

## ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Ekinsmyth (Chairman), T. Wilkins, (Vice Chairman), R. J. Bentley, R Benney, G.D. Ford, J.V. Mayne, S Richardson, S.R.S. Szoka, I. Yates

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Willsher (Locum Clerk) and six members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

### **APM12/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ms Cadby

### **APM12/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

Minutes APM11/05/3 – amend to read 'It was duly proposed and seconded and'

Cllr Yates was present at the meeting; remove his name from the list of apologies.

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr Benney and

**APM12/05/2.2 Resolved**                    ***that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 are received and approved with the above amendments and signed by the Chairman.***

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

### **APM12/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **a. Cornwall Councillors**

The Locum Clerk spoke to the report received from Councillor Jude Robinson. The opening of Heartlands had marked a turning point for this area and created much comment across a wide area of Cornwall, the vast majority very positive.

She had been working with other Councillors (Cllrs Peter Shepherd, Dave Biggs and Joyce Duffin) and Heartlands on the 'Flame Festival' planned for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – it was obvious that the Olympic

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organising committee got things very wrong when they decided not to carry the flame through this area but at least locally we would all have a day to remember at Heartlands. LOCOG had not been very helpful towards the 'Flame Festival' but Cornwall Council had donated substantial funding.

The new waste collection had not been as fraught in Tolvaddon as in many other places – there were some problems in Mount Whistle Road but they were sorted out fairly quickly. There were also overflowing dog waste bins at North Cliffs, Tehidy which were quickly addressed. At the weekend, she noticed fly tipping in the trees by the car park so had reported that as well and hoped it was removed efficiently. It was a shame that people took their rubbish to dump in such lovely places.

The fire service planned to build a new station near Tolvaddon which should provide a much needed community facility for the area. She hoped it would also have the capacity to be used as a polling station – getting to the St John's ambulance hall was not ideal.

Traffic had been affected by the road works along Station Road and Trevenson Moor but this should improve road safety for pedestrians, schools children and cyclists. It would be of great benefit to a safe route from Tolvaddon to Pool through the Energy Park.

### **b. Representative to outside organisations**

#### **Illogan Parish Regeneration Group**

Cllr Ford reported that there had been no call during the last year on either of the two functions of the group as defined by its constitution. These were the Start-up Fund for new community organisations/initiatives or supporting/assisting the special interest groups.

The committee had called an Annual General Meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Council Office with three main goals. The three goals were to receive the financial report, elect officers and to consider a proposed modification to the definition of "community regeneration" so to firmly align the associated aims and activities to the scrutiny and delivery of the policies and work of the Parish Plan. They had the advantage of a mandate and therefore proper access to the funds which the IRPG commands and potentially could attract. It was noted that the wider membership of the IPRG comprised of members who were also on the Parish Plan working group. The first assessment of the Parish Plan was due in July.

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### **APM12/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Illogan Village Hall**

Mr Turner spoke to the report received from the Chairman of Illogan Village Hall.

Another 12 months had passed rather quickly representing a further period of consolidation for the Hall with retention of user groups and financial stability.

The Committee had continued to meet every 6 to 8 weeks and the Chairman thanked their Secretary Steve Turner and Treasurer Pat Docking without whose significant input the Hall would not survive.

Special thanks again must be given to our Bookings Clerk, Sue Skewes, who with her partner David had ensured a further 12 months of smooth Hall operation on a day to day basis.

Usage of the facilities was made by a broad range of clubs, associations, community projects and of course one off events such as birthday parties. The Hall was also used as a polling station in local and general elections and over the past few months had provided facilities to Illogan Church which had been closed during its ongoing refurbishment programme.

Regular users included the 'Young People Cornwall' group, Illogan Youth Club, First Illogan Scout Group, Hatha Yoga, Slimming World, The Women's Institute, Stamp Your Art Out, Bridge Stitchers and Crafters, Scrapbook Club, Cornwall Scale Modellers and Illogan Indoor Sports and Recreation Club. Cornwall County Council also had used our facilities for local meetings during the past year.

For a third year in succession they had staged a professionally performed play, this time 'Oogly-es-sin' and they would of course be aiming to provide similar shows in 2012. Such events would now benefit from the professional stage curtaining installed in the summer. Once again he gave a special thanks to the Parish Council and Illogan Parish Regeneration Group for providing the financial input to make the installation possible.

Looking to the future they were happy to provide facilities for Illogan Amateur Dramatic Group to produce a Christmas Show in early December and would be working with other Community Groups to host a Summer Fayre next July.

Another significant possible future development comprised extension of the Hall to provide an Office and Meeting room for the Parish

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Council. Given the current National austerity programme this project was still undergoing a full detailed costing and feasibility study on the suitability and value offered by the Hall and other alternative sites. The Committee would naturally welcome a successful outcome in favour of the Hall with the possibility of additional enhancements being installed for Hall users and General Public during the build process.

Finally he expressed his thanks to all of the committee members and also to the members of Illogan Parish Council without whose support the Hall would struggle to operate.

The Toddler Group, run by Treloweth Children's centre lost funding and regrettably had stopped running the toddlers session. They still had some toys suitable for this age group and these were being retained by us until a replacement group could be found.

Illogan Youth Club was having a break due to the two key leaders both having babies and not being able to find replacement volunteers. As with toddler group their toys and equipment were in storage until such time as new leaders could be found or the current leaders felt able to return from their maternity break.

The Friends of Manningham Wood now met at the hall due to their previous regular meeting place closing. They were pleased they had chosen the Hall for their meetings and were happy to accommodate them for the foreseeable future or until such time as the pub reopened.

The University of the third age (U3A) also met regularly with their Canasta club.

Bridge Stitchers and Crafters had joined forces with the Scrap booking Club in an effort to reduce costs.

### **Report from David Heyes, contractor to Illogan Parish Council**

The Locum Clerk spoke to the report received from Mr Heyes. The past two year had been very busy carrying out all the various tasks the council asked me to do. This work had increased considerably the amount of time he was working for the council. He litter picked every road on the parish every four weeks and did as much recycling as he could. He cleaned and maintained all of the bus shelters. He had been delivering the Illogan Review and other leaflets to all the residential homes in the parish. In July 2010, Rosemullion Park at Tolvaddon opened and he had completed weekly litter picks and several maintenance tasks since the opening. He had made and installed two additional bench seats; one for Church Road and one on

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the grass at Paynters Lane End. He now helped with the Christmas trees and lights and with the road closures. He strimmed several verges and other sites in the parish; each site had six cuts per year. He completed health and safety inspections on a weekly basis. He had attended several meetings with members of Illogan Parish Council and Cornwall Council officers to discuss various issues in the area.

He completed the following tasks for the council free of charge:

- Reported to Cornwall Council instances of dumped rubbish
- Cleaned the parish notice boards
- Cleaned the 'Illogan' signs
- Oiled the padlocks on the bollards at Manningham Woods
- Trimmed the tree behind the notice board at Manningham Woods
- Recycled as many of the bottles and cans as he could
- Talked and listened to members of the public and passed any comments back to the Parish Clerk
- Litter picked Robartes Terrace each time he visited the area (at least twice per week) as the road got very dirty due to the amount of people using it.

He hoped that his work was to the standard expected and he was very pleased to be working for the council.

Councillor Wilkins said that the work completed by Mr Heyes was invaluable. Members of Illogan Parish gave a vote of thanks to Mr Heyes.

### **Tehidy Management Committee**

Councillor Wilkins said that the group did not seem to be very active; this was not a good advertisement for local government.

### **Mineral Tramways and Red River Valley Groups**

Councillor Mayne queried whether the above groups still met and what their future plans were.

### **Green Ripple**

Councillor Ekinsmyth said that the Green Ripple project was moving forward. Twelve properties should receive solar panels on their roof. If there were not twelve suitable properties in Tolvaddon they would look wider afield. They were in the process of setting up a not for profit community interest company to manage the ongoing legacy.

### **Allotment Group**

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The allotment group held their AGM. There were still questions about the future provision of allotments on the area.

### **Friends of Manningham Wood**

The group were active. They thanked Mrs Alison Forward for raising funds for the installation of the nature trail.

### **Illogan Church.**

Cllr Benney said that Rev Kippax would be leaving soon. It was agreed that the council would send a letter of thanks to Rev Kippax for all of his hard work in the area.

## **APM12/05/5 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

There were no questions or motions from residents.

## **APM12/05/6 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Cllr Ekinsmyth apologized in advance if he forgot to mention anyone. This year has seen a number of major changes in the operation of the Council that could not have been foreseen at the start. This was the 5th year of the term of this Council which is unusual in itself. The term of office was extended to 6 years rather than the normal 4, following the adoption of Unitary Status by Cornwall Council and the end of Kerrier District Council. The Council was now entering its final year before new elections and a fresh mandate in May 2013. During the course of the year the Council continued its search for a suitable site for a new administrative office, having been asked to vacate the shed in the Clerk's garden that had housed it for so long. After much detailed investigation and consideration of various options the Council decided to revisit the plan of building the office as an extension to the Village Hall as originally conceived in 2004. In the meantime, following notification of the long-term illness of the Clerk, a temporary lease was agreed on an office unit on Tolvaddon Energy Park. As legal and VAT aspects of the planned new extension to the Village Hall were taking a long time to resolve, the plan had to be put on hold until a resolution was found to the issues. So far the Council was unable to move forward and the lease on the current facilities had been extended. The Parish Plan highlighted the need to improve administrative facilities and public accessibility, and this move had done that. This coincided with the unfortunate extended illness of the Clerk, and the need to employ a Locum Clerk to ensure the increasing work of the Council was efficiently carried out. This was done in August and Sarah Willsher joined the Council on a temporary basis. Although the expectation was that Mrs Suzanne Ballinger

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would return to her post eventually this did not turn out to be the case and she decided to resign her post and take a well earned retirement. I wish to pay tribute to all the hard work done over her long service to the Council and community of Illogan. That the Council has grown and successfully developed is in no small part due to her efforts. The Council and Illogan community were extremely fortunate to have had her in post. Thanks Sue and all best wishes for your future. The Council was in the process of appointing a new permanent clerk. Following the publication The Parish Plan the Council had proceeded to develop many of the ideas put forward in the household survey. The key objective was 'to put Illogan on the map', both literally and effectively. Although there were still no signs to the village from any major road, the development of a series of events and other activities had moved forward. The Xmas lights were enjoyed by an increased number this year and the Events Committee was planning other great events to mark the Queen's Jubilee this summer, along with the reintroduction of a gardening competition. Meanwhile plans were advanced for the resumption of the Illogan Parish Fair. Government Localism legislation was passing into law and this should enable the community to play a greater role in its own future development including producing a Neighbourhood Plan that will guide the future direction of building in the parish. The Council would lead this but required volunteers from the community interested in assisting in the production of the plan. Eventually the finished article would be put to a referendum before adoption. Communication around the parish had continued to improve using the web-site and Illogan Review. The latter publication is delivered to all households in the parish and encouraged input from everyone. The Green Ripple was another project to follow a theme suggested in the Parish Plan. This successfully bid for funding to develop environmentally friendly solutions to efficient use of electricity within the home and try to keep bills under control. This started in Tolvaddon and would eventually 'ripple out' to the remainder of Illogan. So far houses had been surveyed and received advice and assistance with insulation, but eventually the plan was to install more advanced technology like solar panels and other solutions. The Ripple would be operated as a not for profit Community Interest Company with the objective of seeking new funding and managing the funds it already had efficiently. The Parish Council was working in partnership with Cornwall Council, Community Energy Plus, Tolvaddon and Illogan Regeneration groups, and Transition Illogan. Manningham Wood continued to be effectively managed by the small committee led by Alison Forward and looked after the super facility in the centre of the village. Thanks to them. Illogan Village Hall was managed by the Village Hall Management group and other volunteers. This facility provided a venue for a range of activities. As mentioned earlier it had been hoped that the facilities could be expanded in conjunction with the development of an information hub and parish

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council office but this was on hold at present. There was no doubt that the Parish Council had seen substantial development over the past year and set itself both physically and financially for the year ahead. As Cornwall Council gradually reduced its activities, local councils would have to decide whether or not to take them. This would require a new level of commitment and skill from Councillors backed by the financial and administrative facilities to carry out the new functions. It would also require willing volunteers from our community to help out. The Council had successfully embarked on this over the past year and was confidently looking forward to the future. Finally the Parish Council could not operate without enthusiastic volunteers from our community and help, advice and assistance from officers of Cornwall Council. Thanks to everyone.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.34pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....