

## **ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Illogan Parish Council held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors D Ekinsmyth (Chairman); T Wilkins M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman); R Benney; R Bentley; Mrs J Ferrett; G.D. Ford; PT Holmes; J.V. Mayne; L Pavey(\*); S. Richardson; S Szoka; Mrs M Thompson.

(\* from point indicated.

**In attendance:** one member of the public.

### **FC12/12/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs V Poole. The Clerk had been taken ill.

The Chairman reminded all present of the safety and emergency procedures.

In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that the Minutes be drafted by Cllr Ford.

### **FC12/12/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (INCLUDING DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY**

Cllr S Richardson declared an interest as both parent and governor of Illogan School.

### **FC12/12/3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

(\* Cllr Pavey joined the meeting during consideration of this item.)

### **FC12/12/4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Thompson to her meeting after co-option in November.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the Friends of Manningham Wood with the Clerk and was pleased to report progress towards a common understanding of the scale and detail of future works both by The Council and the Friends to maintain and enhance this valued facility.

### **FC12/12/5 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

In the absence of the Clerk, none was made.

### **FC12/12/6 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

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

**FC12/12/6.2 Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**FC12/12/7 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

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

**FC12/12/7.2 Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be now received subject to the correction to item PA12/09794 page 71 so to refer to a "barn"**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**FC12/12/8 TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF THE PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2012**

In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the January 2013 meeting of Council

**FC12/12/9 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012**

In the absence of The Clerk, Cllr Ford reported that all invoices and statements had been examined and cross-referred to the cheques prepared by the Finance Officer by himself and Cllrs Mayne and Szoka.

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

**FC12/12/9.2 Resolved that the cheques be now signed and issued.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**FC12/12/10 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

In the absence of the Clerk and for the information of new Members, Cllr Ford explained the history of this annual item. It was agreed to defer consideration of the matter until the January 2013 meeting pending receipt of details of an interim payment already made.

**FC12/12/11 TO RECEIVE THE LEASE FOR UNIT 2, WHEAL AGAR, TOLVADDON ENERGY, TOLVADDON, APPROVE TWO COUNCILLORS TO SIGN THE LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL AND APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION IN FRONT OF A LOCAL SOLICITOR AND APPROVE THE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE**

In the absence of The Clerk The Chairman explained that a number of questions of technical detail had been identified and subsequently raised with the solicitors acting for The Council and that a reply was awaited.

It was therefore agreed to defer the item until the January 2013 meeting.

**FC12/12/12 TO RECEIVE THE CORNWALL COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER CURNOW SCHOOL'S PRIMARY-AGE PUPILS TO ENHANCED ACCOMODATION AT ILLOGAN AND AGREE A RESPONSE**

- \* There was substantial debate on this item. Amongst points raised were:
- \* Cllrs Wilkins and Holmes had attended a meeting at Illogan school and received satisfying assurances as to the open space at Illogan school;
- \* The moving of the Nursery into spare class room accommodation in the main building;
- \* concern about exacerbation of existing highway problems at the site;
- \* assurances as to the detail of placements of certain pupils at particular sites;
- \* the confirmation that the pupil count would be 238 and not the figure of 420 which had been suggested with the Head Teacher's firm assurance on this point;
- \* the possibility (discounted) of Illogan school's becoming a "Free school" and any possible implications of a federated or co-operative structure with other nearby schools, in particular Portreath School;
- \* the clearer identification of shared activities of Curnow and Illogan school, specifically music, dance, art and meals in distinction to other separate activities within the long term aim for the two schools at the one site and addressing an additional 34 pupils for the Curnow operation;
- \* there would be occasional joint "play" between the pupils from each school;
- \* separate tuition in core curriculum items.
- \* It was particularly noted that the proposed pattern runs contrary to the usual 'national' pattern.

Members were agreed in their continuing dissatisfaction with the adequacy of the original briefing accompanying the consultation request, noted that The Clerk had despatched a letter particularly addressing two (2) points raised at the October meeting and were extremely disapproving of the absence of any acknowledgement of their concerns nor any full responses addressing their points. This dismay was exacerbated by the failure of the requested attendance of an representative of the Education Authority at this meeting.

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

**FC12/12/12.2 Resolved that Illogan Parish Council regrets that it is unable to**

**respond to the Consultation because it still awaits a complete report and fuller presentation on this proposal despite a formal request for these courtesies.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

(Note: Cllr Wilkins assured the Council in his role as a Cornwall Councillor for the area that he would directly raise this matter at County Hall with the appropriate officers.)

### **FC12/12/13 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **a. Police**

There was none.

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

Manningham Woods

The Chairman elucidated his opening remarks to the effect that he regretted that there had been a 'period of disconnection' but that the Management Plan has now been re-written and agreed together with other relevant documents. The vice-Chairman commended the active, prompt and effective involvement of The Clerk with issues at the site as they arise, in particular with the supervision of the various contractors.

#### **c. Cornwall Councillors**

There was a brief and pointed debate concerning the failing wall on the corner of the Illogan school site opposite North gate at Church Town and a robust refutation from a number of Members with long-standing knowledge and expertise regarding the dis-avowal of ownership by the Unitary Council of the property. Cllr Wilkins shared the information that the repair was costed at £ 5865.

### **FC12/12/14 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. The possible need to consider underwriting any repairs to the failing school wall;
2. Cllr Mrs Ferrett raised the matter of future prevention of over-flooding drains by the post office. It was reported that in the previous week, Illogan Council's Contracting Handyman had persuaded the Cornwall Council to clear all drains between Bridge road and Paynters Lane End and both Councils had jointly removed large accumulations of leaves from the gulleys in the immediate area.

### **FC12/12/15 DATE AND TIME ON NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 7pm in Penwartha Hall, Voguebeloth, Illogan.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm with seasonal best wishes to all present and an invitation to share some light refreshments.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)  
dated: .....