



Illogan Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

Chairman's Report – Cllr Lawrence Pavey



This last year has been my first as Chairman and I was warned that there is an ever growing and expanding workload on the Parish Council.

Well – that has certainly been proved to be the case.

The process of devolution continues, and will continue, while the Unitary Authority attempts to cut services that are not its mandatory responsibility. But these services will have to be provided somehow or another, so, if we don't accept that responsibility – then who will?

In addition to these tasks we continue to be faced by contentious planning proposals, planning decisions and consultations (or the lack of them) and I think that, as a Council, we all despair at the lack of listening and understanding that seems to emanate from County Hall on such issues.

Through all of this our parish councillors continue to give their support to the community of Illogan, putting in many more hours than is generally known.

During the year former Councillor Stephen Richardson stood down in order to concentrate on his business interests and we thank him for his many years of service. We now welcome Councillor Geoffrey Williams who took that seat in a recent uncontested election. We also lost the services of our Administration Assistant Jo Whitmore and, in her place, we also welcome Mrs Jean Curtis as our new Administration Assistant who, I am sure, will soon find out how much work is actually done by the Parish Council.

Over the next year, as a council we will continue to react to change, to develop our skills, and to expand our capacity where necessary, to face the challenges ahead.

Members of the Council for 2015/2016

Cllr Lawrence Pavey was elected Chairman in May 2015. Cllr Mrs Jill Ferrett was appointed Vice Chairman in May 2015.

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Attendance at Full Council Meetings 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

Councillor	No. of Meetings Attended	Total Number of Meetings	Percentage of Meetings Attended	Notes
Cllr Ms V Cadby	6	14	43%	
Cllr D Crabtree	14	14	100%	
Cllr D R Ekinsmyth	14	14	100%	
Cllr J Ferrett	11	14	79%	
Cllr G D Ford	13	14	93%	
Cllr P Holmes	12	14	86%	
Cllr Mrs M Loxton	11	14	79%	
Cllr L Pavey	13	14	93%	
Cllr Miss Pollock	11	14	79%	
Cllr S A Richardson	6	12	43%	Until February 2016
Cllr Mrs M Roberts	11	14	79%	
Cllr S R S Szoka	11	14	79%	
Cllr Mrs Thompson	10	14	71%	
Cllr R Uren	12	14	86%	

Planning Applications

From May 2015 to May 2016 Cllr Margaret Roberts was the Chairman of Planning & Environmental Services Committee and Cllr Graham Ford was the Vice Chairman.

In 2015 the Council was consulted on 71 planning applications within the Parish. The Council has taken its responsibilities seriously and each application has been considered on its own merits and in the wider context of the area in which it is situated.

New Development:	20
Demolition and Rebuild	6
Extensions & Alterations:	27
Work on Trees:	11
Wind Turbines/Solar panels/Poles/Other Antennas:	2
Drainage Systems:	0
Certificates of Use:	1
Other:	4

Precept

The Precept for 2015-2016 was set at £197,050.

Accounts Summary

Cost Centre	Receipts		Payments	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Administration	£0.00	£55.55	£88,422.00	£63,661.77
Grants and Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£12,450.00	£2,586.00
Amenities	£0.00	£0.00	£70,800.00	£44,601.43
Projects	£0.00	£0.00	£2.00	£2.00
Capital Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£12,000.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
Parish Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Income	£197,150.00	£237,097.45	£0.00	£0.00
Office	£0.00	£0.00	£11,690.00	£8,216.05
Loan Repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Net Total	£197,150.00	£237,153.00	£197,864.00	£119,049.25
VAT		£6,723.68		£6,845.97
GROSS TOTAL		£243,876.68		£125,895.22

Grants

The Council is committed to supporting and helping local community groups improve the quality of life for residents of the Parish. One way it does this is by providing grants. The Council's Grant Award Policy aims to ensure that all grant applications are treated equally and fairly and that grants awarded provide value for money; that all awards are within the legal powers of the Council; and that the grant process is open and transparent.

In 2015/16 the Council provided grant funding to:

St Illogan Church received a grant of £1,000.00 towards the repair of the north wall of the churchyard.

Cadoe Sibs received a grant of £1,500.00 towards the cost of hall hire.

Camborne Youth Band received a grant of £200.00 towards the purchase of new instruments.

Overview of the Year

It has been a busy and productive year for the Council. Members and Officers have worked hard to maintain and improve the Council's assets and the Parish of Illogan for the enjoyment and pride of the whole community.

Illogan Park

The freehold of Illogan Park was transferred to the Council at the beginning of the year. An annual management Plan for the Park has been compiled and implemented. There will be regular grass cutting, litter picking, hedge trimming, tree inspections and general maintenance completed. The New Inn Titans, a newly formed football team by the New Inn, are now playing at Illogan Park. Improvements were made to toilets to bring them into a serviceable condition. Following an in-depth tender process for an architect for the project at Illogan Park, Lavigne Lonsdale was appointed to provide drawings etc for both public consultations and to submit to Cornwall Council to apply for planning permission. Following the appointment of the architects, topographical and ecological surveys have been completed at the Park.



Manningham Wood

A five year management plan has been compiled for Manningham Wood to assist in the preservation and enjoyment of the woodland for years to come. In the autumn it was brought to the Council's attention that there was a very large oak in the wood with a spiral crack in the trunk. The Council sought advice from the Cornwall Council Tree Officer. Unfortunately there was nothing that could be done to save the tree. Due to the complexities of the damage and the risk to the tree surgeons if they tried to fell the tree, the paths to the area were fenced off with signs to stop members of the public accessing the area at risk and the tree was left for nature to take its course. During some of the strong winds just after Christmas the tree fell causing some damage to surrounding trees and vegetation. Once the area had been professionally inspected the paths were cleared of fallen debris and the paths reopened.



Mary's Well

Mary's Well was built 1888 and is an important historical feature in the Parish. It is a popular resting area for walkers etc with a useable drinking water fountain. The wooden benches in the area were falling into a state of disrepair and were becoming unsafe and unusable. As Cornwall Council would only remove the benches, Illogan Parish Council replaced the benches with new benches that were made from environmentally friendly, recycled materials which would be low maintenance and weather resistant.



Notice Boards

The Council purchased and erected larger notice boards at Tolvaddon and Park Bottom. The notice boards that were put up were larger to make sure that all of the Council's notices could be properly displayed to help keep the public updated on Council activities.



Illogan Youth Club

The Illogan Youth Club unfortunately ended due to the lack of attendees. The Club was funded by Council and met at Illogan Village Hall, unfortunately with such low attendance and with other activities hosted in the area it was deemed unsustainable and uneconomical to continue funding the Illogan Youth Club. The Council will be reviewing the decision and youth provision in the future.

Allotments

There have been ongoing negotiations with the owners of the land adjacent to the development at Park Bottom regarding the Section 106 agreement for allotments. The Council are seeking additional information and clarification on specifications including the size of the proposed allotment land. The Council are keen to ensure that all information is obtained and that the proposed land is suitable and viable for allotments before a final decision is made. The Council will keep the public informed in the Illogan Review, on the website and the Council's Facebook page.

Land at the end of Woodbine Lane

The registration of the area of land at the end of Woodbine Lane into the Council's name is being processed by the Land Registry. There will be no changes to the area or the way in which it is maintained.

Illogan Parish Fair

Councillors attended and supported the organisers and stall holders at Illogan Parish Fair wearing their new Council t-shirts so that they could be easily identified by any members of the public who wished to talk to them.

Governance of the Council

The Council takes its duties and responsibilities seriously. All of the Council's policies, procedures and risk assessments are reviewed at least annually. This is to ensure that the Council is operating safely, openly, transparently, effectively, efficiently, within current legislation and using best practice guidelines. Councillors completed monthly audits to ensure that the Council's finances were being properly administered in compliance with current legislation, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Council policy.

Christmas Lights Switch On Events

The Annual Christmas Lights Switch On Events were held at Illogan and Park Bottom. On Friday 4th December the children of Illogan School paraded from the school to the Robartes Arms with their



lanterns and congregated in the Square. The quality of the lanterns improves year on year and this year was no exception and was possibly even the best year. Everyone was welcomed by the Reverend Steve Robinson and after a short blessing the Christmas Lights were be switched on. Participants were joined by the Illogan Community Choir and the Camborne Youth Band. Father Christmas visited from Lapland and handed out sweets. The Council would like to thank the Robartes Arms for donating mulled wine for everyone attending the switch on.

On Saturday 5th December at the New Inn, Park Bottom everyone was welcomed by a member of Illogan Parish Council's Community Liaison Committee, there was a short blessing and the Christmas Lights were switched on. Camborne Youth Band supported the carol singing. Father Christmas again visited from Lapland and handed out sweets. The Council would like to thank the New Inn and Park Bottom Stores for donating mulled wine and pasties for everyone attending the switch on.

The Council would like to thank everyone involved with organising, running, participating and attending the Christmas Lights Switch On Events.



Personnel

There were some changes to staff and Councillors during the year. The Administration Assistant, Ms Whitmore, resigned in January 2016 and Cllr Richardson resigned from the Council in February 2016.

The Council has contractors who complete work on behalf of the Council. In 2015/16:

Mr Heyes completed the Litter Picking and General Maintenance.

Greens Grounds and Trees completed maintenance work in Illogan Park and the Year 1 Management Plan works in Manningham Wood.

TJs Garden Services trimmed the footpaths that are included in the agreement the Council has with Cornwall Council.

Kernow Tree Surgery completed some tree works in Manningham Wood.

Focus Technology Europe Ltd hosts the Council's website and provide IT support.

Ben Daddow replaced the benches at Mary's Well.

Pyrocheck Firedoor and Property Maintenance completed some improvements to the toilets at Illogan Park.

Ray Uren Award



Ray Uren was an Illogan boy born and bred and a Burma campaign veteran. He took a close interest in the life and affairs of Illogan and was a very regular and frequent attender of the meetings of the parish council: he became a local councillor after a by-election for the last 3 years of his long life. The Award was instituted in his memory and is made on nomination from the public at large to mark outstanding contributions to the community in any field by any individual outside paid professional duty. Serving Councillors cannot be nominated for the Ray Uren Award.

The Ray Uren Award was presented to Steve Turner in May 2015. The first organisation Steve supported in the Parish was 1st Illogan Scouts in July 2008, when he was elected as Secretary for the group. In November 2013 he moved into uniform and became a Scout Leader in order to better support the Scouts section. He joined the Village Hall Committee in September 2008 and was elected as Secretary in the November that year. He became the Treasurer for the currently dormant Illogan Parish Regeneration Group in November 2008 and, after supporting the Parish Plan project, in the January of 2012 he and a group of like-minded residents decided to revive the Horticultural & Domestic Show. He also provided technical support to the Illogan Players amateur dramatics group now based at Illogan Village Hall, as well as helping to run the Illogan Indoor Sports and Recreation Club at the Village Hall on Monday evenings since June 2009. Steve was also Chairman of the Illogan Parish Fair, a major event for Illogan and one which requires a serious amount of commitment and energy. Every quarter Steve reliably supplied Illogan Parish Council with updates on the Illogan Parish Fair, the Village Hall and the Scouts.