

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Services Committee held at the Penwartha Hall, Illogan on Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor S Richardson (Chairman), Ms V Cadby, G Ford and L Pavey

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Wllsher, Clerk; Mr T Lowe, Cornwall Council (until point mentioned); Mr G Henderson, Cormac Solutions Ltd (until point mentioned).

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

PM13/11/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Ferrett, Mrs Roberts and Wilkins.

PM13/11/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY WORTH £25 OR OVER

There were no interests declared.

PM13/11/3 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

PM13/11/4 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER 2013 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

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

PM13/11/4.2 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2nd October 2013 be received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 3 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

Page 34 – Minute PM13/09/9v – parking - this item had been deferred

PM13/11/5

TO RECEIVE THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR TEHIDY COUNTRY PARK AND DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WOODS WITH CORNWALL COUNCIL AND CORMAC OFFICERS AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

Cllr Richardson introduced Mr Lowe from Cornwall Council and Mr Henderson from Cormac Solutions Ltd. He explained the reason Mr Lowe and Mr Henderson had been invited to the meeting; members of the public had expressed concerns about the deterioration of the wood, there was a lack of information about activities in the woodland and there was disappointment that the steering group had been dissolved.

Mr Lowe said that he worked for Cornwall Council in the Countryside Services team. Cornwall Council instructed Cormac Solutions Ltd on the work in the countryside which included Tehidy Country Park, the South West Coast Path, the Council's estates etc. Tehidy Country Park was a flagship site and was a regionally important site. The management plan for the site set out what work Cormac needed to complete and the service standards expected. The management plan was reviewed annually.

Mr Henderson was the Countryside Officer for Cormac Solutions Ltd covering the West area. Tehidy Country Park was the largest and most visited site that Cormac managed. The way the Park was managed had changed in the last three to five years. There was a wider integration of services in both Cornwall Council and Cormac. There were two rangers covering the West and there were specialists that could be called upon as and when required. The work was delivered by a range of personnel within Cormac. He didn't feel that there had been a deterioration in the Park in the last twelve months; he had received positive feedback from members of the public regarding the maintenance being completed and the condition of the area. If there were any specific reports or areas of concern he would be happy to receive information as it would help advise the management plan.

Cornwall Council had not reduced the budget for Tehidy Country Park although it had not been index linked. Cornwall Council asked Cormac to make economies to enable the same level of service to be delivered.

Cornwall Council officers applied for external funding to help with the management of the Park. The size of the woodland in the West of Cornwall had enabled them to access several streams of funding. There had been more money received from external grants in the last three to four years than ever before; this had enabled the removal of the rhododendrons etc.

In response to a question Mr Lowe confirmed that Cornwall Council encouraged Cormac to provide opportunities for volunteers; Cornwall Council wanted Cormac to engage with volunteers. Mr Henderson said that Cormac regularly worked with groups on volunteers and individual volunteers in the Park. There was an open monthly volunteering session held; the sessions were advertised in and around the park and there were nine or ten people who regularly volunteered.

Members felt that the increased activity around the encroaching Laurel in Merrowes Wood had alarmed people due to the lack of information in the public arena about the works being completed.

The Clerk suggested that an article was included in the quarterly Illogan Review, which was delivered to every household in the Parish, to inform the public of activities and works in the park. The Clerk would email Mr Lowe and Mr Henderson the deadline dates for articles to be included in the Illogan Review.

In response to a question Mr Henderson said that there were no specific annual targets except when there was projects that had been funded through grants. There were priorities and aspirations highlighted in the management plan which were subject to funds being available.

There was work being completed in Cornwall Council to set service standards for every site they managed.

Cornwall Council officers visited the sites that Cormac managed to check the maintenance works being completed.

In response to a question Mr Lowe said that there were no formal systems for monitoring and reporting contract compliance.

The Tehidy Partnership had run its lifespan; there were only three or four residents and eight officers attending the meetings when it was dissolved. The partnership had lost its role and was not achieving anything for the management of the park. If there were residents or interested parties they could contact Mr Lowe or Mr Henderson to discuss the park. Mr Lowe said that potentially a 'Friend of' group could be looked into; he felt it was important that if a group was considered that it covered all aspects of the community. The Clerk said that she would contact the Friends of Manningham Wood and see if there was an appetite to extend their remit to include Tehidy Country Park.

The Clerk suggested that subject to space permitting notice could be displayed on the Council's notice boards advertising events and works planned for the Park. Members suggested that a report could be included during the Annual Parish Assembly.

Cormac had not been asked to run events in the park. Cornwall Council were looking for external organisations to run events in the park; this created some revenue for Cornwall Council.

In response to a question Mr Lowe and Mr Henderson confirmed that the Forrestry Commission had not had any involvement in Tehidy Country Park since 1983.

Cllr Richardson thanked Mr Lowe and Mr Henderson for attending the meeting.

Mr Lowe and Mr Henderson left the meeting at 8pm.

**PM13/11/6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
(MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES – EVERY SPEAKER HAS A LIMIT OF
3 MINUTES UNDER THE COUNCIL’S STANDING ORDERS)**

There were no members of the public present.

**PM13/11/7 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UP TO THE
DATE OF THE MEETING.**

- i. IPC2013/045
PA13/09367
Mr M Rowe, 12 Pengeron Avenue, Tolvaddon, Camborne
Proposed single storey extension and internal alterations**

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

**PM13/11/7.2 RESOLVED that there are no objections to the
planning application for 12 Pengeron
Avenue.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- ii. IPC2013/046
PA13/09118
Pennard, Halgoss, Tehidy, Camborne
Various tree workd**

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

**PM13/11/7.3 RESOLVED to refer the application for Pennard to
the County Arborologist.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- iii. **IPC2013/047
PA13/09530
Mr Gareth Williams, Conifers, Mount Whistle Road, South
Tehidy, Camborne
Removal of base of Holm Oak**

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

**PM13/11/7.4 RESOLVED to refer the application for Conifers to
the County Arborologist**

On a vote being taken the matter there was approved
unanimously.

- iv. **IPC2013/048
PA13/09349
Mr Mark Simmonds, Sycamores, South Drive, Tehidy,
Camborne
Works to Holm Oak: reduction of one limb by 4m to
growth point**

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

**PM13/11/7.5 RESOLVED to refer the application for Sycamores
to the County Arborologist**

On a vote being taken the matter there was approved
unanimously.

- v. **IPC2013/049
PA13/09450
Mrs Rosemary Johnson, The Old Chapel, Roscroghan,
Camborne
Discharge of Section 106 obligation attached to
PA96/00720/F dated 18.09.1997**

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

**PM13/11/7.5 RESOLVED that there are no objections to the
application for The Old Chapel.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**PM13/11/8 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL
COUNCIL**

The Clerk spoke to the planning decisions received from Cornwall
Council:

- PA13/08177 – Mr K Ball, Rosemella, Voguebeloth, Illogan, Redruth – Conversion of single residential dwelling to 2 no. residential dwellings and retention of conservatory – APPROVED
- PA13/02949-PREAPP – Mr Frazer Cocks, Orlando, Sout Tehidy, Camborne – Underpinning of property – Closed – advice given/app submitted
- PA13/05513 – Mr Joshua Buffery-Martin – The Cottage, Spar Lane, Illogan, Redruth – Extension of time in relation to decision notice PA10/06312 Construction of dwelling with integral garage – APPROVED
- PA13/05932 – Mr A Gilbert, Hill Crest Farm, Voguebeloth, Illogan, Redruth – Erection of four holiday cottages – REFUSED
- PA13/07783 – Mr D Barrett, Keepers Gate, Mount Whistle Road, South Tehidy, Camborne – Re-coppice Sycamore – REFUSED
- PA13/03044/PREAPP – Western Power Distribution, Land At Tolvaddon Energy Park, Tolvaddon. Camborne – Proposed ground mounted substation – Closed – advice given/app submitted
- PA13/09520 – Mr C Simmons, Ferndale, Well Lane, Illogan, Churchtown, Redruth – Submission of details to discharge condition 4 in respect of decision notice PA13/01597 – S52/S106 and discharge of condition apps

PM13/11/9

TO NOTE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASES RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL

There had not been any planning enforcement cases received from Cornwall Council.

PM13/11/10

TO CONSIDER NOMINATING LOCAL LAND OR BUILDINGS TO BE INCLUDED IN CORNWALL COUNCIL'S LIST OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE AND AGREE FUTURE ACTIONS

It was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Ms Cadby and

PM13/11/10.2

RESOLVED

to nominate the Park at Park Bottom; Open Land At Poldark Road, the two areas of Open Land At Sunnyside Park, Area of Open Land at Valley Gardens, Manningham Wood and The Glebe Land including the path from Manningham Wood to the Churchyard. The Clerk will draft the application forms which will be approved at the December meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

PM13/11/11 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK ON THE MANAGEMENT OF MANNINGHAM WOOD AND THE TREE SURVEY, AGREE FUTURE ACTION AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

The Clerk reported that she was in the process of reviewing and updating the management plan for Manningham Wood. The whole area was covered by a Tree Preservation Order, which meant that planning permission had to be sought prior to any tree works being completed. The Council could apply for a 5 year planning permission to allow them to complete works within the criteria applied for and approved by Cornwall Council. The Clerk had no experience or knowledge of managing woodland and had been seeking quotes for professional advice. She had spoken to the Cornwall Council Officer who would be completing the light touch tree survey; he had advised that he would need to look at all of the trees in the area to advise on a management plan; he therefore recommended that the Council completed a full tree survey and he would complete the survey with the management plan in mind and would meet with the Clerk and draft a management plan.

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

PM13/11/11.2 RESOLVED that a full tree survey and management plan for Manningham Wood is completed up to a maximum of £1,000.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

PM13/11/12 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE ON THE FOLLOWING:

i. The Mowey

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the solicitor and current and past members of the Council and was waiting for the members to let her know what they could declare in a statutory declaration so that the solicitor could draw up the documents.

Members asked the Clerk to get quotes for signs to say 'maintained by Illogan Parish Council' as several seem to have been removed.

ii. The Friends of Manningham Wood

The Clerk reported that she had met with Mr Tompsett; there were some members who would like to continue the Friends of Manningham Wood. Mr Tompsett had discussed ideas for the group and how they could be involved. The Clerk had offered to

help facilitate the Friends activities. The Friends had a meeting next week to discuss the activities and light maintenance they might like to complete. The Clerk would keep members updated.

PM13/11/13 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PARISH TOUR

Cllr Pavey reported that he had taken photographs during the tour. The tour looked at parks and areas in the parish of interest including the park at Park Bottom, Illogan Park, Mary's Well, Parsonage Well, Manningham Wood etc. Members discussed the maintenance regimes for each area. Some members were surprised with the amount of management involved with Manningham Wood and the path to the churchyard. The tour had achieved its objectives and had given members a broader knowledge base. It had highlighted the amount of work being completed by the Council's officers and the responsibilities that fell on both officers and members.

PM13/11/14 TO RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM MR DAVID, THE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS, REGARDING FREE TREES AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

Members discussed the potential of a joint project with neighbouring parishes. Members were unable to highlight anywhere in the parish to plant a large number of trees. It was agreed to thank Mr David for informing Illogan Parish Council of the project, unfortunately we were unable to utilise and free trees at this time and to request that he keeps us informed of any future projects.

PM13/11/15 TO CONSIDER WINTER PLANTING FOR THE TROUGH AT MARY'S WELL AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

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

PM13/11/15.2 RESOLVED that the trough at Mary's Well is planted for the winter up to a maximum of £60.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

PM13/11/16 TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATION FROM HARRIS MILL MEMORIAL HALL, AGREE A RESPONSE AND ANY FUTURE ACTION (THE CLERK TO REPORT)

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Mr Cloney enquiring whether the Council would be interested in leasing the field for allotments. The land was leased to a farmer until October 2014. The lease would include responsibility for the stream banks, the stream and the hedges.

Members asked the Clerk to discuss whether the site would be suitable for allotments with the Allotment Association. If the site was deemed suitable members would discuss the terms of a lease and would negotiate with the Hall. The Clerk would get more information and report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

PM13/11/17 TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING, AGREE RESPONSES AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS

There had been no correspondence received.

PM13/11/18 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Members asked that the following items are discussed at future meetings:

- The condition of the benches at Mary's Well
- The signs policy
- Parking issues

PM13/11/19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4th December 2013, 7pm in Penwartha Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Date