

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Illogan Parish Council Meeting held at the Penwartha Hall on Wednesday, 19th September 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors D Ekinsmyth (Chairman), R Benney, R Bentley, G.D. Ford, P Holmes (from point mentioned), J.V. Mayne, Mrs V Poole, S Richardson and S.R.S. Szoka

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Willsher, Clerk and one member of the public (from point mentioned).

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

FC12/09/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

FC12/09/2 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 Ford declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the grant application from Illogan Church as he was the Reader for the parish.

FC12/09/3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

FC12/09/4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the Clerk. He said that the council office would be open Monday to Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons; there may be some variations in opening time depending on the Clerk's work requirements. Cllr Bentley said that he was not happy with the Clerk working in the office on her own he felt that the council should employ a secretary to work with the Clerk in the office. Cllr Mayne asked that the office opening hours were displayed on the door. Cllr Richardson asked that there were set hours that the Clerk would be in the office.

Cllr Holmes and one member of the public entered the meeting at 7.02pm.

The issues with South West Water had eventually been resolved and water restored to the office. Arrangements had been made to clean the office.

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The Chairman had attended community network meetings, a meeting of the town planning group where there were discussions about the local plan and framework. Cllr Holmes felt that the high quality of our agricultural land should be taken into consideration. Cllr Ekinsmyth had also attended the opening of the Tolvaddon relief road and the Battle of Britain Memorial Service where he laid a wreath on behalf of the council.

Cllr Ekinsmyth had asked the Clerk to prepare a monthly report so that Councillors were aware of the work she was doing.

FC12/09/5 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Clerk reported that:

Since the last meeting held on the 18th July 2012, Cllrs Ms Dunstan and Yates had resigned from this Council. There had not been an election called for the vacancy created by Michelle. The deadline for requests for an election to fill the vacancy created by Ivan was the 24th September. There had been one application for the vacancy created by Duncan. As there were potentially three vacancies to be filled by co-option it was decided with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to co-opt members onto the Council at one time at the October meeting.

Mary's Well

There had been three instances of vandalism at Mary's Well. The piping to the rear of the well that feeds the fountain had been broken. The Clerk had it repaired once and the very next day the pipe was broken again. There were some issues locating the stop tap to isolate the water. A South West Water inspector attended the site this week and had advised that the stop tap was in the verge towards Aviary Court, he had painted it blue so that we could identify it. A plumber had been asked to quote to repair the pipework and box in the pipes to prevent further vandalism; repairing the pipework was easy it would be more difficult to box the pipes in in an aesthetically pleasing manner.

Rosemullion Park

A section of the climbing wall had been partly vandalised. There had also been some damage to the trees. The Clerk was working with Cornwall Council to repair the wall. She had spoken to the supplier of the play equipment regarding treating the wood. They advised that the wood they use was pressure treated and impregnated and should not need treating. They had asked that the Clerk email

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photos of the areas of concern to them, they would then send out an inspector if need be. The Clerk was in the process of organising for a gardener to maintain the planted areas. The management plan for the park was being reviewed and updated

Manningham Woods

The resurfacing of the gravel paths had been completed. The path from the woods to the churchyard had been cleared and trimmed. The path would be swept next week. She had asked for quotes to complete the safety works highlighted in the recent tree survey. The Clerk was in the process of reviewing the management plan. She would be meeting with the Friends of Manningham Woods in the next couple of months to discuss the management of the woods.

Council Office

The Clerk had organised for the office to be cleaned once a month. Hedleys had been instructed to negotiate the lease on behalf of the council. Eventually South West Water had updated the account and installed a water meter.

General

The Clerk had been checking the work completed by all contractors. She had highlighted some health and safety issues with the footpaths to Cornwall Council. She attended the SLCC Branch Conference in Falmouth, items on the agenda included the power of competence, insurance, neighbourhood development, code of conduct and devolution. The litter picking and general maintenance contract expired in February 2013; The Clerk was in the process of preparing the paperwork to go out to tender.

FC12/09/6 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH JULY 2012 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

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

FC12/09/6.2 Resolved *that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2012 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

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Members asked the Clerk to confirm whether the extra information had been received from the Royal British Legion about their grant application.

FC12/09/7 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH AND 31ST JULY 2012.

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

FC12/09/7.2 Resolved that the minutes of the Planning and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on the 10th and 31st July 2012 are received.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/8 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE PAYMENTS, RECEIPTS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST 2012

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

FC12/09/8.2 Resolved that the statement of payments, receipts and bank reconciliations for the months of July and August 2012 are received.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/9 TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2012

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

FC12/09/9.2 Resolved that payment of accounts totaling £4,745.93 are ratified for August 2012.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/10 TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012

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

FC12/09/10.2 Resolved that accounts totaling £8,400.05 are approved for payment in September 2012.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

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FC12/09/11 TO APPROVE THE CLERK'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC BRANCH CONFERENCE IN FALMOUTH ON THE 18TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Clerk reported that the cost of conferences would be shared equally between Illogan Parish Council, Budock Parish Council and Mawnan Parish Council.

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

FC12/09/11.2 Resolved *that the Clerk attends the SLCC Branch Conference in Falmouth on the 18th September and that one third of the cost will be paid by this council.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/12 TO APPROVE THE CLERK'S ATTENDANCE AT THE SLCC'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BRISTOL FROM THE 12TH-14TH OCTOBER 2012 AND AUTHORISE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Clerk reported that she intended to travel to Bristol on the 11th October. The cost would be about £160 plus one third of the train fare.

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

FC12/09/12.2 Resolved *that the Clerk attends the SLCC National Conference in Bristol from the 12th-14th October 2012 and that this council will pay one third of the cost.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/13 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A CRYPTO CARD FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL AND AGREE ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Clerk explained that a crypto card would give the council access to Cornwall Council's intranet and direct dial telephone numbers for officers. It would be a lot quicker for the Clerk to contact officers of Cornwall Council directly; she would not have to sit on hold for long periods of time going through the switch board. There was a charge of £50 for the cost of the card.

Members felt that Cornwall Council should supply the information to councils free of charge. There was also concern raised that the scheme may have been discontinued.

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

FC12/09/13.2 Resolved *that providing the scheme is still running that a Crypto Card is purchased for £50.*

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 7 votes FOR and 2 votes AGAINST.

FC12/09/14 TO CONSIDER THE GRANT REQUEST FROM ILLOGAN PARISH CHURCH FOR THE FEAST OF ST ILLOGAN

Cllr Ford left the room.

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

FC12/09/14.2 Resolved *to donate £250 to Illogan Parish Church for the Feast of St Illogan.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Cllr Ford re-entered the room.

FC12/09/15 TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012

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

FC12/09/14.2 Resolved *to receive and endorse with pleasure the external auditors report for the financial year ending 31st March 2012.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/16 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM NALC – LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX AND AGREE A RESPONSE

Cllr Holmes felt a section of business rates should be given to the local town or parish council. He thought that the government was trying to cap town and parish council precepts.

Cllr Ford said that business rates were not part of this consultation. The proposals were that the cost of council tax relief and benefit would be charged against the collecting body. This would result in the tax base being reduced and the precept would have to be raised to achieve the same level of income. He explained the consultation document and Peter Lacey's role in NALC.

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

FC12/09/16.2 Resolved *to endorse the responses drafted by Peter Lacey.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/17 TO RECEIVE CORNWALL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED PROCEDURE OF DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER FOR LOCAL COUNCILS AND AGREE A RESPONSE

Cllr Holmes felt that Cornwall Council had not done devolution. The assets and devolved services that they have offered to local councils had been based on what made them a profit or loss.

Cllr Szoka felt that closing the toilets was not devolution and that finance should be devolved with the services. It was also becoming increasingly difficult for smaller companies to quote for work for Cornwall Council due to the amount of difficult paperwork that had to be completed.

Cllr Mayne said that the government had stated that if principal authorities did not devolve services they would step in and do it for them. He felt that this Council should sit back and see what happens.

Cllr Ford asked that a note is included in the response stating that this Council had confidence in the CALC Executive Committee to represent local councils in Cornwall.

It was agreed that local services should be delivered by local councils if it was feasible.

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

FC12/09/17.2 Resolved *that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman compile a response to Cornwall Council based on the comments made by members.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/18 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CLERK ON THE HUB PROJECT AND AGREE FUTURE ACTIONS

The Clerk reported that there had been extensive investigation into the VAT aspect of the project. The VAT could not be claimed back and there was not enough budget to cover the project and the VAT.

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Members felt that the project could not proceed in the current format. It was suggested that members kept their eyes open for a suitable site or building in the area. A member suggested that the Office and Finance Committee compile the figures and report to the next meeting. It was felt that the trustees of the Village Hall should consider whether they wished to proceed with the extensions to the hall. If they decided to proceed they could approach this council for a grant.

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

FC12/09/18.2 Resolved *that the Hub project does not proceed; that the Village Hall Trustees consider the extensions to the hall and approach this council for grant funding if required; that a suitable site or building is looked for and that the council continues to rent the office on Tolvaddon Energy Park.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/19 TO CONSIDER APPOINTING A BUS CHAMPION

It was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Poole and

FC12/09/19.2 Resolved *that Cllr Ford is appointed bus champion.*

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FC12/09/20 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING AND RECOMMEND ACTION

There was no correspondence.

FC12/09/21 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Police

The Clerk spoke to the report received from the police.

	19/07/12 – 19/09/12	19/07/11 – 20/09/11
Crimes	39	37
Calls for police assistance	144	111

During this period there were 39 crimes reported which were broken down below:-

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- Theft Non Specific x 4
- Criminal Damage to vehicle x 4
- Criminal Damage to Dwelling x 3
- False Rep Cheque or Card Fraud
- Complaint Re dogs minor or non-injury x 2
- Cause Fear or Provocation of Violence
- Malicious Wounding without intent
- Harassment x 2
- Communications Act
- Burglary x 6
- Common Assault and Battery x 5
- Theft from Shop x 2
- Assault Occasioning ABH x 6
- Drive or attempt to drive excess alcohol in body

There was an increase of 2 crimes on the same period last year.

During this time there were 144 calls for police assistance. This was an increase of 33 calls on the same period last year.

The increase of calls was due to the new National Crime Recording Standards whereby the majority of calls made to the Force Enquiry Centre had to be logged by call operators before being signposted to other agencies.

b. Representative to outside organisations

Cllr Mayne reported that there was a Mineral Tramways meeting tomorrow. At the May meeting the terms of reference were reviewed and this Council added back on to the committee. He asked the Clerk to save and file the terms of reference. There would be meetings twice a year.

c. Cornwall Councillors

The Clerk spoke to the report received from Cllr Wilkins.

As usual August had been mostly quiet with just a few meetings.

The one that had been reported had been the shared services report which had caused quite a bit of concern.

A motion proposed by Andrew Wallace an Independent member to reject the proposal made by Cabinet to outsource services to a third party, was passed through Full Council and he won the day. Cllr Wilkins voted against his proposal as he had looked at all the details, most of which could not be brought to Council as it was in part two

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and which the opposition would not allow. This was rather sensitive information regarding the two bidders which, if published, would have seen one of the bidders leaving the scene. He voted against Cllr Wallace's proposal because part of the deal was for 500 jobs for local people in Cornwall not, for people brought in from outside. It also meant that services would not be cut any further and a saving of £3 million and job security for people already employed in various services.

On another note, Cllr Wilkins, and many of his colleagues were fighting to stop the charges for road closures etc to take effect from January 2013. They felt that this would have a detrimental effect on future events throughout Cornwall. As an example, Mousehole estimated that it would lose approximately £3 million over a year because tourists would not visit for different festivals.

He would keep the council informed of any developments.

FC12/09/22 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Cllr Holmes asked that an item to discuss the office arrangements at Tolvaddon Energy Park was put on the agenda for the October meeting.

FC12/09/23 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 17th October 2012, 7pm in Penwartha Hall.

FC12/09/24 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 Szoka, seconded by Cllr Mayne and

FC12/09/23.2 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 on the matter there were 7 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

Cllr Holmes and the members of the public left the meeting.

FC12/09/25 TO RECEIVE A QUOTE FOR BUSINESS ELECTRICITY PRICES AND AGREE FUTURE ACTIONS

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Members asked the Clerk to look into the previous bill and the ground source heat pump. They also asked her to investigate other electricity suppliers costings.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Date: