

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Illogan Parish Council Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 18th July 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors D Ekinsmyth (Chairman), T. Wilkins, (Vice Chairman) (from point mentioned), R Benney, G.D. Ford, P Holmes, J.V. Mayne, S.R.S. Szoka, I. Yates

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Willsher, Locum Clerk and four members of the public

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

FC12/07/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Richardson for non-attendance and Cllr Wilkins for late arrival.

FC12/07/2 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

There were no interests declared.

FC12/07/3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public said that some of the nature trail signs in Manningham Woods had been vandalized.

FC12/07/4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that he had attended the dressing of Mary's Well and Illogan Parish Fair. He thanked the Councillors who had attended the Fair and Mr Turner and all of the volunteers who organised the event; he thought it was excellent.

Cllr Mayne felt that the council should consider purchasing bunting and signage to better publicise events.

FC12/07/5 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE 2012 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

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

FC12/07/5.2 Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council

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***Meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2012
are received and approved and signed by
the Chairman.***

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Ford felt that a response to Cornwall Council's governance review should be formulated based on CALC's response.

Members asked the Locum Clerk to chase Cornwall Council regarding the land at Sunnyside Parc. They also asked that she ensures the Cllr Wilkins and the portfolio holders were aware that this council were interested in the land being devolved.

FC12/07/6 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH JUNE 2012

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

FC12/07/6.2 Resolved ***that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on the 12th June 2012 are received.***

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority vote.

FC12/07/7 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2012

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

FC12/07/7.2 Resolved ***that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 22nd May 2012 are received.***

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority vote.

FC12/07/8 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012

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

FC12/07/8.2 Resolved ***that the statement of payments, receipts and bank reconciliations for the month of June 2012 are received.***

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On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/07/9 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2012

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

FC12/07/9.2 Resolved *that accounts totaling £4,100.88 are approved for payment in July 2012.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/07/10 TO CONSIDER PAYING THE TELEPHONE AND INTERNET BILLS BY DIRECT DEBIT

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

FC12/07/10.2 Resolved *to pay the telephone and internet bills by direct debit on the best terms available.*

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 6 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

FC12/07/11 TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM GRAPEVINE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

FC12/07/11.2 Resolved *that under LGA 1972 S.137 to donate £1,000 to Grapevine Community Church providing the rest of the funding is in place.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/07/12 TO CONSIDER THE GRANT APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ILLOGAN BRANCH

Cllr Ekinsmyth declared a disclosable pecuniary interest.

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

FC12/07/12.2 Resolved *that Cllr Mayne Chairs the meeting during the absence of the Cllr Ekinsmyth.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Ekinsmyth left the room.

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

FC12/07/12.3 Resolved *to defer this application for further information and to invite a representative from the Royal British Legion Illogan Branch to the next meeting to explain the application.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Ekinsmyth returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

FC12/07/13 TO CONSIDER INVITING TWO NOMINATED SENIOR YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THIS COUNCIL AND CONTRIBUTE TO DEBATE ON YOUTH RELATED ITEMS

Cllr Yates said that he had visited the youth club and had spoken to the club leaders who would like to get involved with the council. He felt that two representatives should be invited to meetings to contribute to the debate on any youth related items. Cllr Holmes suggested that representatives from all youth organisations in the parish should be sought or the formation of a youth council could be looked into. Cllr Szoka felt that the Council should reach out to the youth and seek their views. Cllr Ekinsmyth felt that the council should think of different methods to interact with the youth of the area via modern technology.

It was proposed by Cllr Yates, seconded by Cllr Szoka and

FC12/07/13.2 Resolved *to invite two representative from the youth club to participate at meetings when there are items on the agenda relating to youth, and to invite them to at least two meeting per annum to update the council on their activities and youth related issues.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/07/14 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLRS EKINSMYTH AND FORD ON THE NALC CONFERENCE

Cllr Ekinsmyth found the NALC Conference very interesting; he would give a more formal presentation at the September meeting. Cllr Ekinsmyth and Ford gave members an overview of the topics discussed at the conference.

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FC12/07/15 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING AND RECOMMEND ACTION

The Locum Clerk spoke to the correspondence received.

Members asked the Clerk to respond to Cornwall Council stating that members would be interested in attending a seminar on the Licensing Act 2003.

It was agreed that due to the deadline set by Cornwall Council that the Electoral Review Panel Draft Recommendations would be taken to the Planning and Environmental Services Committee for a formal response.

The Cornwall Council Localism Newsletter had been circulated via email, the Locum Clerk had paper copies available.

Cornwall Council had circulated new register of members' interest forms. The Locum Clerk circulated them to members and asked them to complete them and return them to her as soon as possible.

FC12/07/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Police

The Locum Clerk spoke to the report received from the police.

	21/06/11-18/07/11	21/06/12-18/07/12
Crimes	9	13
Calls for police assistance	62	76

During this period there were thirteen crimes reported:-

- Assault occasioning actual bodily harm
- Criminal damage to vehicle x 4
- Malicious wounding without intent
- Criminal damage to property valued under £5000
- Burglary other steal or with intent to steal/damage x 2
- Theft steal in dwelling not auto machine
- Common assault and battery x 3

There was an increase of four crimes from the same period last year. During this time there were seventy six calls for police assistance, this was an increase of fourteen calls on the same period last year.

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The Illogan 'Track' group held a presentation on Saturday 23rd June 2012 and prizes were given to those that were felt to have contributed most to the team and given continued hard work and effort to the project. The numbers had decreased however there was still the core five or six youths that were as keen as they were when it all first started and they were looking at ways and funding to enable them to sustain this project.

All shifts and sections had been made aware of concerns raised with damage to Manningham Woods and asked to pay the area attention when able on their shift.

The Pool Neighbourhood team would also like to thank the residents of Illogan for coming forward with information which again helped them in addressing issues that were currently being raised.

b. Representative to outside organisations

Cllr Ford reported that he had attended a meeting of the Cornwall Bus Forum. It was the first meeting for seven years and unfortunately the Cornwall Council portfolio holder had been unable to attend. There were three main areas of business. There were a lot of questions asked and concerns raised during the question and answer session. There would be further meetings held in the Autumn 2012 and the Spring 2013. He felt that Illogan Parish Council should have a bus champion; it was agreed that this would be an agenda item in September. In response to a question he confirmed that the lack of consultation with town and parish councils and the previous issues experienced had been raised at the meeting.

Cllr Wilkins entered the meeting at 8.16pm.

Cllr Benney reported that the gardening competition was proceeding as previously discussed. Every entrant had been given details of the judging. There would be three cups retained by this council in perpetuity and three mini replica cups for the winning entrants to keep. The school had been visited.

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that the Green Ripple Project had hired the services of CEP for a couple of months. They were setting up a community interest company. The project had to make rapid progress to ensure that they met the government deadlines for the feed in tariffs. They were negotiating with interested householders; the solar panels needed to be installed in August 2012. A representative from CEP would attend a council meeting to update members. One member of staff from CEP would continue to volunteer for the project once the funding runs out.

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c. Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Wilkins reported that members of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee were greatly concerned to hear that the Government was considering reducing the number of direct rail services from London to Cornwall. They had voiced their opinion that the proposal would threaten Cornwall's plans for economic growth. The Government was expected to publish the tenders for the new rail franchises for England and Wales this week. Cornwall Council had been lobbying hard for improvements to be made for rail services both locally and connecting Cornwall to the rest of the UK and was hopeful that the Government would support its plans. However the authority had now been led to believe that far from seeing an improvement to rail services, the specification for the Great Western Rail Franchise would result in the number of through services from London to Cornwall reduced from the current nine services per day to six. At a time when other parts of the country are seeing a £9.4 billion package of improvements to their rail services, Cornwall would actually see a cut to services in Cornwall. The need for central government to find savings to tackle the national debt crisis were understood and they were working hard to grow Cornwall's economy in order to increase income and reduce welfare dependency. Over the past 10 years Cornwall Council had invested more than any other local authority in improving our rail network - resulting in much larger increase in passenger numbers in Cornwall than in other parts of the country. One of their major successes had been the Truro to Falmouth scheme where the Council's investment had resulted in a 100% increase in passenger numbers.

As the Learning disabilities Champion, Cllr Wilkins had recently stopped the auction of a community Centre in Saltash by Cornwall Council so that the people with Learning disabilities in the area, had somewhere to meet. This, they had never had which has meant that they have had to make a fourteen mile round trip to Morley Tamblyn in Liskeard. At the moment, they were undertaking a feasibility study and, tendering for the improvements that needed to be made for accessibility and usage. Hopefully, this would give us an amenity that these people deserve.

FC12/07/17 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items raised.

FC12/07/18 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 19th September 2012, 7pm in Penwartha Hall.

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FC12/07/19 THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

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

FC12/07/19.2 Resolved *that under the 1960 Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act, the press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Members of the public and Cllr Holmes left the meeting at 8.30pm

FC12/07/20 TO NOTE THE VACANCY IN THE TEHIDY WARD AND AGREE THE CO-OPTION PROCESS

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

FC12/07/20.2 Resolved *to advertise the vacancy in the Tehidy Ward asking anyone interested to apply in writing to the Locum Clerk by the 5th September 2012, applicants will be interviewed at the next full council meeting and the vacancy filled.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Holmes re-entered the meeting at 8.32pm.

The Locum Clerk left the meeting.

FC12/07/21 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON THE INTERVIEWS FOR THE POST OF CLERK, PROPER OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

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

FC12/07/21.2 Resolved *to receive the report from the Chairman on the interviews for the post of Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer.*

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 7 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

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FC12/07/22 TO APPOINT A CLERK, PROPER OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER AND AGREE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

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

FC12/07/22.2 Resolved ***to appoint Ms Sarah Willsher to the post of Clerk, Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council. She will be contracted to work 20 hours per week on SCP 33 under the terms and conditions of the standard NALC contract of employment.***

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 7 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed:

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