

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 30th July 2026

Present

Councillor A Billings – Mayor
 Councillor T Nethercott – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

S Burt, S Fitzpatrick, K Simms, R Taylor & A Pearce.

In attendance: Town Clerk
 Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles
 Community Warden

2607/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Parrock and Williams.

2607/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th June 26 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2607/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2607/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th JUNE 2026

2605/15 The Clerk has started working on new policies with Peninsular HR Services.

2607/05 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

All work is up to date. The planters are being watered daily. 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 is ongoing.

2607/06 REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES

After many complaints from residents and emails from me, I was delighted to see that the path to Spit Beach had been cut just in time for the school summer holidays. It has been cut right back, so I do not foresee a need for another cut until Spring.

Unfortunately, there is an increase in dog poo along Rundles Walk, worse still, some is picked up and then lobbed into the long grass or trees when the owner thinks no one

is looking! Please be more thoughtful to other who walk this path and use the dog bins situated at each end of the path.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Jonathan Ede recently. In a time of great stress such as this, you need to know that the defibrillators around the area are working and ready for use. As you know, I have been trying to sort out a map showing their locations and spoke to the British Heart Foundation about screenshotting their map to have it printed on the back of the PL24 magazine for people's reference.

I attach part of the BHF's reply :

Dear Pauline

Thank you for contacting us and thank you for the work you are doing to support your community's access to defibrillators. I completely understand why you would like to share a full map of all PL24s defibrillators in the community magazine, helping residents know where their nearest device is can save lives. Unfortunately, as per our policy, we're not able to grant permission for screenshots or reproductions of the full map.

DefibFinder is designed specifically for public use in emergencies and the data displayed is limited for safety, privacy and regulatory reasons. We are sorry for any frustration this causes, you are of course, welcome to encourage residents to use *defibfinder.uk* directly. This will show them the nearest devices when they need them the most.

I would urge people to check where their nearest Defibrillators are, often many are not ready to use, and I am meeting with SW Ambulance Service to discuss this shortly. I will report back the problems faced when, after use there is no service agreement in place and the Defib is decommissioned but still on the wall giving people the impression they are there to use.

I was pleased to be invited to MPowerKernow HQ at the Goods Yard to meet the latest cohort who have completed their training.

MPowerKernow specialise in working with NEETS (not in education, employment or training) teaching them skills in engineering. They have been successful in providing formal training and qualifications to 27 NEETs from across Cornwall, 3 of which are from St Blazey and who are now in regular employment.

In September they are holding a MEGA (Make engineering great again) week! The week will commence on Tuesday 22 September and will culminate in two Open Days on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September to highlight to the public, the great work being achieved right here in St Blazey.

Railway enthusiasts will be delighted to know a steam locomotive will be on the turntable in the afternoon. More information will be online shortly.

If any resident would like to contact me regarding a problem pertaining to a Council issue, please email me cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk

2607/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates.

2607/08 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

The Community event will be from 12 noon to 2pm on Sunday 23rd August in King Edward Gardens and asked the Councillors to arrive by 11am to assist in setting up.

We have three entertainers and four stall holders. BBs at Charlies Ltd are providing the cake and we will have a bouncy castle.

Councillors Surgery

Councillors Chapman-Gunner and Nethercott hosted on Saturday 4th July but no visitors. Councillor Nethercott suggested only having surgeries twice a year and this will happen in 2027,

Neighbourhood Priority Statements

St Blaise Parish has been made a designated area; Councillor Billings gave all the Councillors example questions and ask that they respond within a week so he can put together a questionnaire for us. It is hoped that the first questionnaires will be completed at the Community Event.

2607/09 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 66.38 % of incoming vehicles, up from 66.3 % were above the speed limit through July and 80.17 % up from 78.10 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

The Clerk attended the Ocean Asset Disposal update on July 24th. Slides of the presentation have been asked for which will be distributed to the Councillors. They said Asset disposal was good asset management and enabled assets to be recycled. Homes of an EPC rating of less than D and homes of low NPV (net present value) were being sold. No over 50's homes will be sold. They have a process to follow as below:

Independent Valuation

Cornwall Council offered homes first

Advance courtesy notice sent to Town & Parish Councils

Selling through the open market. Local agents or auction

Sales team monitor interest (local People)

Price adjustment if required

The Clerk has been dealing with Peninsular who have informed us that a lot of new H & S rules have been introduced and given us a price for their services. The Councillors rejected the quote.

The office of the Cornwall Lieutenancy has written offering engagement. Councillors agreed to send an invite to our Community Event on August 23rd.

A resident has written asking if we have considered joining the Sick of South West Water campaign. The Clerk will reply that we have not joined as a Council but individually.

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that there is to be another National Emergency Briefing at 6pm on Tuesday 4th August and urged the Councillors to watch.

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

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey

Timing: 23rd September 2026 (09:30 to 16:00) **CANCELLED**

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

Location: Par Moor Road & Harbour Road

Timing: 16th November 2026 to 17th November 2026 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.16A

Location: Eden Project Marathon

Timing: 18th October 2026 (09:15 to 10:15)

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

Location: St Blazey to Eden

Timing: 9th November 2026 to 11th November 2026 (19:00 to 06:00 hours)

2607/10 **PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been three planning applications received and it was REOLVED to not object to two of them.

PA26/05163	Single-storey timber framed extension, including entrance, fully assisted bedroom and disabled accessible shower room. 10 Robins Close St Blazey
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PA26/04865 Minor extension to replace existing veranda
 The Four Lords
 St Austell Road
 St Blazey Gate

It was RESOLVED to object to:

PA26/05318 Application for Permission in principle for the construction of
 up to 1 dwelling (minimum of 1, maximum of 1)
 Land North of Chapel Terrace
 St Blazey

There is insufficient access to the site, Duke Street is a narrow lane.
 The land is unstable as seen by the land slide last winter.
 It is over development of a small site.

Results Received

PA26/02840 Listed Building Consent to:- Remove all Delabole slate tiles.
 Install new breathable membrane. Re-instate slates, using
 copper nails. Replace any broken tiles with reclaimed Delabole
 slates to match original.
 4 Station Road
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

PA26/03455 Change of use of the existing community facility (use Class F2)
 to a commercial premises (Use of Class E (a)) with no external
 alterations except the installation of a single business sign to be
 in keeping with the neighbouring commercial premises.
 Unit 3 Reeks House
 40 Polgrean Place
 St Blazey
 APPROVED

2607/11 **REPORTS ON COUNCIL BUILDINGS**

St Blazey Public Toilets -

The Public Conveniences have been cleaned daily. The toilet roll holder has been replaced in the gent's toilet.

Alexander Hall

Bookings continue.

St Blazey Community Rooms

No updates

June Anderson Hall

Bookings continue.

2607/12 PLAY AREA UPDATE

Deeble Drive – All other maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – The damaged safety surfacing has been repaired.

Trailblazer Park – All maintenance is up to date.

King Edward Gardens – All maintenance is up to date. There was an incident which Simon Moss reported to the Police and he continues to liaise with them.

2607/13 ACCOUNTS**Payments Received**

Hall Hire	1215.00
Interest	25.73
High Deposit Int	144.31
JA Room Hire	315.00
Rent	2,000.00
BE Re-charge	100.80

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	2214.10
Wardens Wage	2612.11
Broadband	38.95
UK Fuels	157.30
Insurance	528.38
HMRC	1558.47
CC (Pen)	745.02
Wardens Equip	
Nomix	664.56
Electric (foun)	78.09
Bank Charges	6.27
Wardens Tyre	74.70
Postage	3.95
Polgover	150.00
Picture Frames	65.98
Website	130.00
<u>AH</u>	
Water	107.50
Chubb (parts)	19.98
Gas	12.58
Cleaners Wage	21.50
Electric	79.60
Smoke Detector	8.50
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	46.00
Electric	38.69
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	102.00
Electric	82.05
<u>JA Hall</u>	

	Electric	54.64
	T Allen	525.00
	Bus Rates	588.43
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3,800.84		10,714.35

All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2607/14 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Nethercott suggested a memorial to a local businessman, J Ede, who has recently passed. The Clerk suggested putting a plaque on the old trough in King Edward Gardens and planting it with seasonal flowers.

Councillor Nethercott had attended the CAP meeting on July 22nd where funding sources were discussed and he asked the Council if he could follow this to see if we could get funding for a screen and projector at Alexander Hall.

At the same meeting Sarah Scoltock thanked Anthony Billings for supporting St Austell Councillor Jackie Bull who suggested a permanent addition to the agenda – Feel Good about your town.

Councillors Fitzpatrick, Williams and Pearce attended the Noah Law Anti-Social Behaviour meeting and were very disappointed that the police were not present and therefore the meeting did not satisfy hopes.

Councillor Pearce told the Council that a problem resident would soon be leaving the area.

Councillor Pearce told the Council that the EA are working on a National Beaver Team, they are currently working with the Lostwithiel Flood Group. It is intended that they will set up training to look for signs of beavers and see if their re-introduction is helping with flooding.

Councillor Billings said that he met with the Regional Co-op Manager at the CAP meeting who was very interested to learn about the plans for a community space outside St Blazey Co-op. This will be chased.

Councillor Billings had attended the CALC EGM on 23rd July where it was agreed to alter the Articles of Association. These will be distributed soon.

2607/15 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 27th August 2026 at 7.30pm at the St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.