

Illogan Parish Council

ANNUAL REPORT

2012-2013

Chairman's Report

This has been the final year of the extended term of six years, following the move of Cornwall County Council to Unitary status. Kerrier District Council ceased to exist and this centred all activity on the newly formed Cornwall Council. This has given local councils such as our own the opportunity to take a more active role in the services for our area.

So far there has not been any significant devolution of powers but I believe this will form an important part of the work of Illogan Parish Council going forward.

Over the past year we have taken action to ensure the council is in the best possible position to take on any roles considered sensible. The council reserves are healthy and we have built up our staffing expertise and capacity to cope with the likely future. Although we had planned to build an extension on the Village Hall for a parish office, the current complications were such that we decided to put those plans on hold for the time being and sign an extended lease on our current premises on Tolvaddon Energy Park. This will provide a secure base for our administrative activities for the foreseeable future, without removing the other options should a future council decide to exercise them.

2012 was the year of the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics and we organised a Party in the Park for our children that turned out to be a little windswept but was fun for all who attended. The Illogan Parish Fair was reinstituted and was very well attended and I hope this will become a permanent fixture in the future.

We also introduced a gardening competition, and although the number of entries was limited this year I would hope to see this thrive in the future. It certainly engendered a lot of enthusiasm in those who did take part, particularly the children through our excellent school. The Christmas Lights were again very popular and literally lit up by the lantern procession by the children from the school through the streets to Illogan.

The Parish Plan had a key objective to "Put Illogan on the MAP" and I believe we made a good start by bringing the community together with the above activities. There is still a long way to go but we are on our way.

Finally this report would not be complete without thanking all the volunteers who have helped us with their time and effort, and particularly to the Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk and Administration Assistant who rarely get any thanks but who give a lot of time and energy to managing the present affairs of the Parish and planning for the future.

Parish Office

The office at Tolvaddon has been in use since Autumn 2011. The Locum Clerk, Sarah Willsher, was appointed to a permanent position in August 2012 and in February 2013 was joined by a part-time Administrative Assistant, Jo Whitmore, in order to manage the continuing administration of the Council and devolvement of responsibilities from Cornwall Council.

Members of the Council

Cllr David Ekinsmyth was Chairman from May 2012 to May 2013. Cllr Graham Ford was elected as Chairman in May 2013. Cllr Terry Wilkins was Vice Chairman from May 2012 to May 2013. Cllr Mrs Jill Ferrett was elected as Vice Chairman in May 2013.

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Meeting Dates for Remainder of Municipal Year

17 July 2013	11 December 2013
18 September 2013	15 January 2014
16 October 2013	19 February 2014
20 November 2013	19 March 2014

Attendance at Meetings

Councillor	No. of Meetings Attended	Percentage of Meetings Attended								
Cllr R L Benney	10	91								
Cllr R J Bentley	8	73								
Cllr Ms V R Cadby	6	55								
Cllr D R Ekinsmyth	10	91								
Cllr J Ferrett	6*	100	Co-opted October 2012							
Cllr G D Ford	11	100								
Cllr P Holmes	9	82								
Cllr J V Mayne	10	91								
Cllr L Pavey	6*	100	Co-opted October 2012							
Cllr Mrs V Poole	4	36								
Cllr S A Richardson	6	100								
Cllr S R S Szoka	8	73								
Cllr Mrs Thompson	4*	100	Co-opted November 2012							
Cllr T Wilkins	10	91								
Cllr I Yates	4*	100	Resigned September 2012							

Planning Applications

From May 2012 to May 2013 Cllr Wilkins was Chairman of Planning & Environmental Services Committee. Cllr Richardson was appointed Chairman of the Committee in May 2013. From May 2012 to May 2013 Cllr Mayne was Vice Chairman. Cllr Pavey was appointed Vice Chairman in May 2013.

From April 2012 to March 2013 the Council was consulted on 42 planning applications within the Parish. The Council has taken its responsibilities seriously and each application has been considered on its own merits. Where a Councillor has a vested interest in a planning application, the Councillor is unable to be present during discussions or vote on decisions.

New Development: 12
Extensions/Alterations and Other: 20
Work on Trees: 4
Wind Turbines/Poles/Other Antennas: 4
Drainage Systems: 1
Certificates of Use: 1

Precept

The Precept for 2012-2013 was set at £136,950; the same figure as for 2011-2012.

Accounts Summary

Summary of Receipts and Payments Summary - Cost Centres Only

Cost Centre	Receipts		Payments		Net Position	
					Under- spend	Overspend
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	(+)	(-)
Administration Grants and	0.00	1,062.77	51,050.00	43,097.00		9,015.77
Donations	0.00	0.00	12,450.00	5,126.50		7,323.50
Amenities	0.00	0.00	21,800.00	23,160.74		-1,360.74
Projects Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00		-2.00
Expenditure	0.00	501.90	9,000.00	7,764.44		1,737.46
Other	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,572.47		-572.47
Parish Plan	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00		1,500.00
Income	138,500.00	138,973.00	0.00	0.00		473.00
Office	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	1,420.70		7,579.30
Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	34,000.00	0.00		34,000.00
Net Total	138,500.00	140,537.67	139,800.00	82,143.85		59,693.82
VAT	-	4,253.25		-2,198.73		
GROSS TOTAL		144,790.92		79.945.12		

Grants

£1,000.00 to Grapevine Community Church for repair of roof. £250.00 to Illogan Parish Church towards the Feast of St Illogan.

Training

Staff and councillors have been taking advantage of the training available through the National Association of Local Councils, Cornwall Association of Local Councils and Cornwall Council, including Code of Conduct training and Planning, which is a testament to the commitment of Members who wish to provide the best service to parishioners.

Illogan Parish Review

Due to personal commitments Cllr Benney found it necessary to resign from the Council in April 2013. The Council saw this as a good opportunity to bring production of the Illogan Parish Review in-house and the summer edition was produced and delivered successfully.

Assets

a. Mary's Well, Parsonage Well and Woodbine Lane

All continue to be maintained by the Council

b. Allotments

There is an on-going search for suitable land.

c. Bus Shelters

The Council owns 11 bus shelters which are cleaned and maintained monthly.

d. Manningham Wood

The Wood is maintained by Illogan Parish Council, working closely with the Friends of Manningham Wood (FOMW). The FOMW meet on a monthly basis and run events in the woodland on a regular basis.

A newly formed Devolution Committee will look at other areas of land, currently under the umbrella of Cornwall Council, which Illogan Parish Council would consider requesting be transferred to the Council. Of particular interest is the Illogan Park football ground where negotiations have already commenced.

Green Ripple Project

The Green Ripple was another project to follow a theme suggested in the Parish Plan. The project successfully bid for funding to develop environmentally friendly solutions for the efficient use of electricity within the home to try and keep bills under control. This started in Tolvaddon and will eventually 'ripple out' to the remainder of Illogan. So far houses had been surveyed and received advice and assistance with insulation, Eventually the plan is to install more advanced technology like solar panels and other solutions. The project operates as a not for profit Community Interest Company with the objective of seeking new funding and managing the funds it already has efficiently. The Council was working in partnership with Cornwall Council, Community Energy Plus, Tolvaddon and Illogan Regeneration groups, and Transition Illogan.

Verge Cutting, Footpaths, Rights of Way, Litter-picking

The Council employs two part-time contractors – David Heyes, who is responsible for litter-picking, some verge cutting and cleaning the bus shelters, and Tam Jordan, who successfully bid for the contract for maintaining footpaths and open spaces in April 2013.

Illogan Christmas Lights

Christmas festivities are still proving popular and 2012 was another success. Two trees were installed and illuminated at The Robartes Arms at Paynters Lane End and The New Inn at Park Bottom. There were excellent performances by the choir and the children of Illogan School in the Lantern Parade.