MINUTES of the MEETING of the ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL
Held at St Blazey Community Rooms, St Blazey, on Thursday 24th September 2026

Present

Councillor A Billings – Mayor
Councillor T Nethercott – Deputy Mayor

Councillors

C Parrock, K Simms, S Fitzpatrick, A Pearce & C Williams.

In attendance: Town Clerk
Community Warden

2609/01 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Taylor & Burt.

2609/02 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th August 26 were confirmed as being correct and later signed by the Chairperson.

2609/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2609/04 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2026**

After last month's meeting when the representative from St Blazey Football Club assured us that there would be no further incidents, just three days later the locks were sawn off and the facilities destroyed. We now have a new representative who has taken on the responsibility of locking and unlocking when necessary. Everything seems to be working well and we have been re-imbursed for damages.

2608/11 Councillor Billings followed up the phone for use during an emergency and found that due to price increases it is no longer affordable. A new alternative has been found which is Meshcore which Cornwall Council use and it works by piggybacking radio masts. They are a cost of £69.99 and the Councillors all agreed that twelve should be purchased.

2609/05 **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.

2609/06 **REPORT FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR PAULINE GILES**

Apologies for tonight, it is my birthday and we are out.

Cornwall Council is looking for more carers to provide short breaks for children and young people with disabilities. This is a paid role and provides much needed rest for parents. If you are interested and want to know more, please email familybasedshortbreaks@cornwall.gov.uk or telephone (01872) 324533.

In an attempt to keep our young people better informed Cornwall Council has set up an easy text messaging service to get advice and information about their options in the future. Chatfuture has been launched this month and is completely free to use. Those who sign up receive two texts a month about employment opportunities, apprenticeships, education, and training placements. Users can text career related questions and they will be sent confidential free support to help them find employment. Young people can sign up by texting 07312263054.

In this year's Highways budget round, St Blazey did not submit any applications. Next year's budget applications will open in December; can I ask that the Town Councillors consider any Highways projects they would like to put forward.

I look forward to seeing some of you at MPowerKernow's open day this Saturday, this is a wonderful opportunity to display the splendid work being done in our Town. There is no onsite parking, so please factor this into your visit.

2609/07 **IMPLICATIONS OF CORNWALL COUNCIL CUTS AND LOCALISM**

Discussions are underway about Town and Parish Councils undertaking weed treatment, the proposal at this time is for a scheme to be ran like the Local Maintenance Partnership agreement that looks after footpaths. It will mean that we will be paid for the Wardens works that they currently do as Cornwall Council do not but we will be given some funding.

Councillor Billings has emailed Cllr Giles a question regarding the littering around the streams but has not received a reply. The Clerk will investigate further.

2609/08 **CLERKS PAY AWARD**

The National Association of Local Councils have agreed the new salary pay scales for Clerks. Councillor Nethercott proposed that this be paid immediately, Councillor Williams seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2609/09 **REVIEW OF THE RETENTION Of RECORDS POLICY**

The clerk had previously distributed the Retention of Records Policy. Councillor Billings proposed the new document be accepted, seconded by Councillor Parrock, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2609/10 **REVIEW OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEME**

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

2609/11 **TO ELECT CAROL CONCERT READERS**

After discussion it was agreed that Councillors Williams and Parrock would be two of the readers at the Carol Concert and the third would be the new Councillor.

2609/12 **DONATION TO THE EARL HAIG POPPY APPEAL**

Councillor Parrock proposed a donation of £300 to the 2026 Appeal, Councillor Fitzpatrick seconded the proposal, all the Councillors agreed and so it was RESOLVED.

2609/13 **PROJECT LIST**

Community Event

Next year's event which will be on Sunday 22nd August. J Inder has accepted the invitation to perform, Tywardreath Morris Dancers have come back with some questions and the Drekkly Boys will perform for a fee of £300. Larry Rabey who has been asked to bring a bouncy castle and a food van but to receive costs. Point Academy will attend and are already looking forward to the event.

Councillors Surgery

Councillors Parrock and Simms hosted on Saturday 5th September however no visitors.

Neighbourhood Priority Statements

St Blaise Neighbourhood Priority Statement questionnaires are not being returned. Councillor Billings attended an online Briefing regarding Housing Types and learned of an Area Leaders Prerogative, the Councillors want to know why this was not mentioned when a planning decision was given against SBTC consultation. The Clerk will investigate.

2609/14 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Speed camera in Station Road recorded that 67.29 % of incoming vehicles, down from 70.16 % were above the speed limit through September and 79.99 % down from 80.38 % of outgoing vehicles are above the speed limit for the same period.

The Clerk has received an email from Carol Fitzpatrick, a Director of Kernow CIC who has offered to come to a meeting. The Clerk was instructed to inform them of the Council to reduce their funding figure by £500, invite her to our October meeting with a plan of their year ahead events and a breakdown of the attendees from St Blazey.

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

Location: Mount Pleasant, St Blazey

Timing: 10th September 2026 to 14th September 2026 (24 hours)

E/M 12.9.26

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 25th September 2026 to 26th September 2026 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

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

Location: Par Moor Road, Par

Timing: 26th January 2027 to 28th January 2026 (19:00 to 07:00 hours)

2609/15**PLANNING MATTERS**

There have been two planning applications received and it was RESOLVED not to object to either.

PA26/06050 Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 Oak Tree Reduce Crown spread by 1-2 metres.
45 Hillside Avenue
Par

PA26/06108 Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 Large eucalyptus near the entrance to Rosehill House – reduce the canopy potentially remove a limb that is weighted towards a neighbouring property.
Rosehill House
Middleway
St Blazey

Results Received

Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) T1 Oak Tree Reduce Crown spread by 1-2 metres.
45 Hillside Avenue
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APPROVED

2609/16 **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. New lighting has been installed in the ladies.

Alexander Hall
The PAT testing has been completed.

St Blazey Community Rooms
The PAT testing has been completed. The quote from Chubb to take over the Fire Alarm has not been actioned. The Clerk will follow up.

June Anderson Hall
The PAT testing has been completed.

2609/17**PLAY AREA UPDATE**

Deeble Drive – All maintenance is up to date.

Penarwyn Green – All maintenance is up to date.

Polgover Way – – All maintenance is up to date. We are suffering from a lot of rubbish which the Wardens are having to collect despite there being bins easily available.

Trailblazer Park – All maintenance is up to date. The trim on the ladybird Spring Rocker has been removed, we are looking to source a replacement.

King Edward Gardens – All maintenance is up to date. The Wardens are currently painting and planting the new boat for the gardens.

2609/18**ACCOUNTS**

Payments Received	
Hall Hire	337.50
Interest	25.75
High Deposit Int	146.08
JA Room Hire	135.00
Rent	2,000.00
Precept	66,000.00
St Blazey FC	112.70

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Expenditure	
Clerks Wage	2214.10
Wardens Wage	2248.24
Broadband	38.95
UK Fuels	69.50
Insurance	528.33
HMRC	1573.91
CC (Pen)	745.02
Wardens Equip	475.56
Peninsular	2580.01
Electric (foun)	78.54
Bank Charges	8.88
Cornwall Air Am	250.00
Microsoft	84.99
Gaynor error	5.98

AH	
Water	217.50
Chubb (parts)	19.98
PAT	32.95
Gas	11.64
Cleaners Wage	21.50
Electric	70.08
PPL/PRS	191.34
PC	
Locking	46.00
Electric	39.12
Water	120.78
All Connections	374.70
Community Rooms	
Business Rates	102.00
Electric	51.53
PAT	16.50
JA Hall	
Electric	46.55
PAT	8.50
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All the Councillors RESOLVED to accept the accounts submitted.

2609/19**TOWN BUSINESS**

Councillor Simms attended the 1st meeting of the second phase Eden Geo-thermal project; it is a fascinating project and highlighted how much technology had improved since the first. It is hoped that this will be functioning by 2030 and is being funded privately and is hoped will feed the National Grid. There will be five wells, 5,000 metres deep. The first well will be for diagnostic and hot water for the Eden project.

Councillor Simms reported an extension to a house in Pembroke Close that he had not seen a planning application for. The Clerk will investigate.

Councillor Pearce asked if we could purchase water butts for our buildings, all the Councillors agreed.

PART TWO - ITEMS OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO BE DEBATED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PUBLIC as per Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

2609/20**CO-OPTION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR**

1. To resolve to exclude the press and public for items of a confidential nature.

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public.

2. Co-option of a Town Councillor.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to co-opt Peter Giles to the Town Council.

2609/21 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on 29th October 2026 at 7.30pm at the St Blazey Community Rooms.

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