of the primary and secondary school pupils who took part said they had seen something 'upsetting' online! This is extremely worrying! and I would urge parents to be more engaged with the content their children are accessing, once seen often never forgotten and can lead to unnecessary anxiety in a young person's life.

Secondary and College students admitted to spending between 3 and 6 hours a day online! Hopefully, we will have a good summer weatherwise, and parents will encourage their children whatever age to get outside and engage in more healthier pursuits.

Good news for adults with a full license but no car! Cornwall Council are hiring out its fleet of electric cars over the weekends. Anyone interested can read the Ts and Cs and see the costs online at <https://orlo.uk/u8sv1> This may give those without a vehicle an opportunity for a weekend away or to reach places other transport services do not.

St Blazey is in the next scheduled wave for '20s plenty' According to the stats, driving at 20 could lead to much fewer deaths. If a pedestrian is hit by a car travelling at 19mph there is around a 5% risk of fatality; this risk increases over five times at 30 mph. I have attended a meeting where a map of where the 20-mph limit will be implemented in St Blazey, there were a few exceptions which will be monitored as they are the very roads residents complain about the most. The Officers have said they

will assess the situation going forward and consider further changes either way as the project beds in.

This time of the year, everything is growing at an alarming rate! I have had many complaints about overgrown hedges/trees onto pavements. It is not the responsibility of the Council to cut private homeowners vegetation back, please if you have vegetation that overhangs the pavement, ensure it is cut back as failure to do so, will result in a letter and if not cut, Cormac will cut, and charge you!

With the hot weather expected to return soon, please keep a look out for your elderly neighbours, and ensure you walk your dog early in the morning and late in the evening. Enjoy the Summer, its light evenings and the opportunity to get out more.

2605/11 **TO CONSIDER PLACING “ Do Not Feed the Seagulls” SIGN IN ST MARYS ROAD.**

The clerk has asked the resident who requested this for a photo of where they would like the sign but this has not been received. We cannot ask Cornwall Council for permission without this therefore no decision can be made at this time.

2605/12 **TO CONSIDER THE VOLUNTEER POLICY**

The clerk distributed the volunteer policy. Councillor Williams proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Simms seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2605/13 **TO CONSIDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

The clerk distributed the Health and Safety Policy. Councillor Billings proposed that the document be accepted, Councillor Burt seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2605/14 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No Updates this month.

2605/15 **COUNCIL TO CONSIDER USING PENINSULAR HR SERVICES**

The Clerk met with the Business Development Manager from Peninsular HR Services who offer an excellent service and read the quote to the Council. The Councillors agreed that the expenditure was not affordable for us.

2605/16 **COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Councillor Williams proposed the Town Council adopt the General Power of Competence for 2026-2027, Councillor Taylor seconded the proposal. All the Council agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

## 2605/17 **GDPR UPDATE**

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

## 2605/18 **PROJECT LIST**

### **Community Event**

The Community which will be from 12 noon to 2pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August in King Edward Gardens has advertised for organisations to get involved. The Council received an offer from the Creation works who will perform “The Floor on Tour” for the cost of their travel. The Clerk will offer a budget of £120.00.

The lady who has previously made the cakes for our events will be unable to assist us this year so BBs at Charlies Ltd will be approached for a price.

### **Councillors Surgery**

Councillors Billings and Fitzpatrick hosted on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were two visitors. The next Councillors surgery will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Neighbourhood Priority Statements**

Councillor Billings attended the neighbourhood priorities briefing and has agreed to lead this project with the help of all St Blaise Town Councillors. We need to designate an area and the Town Councillors agreed that this should be St Blaise Parish.

## 2605/19 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 68.77 % of incoming vehicles, up from 67.08 % were above the speed limit through May and 78.42 % up from 77.51 % 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: 18th May 2026 to 20th May 2026 (24 hours)

Reason for Emergency Closure: Works to repair com pipe leak E/M 18/5

The Clerk told the Council that Ocean have sold 15 properties in St Blaise since September 22. The Clerk was instructed to ask for an explanation again.

The National Emergency Briefing Team have made a film which is very informative. Councillors discussed holding a film and agree it should be at Alexander Hall before a Council meeting. The Clerk will contact them.

A resident has asked that due to badly behaved dogs and their owners are misusing Rosehill Cemetery. They have requested that the area be made a “No dog” zone. The Councillors agreed.

## 2605/20 PLANNING MATTERS

There have been three planning applications received.

PA26/02926            Demolish existing lean-to garage/storage area to create a new garage with roof shelter to existing external rear door. Make an off-road parking area to front of dwelling with drop kerb access.  
4 Penarwyn Woods  
St Blazey

PA26/03084            Revised entrance door location including general alterations.  
17 Bridge Street  
St Blazey

PA26/03082            Conversion of domestic ancillary building to 1 bedroomed self-contained apartment and home office.  
17A Bridge Street  
St Blazey

### Results Received

PA26/2278            Change of use from former guest house (C1) to dwelling (C3) with no operational development.  
Penarth  
St Austell Road  
St Blazey Gate  
APPROVED

PA26/02597            Removal of existing entrance porch and construction of a new bay window and relocation of principle entrance door.  
21 Edgcumbe Terrace  
St Blazey Gate  
APPROVED

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4 Penarwyn Woods  
St Blazey  
APPROVED

## 2605/21 REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS

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

The Public Conveniences have been cleaned daily. We are still suffering vandalism after football games. The Clerk will write to the football club again.

### **Alexander Hall**

Bookings continue. Work on a new lease is with solicitors.

### **St Blazey Community Rooms**

Bookings continue.

### **June Anderson Hall**

Work on the Wardens space should be completed shortly.

## 2605/22 PLAY AREA UPDATE

Deeble Drive – All other maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date. PL24 have been asked to donate a seat for here.

Polgover Way – All maintenance is up to date. PL24 have been asked to donate a seat for here.

Trailblazer Park – All maintenance is up to date.

King Edward Gardens – All maintenance is up to date. Another boat has been donated which will be sited here. The electric installation in the park has been completed.

PL24 are donating us two new benches, these will be sited at Polgover and Penarwyn Play Areas.

## 2605/23 ACCOUNTS

### **Payments Received**

Hall Hire	270.00
Interest	27.42
High Deposit Int	143.56
JA Room Hire	315.00
Rent	2,000.00
Par & TY PC	205.00

### **Expenditure**

Clerks Wage	2214.10
Wardens Wage	2274.87
Broadband	38.95
UK Fuels	148.40
Hay Nurseries	1596.00
HMRC	1400.16
CC (Pen)	745.02
Wardens Equip	38.00
James Hallam	60.00
SLCC	418.00
Mid-Devon Expl	100.00
Electric (foun)	74.47

Water (foun)	38.12
Bank Charges	8.38
Viking	146.24
Website	385.00
All Connections	2388.00
<u>AH</u>	
Water	107.50
Chubb (parts)	19.98
SSE (Gas)	72.12
Cleaners Wage	21.50
Electric	89.44
Westward Service	120.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	46.00
Electric	39.46
SW Hygiene	128.77
Water	257.45
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Electric	95.95
Business Rates	102.00
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Electric	71.50
Water	54.58
Cleaning Mats	10.99
Fire Protection	102.00
All Connections	346.68
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2,960.98	13,759.63

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

#### 2605/24 TOWN BUSINESS

Councillor Burt told the Council that LVP are now fully functioning and that the Pontsmill Fund is providing community grants.

Councillor Williams is concerned about the overgrowth in Middleway as residents are having to walk in the road. The Clerk will report this to Cornwall Council.

#### 2605/25 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm at the St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.44 pm.