

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 27th August 2026**

Present

Councillor A Billings – Mayor

Councillors

C Parrock, K Simms & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Cornwall Councillor Pauline Giles
Community Warden

Before the meeting began Paul Bowden from St Blazey FC asked the Council if they could have a key for the toilets. After discussion this was agreed to with the condition that they only use for events on the fixture list and keep the Clerk informed of any times that they want to use them that isn't. They must be responsible for their locking on these occasions.

Paul said that the sign was put in the wrong place and was told that if we return their sign, it must have their logo removed or put on their land.

The Clerk told the Councillors that the Football Club Chairman, Chris Lydon had provided a fixture list and apologised for the sign being put on Town Council property.

2608/01 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Nethercott & Fitzpatrick.

2608/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th July 26 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2608/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2608/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2026

2607/06 The Clerk was asked to find out more information about the MPowerKernow open event in September.

2608/05 **COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT**

All work is up to date. The planters continue to be 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.

We have cut back the overgrowth on the pavement opposite St Blazey Post office and we have cut back the overgrowth from the footpath at Doubletrees.

2608/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for tonight, very little to report this month. August is always a quiet month with many Officers on leave.

A new website has launched, making it easier for families to find support and trusted health information. Healthier Together provides advice, guidance, local care pathways and links to services and organisations which, often people struggle to find online. This new website allows you to log in and personalise the content and resources to suit your family's needs making it easier and quicker to access relevant information. healthiertogether.nhs.uk

Now there is very little weed clearance work being done. I asked Cormac what their plans were going forward, this was their reply...

We will only remove specific weeds that are causing an imminent safety hazard. Other options are town/parish councils to consider and fund a weed treatment programme within their administrative boundaries, or if there is interest from residents within a community in tidying up an area via our volunteering programme, our Community Partnership Officer can assist with this. If any estates/roads would like to find out more about the volunteering programme please email me.

Can everyone check the drains along the kerb edge and let me know if any are looking choked with weeds or silt. I am concerned that a torrential downpour could lead to localised flooding. Drain clearing is done on an ad hoc basis where there is a report of a blockage, we need to be one step ahead and get them cleared before it floods not after!

Email me cllr.pauline.giles@cornwall.gov.uk

2608/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

No updates.

2608/08 **REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN**

The clerk had previously distributed a new Business Continuity Plan. Councillor Billings proposed the new document be adopted, seconded by Councillor Parrock, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2608/09 **NEW CLERKS CONTRACT**

The clerk had previously distributed a new Clerks Contract. Councillor Williams proposed the new document be adopted, seconded by Councillor Simms, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2608/10 **NEW WARDENS CONTRACT**

The clerk had previously distributed a new Wardens Contract. Councillor Williams proposed the new document be adopted, seconded by Councillor Simms, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2608/11 **TO ADOPT UPDATED FLOOD PLAN**

All the Councillors had previously looked at the Updated Flood Plan and agreed it was fit for purpose. Councillor Billings proposed that the plan be adopted, Councillor Parrock seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

Councillor Billings will follow up on the phone which will work when telephone and mobile data is not available.

2608/12 **DONATION REQUEST FROM CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE**

Cornwall Air Ambulance have asked for a donation to continue their services that have now been extended due to the purchase of a second helicopter. Councillor Williams proposed a donation of £250, Councillor Parrock seconded the proposal, all the other Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

The Council have been invited to visit the headquarters in Newquay, all agreed that this invitation should be accepted.

2608/13 **GDPR UPDATE**

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

2608/14 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

The Community event on Sunday 23rd August was a great success.

Next years event will be on Sunday 22nd August. The event will be from 12pm until 4pm in King Edward Gardens. The Clerk was instructed to invite J Inder, Tywardreath Morris Dancers and the Drekkly Boys to perform. Larry Rabey will bring a bouncy castle and a food van. The Clerk will speak to Point Academy and ask them to attend.

We will not provide cake but will still have refreshments.

Councillors Surgery

Councillors Parrock and Simms will host on Saturday 5th September.

Neighbourhood Priority Statements

St Blaise Neighbourhood Priority Statement **questionnaire** has been prepared and all the Councillors present were asked to complete them.

2608/15 TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 70.16 % of incoming vehicles, up from 66.38 % were above the speed limit through August and 80.38 % up from 80.17 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

Look Up Look Out who are an organisation that want to make everyone aware of the dangers of overhead cables. The Clerk was instructed to make a poster for our notice boards which will be sent to Colin to promote.

The Sparrows Project which is part of the charity Restore Hope South West have written asking us to support an anti-slavery campaign. . The campaign, which is seeking to raise awareness of the presence of slavery and to provide victims in slavery with the knowledge of an escape route. They are printing and distributing several stickers to be affixed to the rear of toilet doors providing details of the national help line for victims. The Councillors agreed to promote this.

It was agreed last month to put a memorial in to King Edward Gardens for Jonathan Ede. Mike, the warden, has informed us that the trough does not have an exit for rainwater so would not be suitable. The Clerk asked if we could engage a local craftsman to make us a planter. The Council agreed.

Cornwall Council will be holding a stakeholder event on October 27th and have asked us for a list of local people to invite. The Clerk will reply with M Power, Middleway Surgery, Middleway Pharmacy, the Co-op, the GWRSA club, Roselyon Coaches, Eden Project, St Blazey Post Office, St Blazey FC & Walter Bailey.

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

Location: Prideaux Road, St Blazey

Timing: 18th November 2026 to 19th November 2026 (08:00 to 18:00)

2608/16 PLANNING MATTERS

No Applications Received.

Results Received

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

2608/17 **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 again. We have removed the sign put up by the football club.

Alexander Hall

Bookings continue.

St Blazey Community Rooms

We have received a quote from Chubb to take over the Fire Alarm which has been accepted.

June Anderson Hall

Bookings continue.

2608/18 **PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Deeble Drive – All other maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – – All maintenance is up to date. We have had to replace one of the step rings in the multi-unit which had been pulled off and brambles have been cut back.

Trailblazer Park – All maintenance is up to date.

Payments Received

Expenditure

Clerks Wage	2213.90
Wardens Wage	2596.01
Broadband	38.95
UK Fuels	136.81
Insurance	528.33
HMRC	1565.04
CC (Pen)	745.02
Wardens Equip	305.38
ICO	47.00
Electric (foun)	74.67
Bank Charges	7.50
Stationery	5.83
Bulbs	55.99
Duchy Defib	246.00
Marmax	1250.40
J Inder	150.00
Urban Play Grd	200.00
BBS Charlies	240.00
Amp & Decs	100.00
Refreshments	45.90
<u>AH</u>	
Water	107.50
Chubb (parts)	19.98
Emergency Light	178.85
Gas	11.32
Cleaners Wage	19.82
Electric	83.62
Window Clean	40.00
<u>PC</u>	
Locking	46.00
Electric	37.60
<u>Community Rooms</u>	
Business Rates	102.00
Electric	51.83
Water	88.99
<u>JA Hall</u>	
Cleaning	9.00
Water	30.84
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2608/20 **TOWN BUSINESS**

Nothing brought to our attention.

2608/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 24th September 2026 at 7.30pm at the St Blazey Community Rooms.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.