

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Illogan Park Improvements Working Group held in Penwartha Hall, Voguebeloth, Illogan on Monday 25th January 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Ferrett (Chairman), Mr Simons (Vice Chairman), Councillor Crabtree, Mr Bartlam and Mr Maddern.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms Willsher, Clerk and five members of the public.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

IPIWG16/01/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Ekinsmyth, Mr Bowman and Mr Rowe.

There were no members absent.

IPIWG16/01/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY OVER £25

There were no interests declared.

IPIWG16/01/3 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations.

IPIWG16/01/4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES – EVERY SPEAKER HAS A LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES UNDER COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS)

It was agreed that public participation would be taken with the agenda items.

IPIWG16/01/5 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2015 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Mr Simons, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ferrett and:

IPIWG16/01/5.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Illogan Park Improvements Working Group held on the 30th November 2015 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously of those entitled to vote.

IPIWG16/01/6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ACTIONS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no matters arising; they were all on the agenda.

IPIWG16/01/7 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE FEE STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF USE OF THE SPORTS PITCHES AND CHANGING FACILITIES AT ILLOGAN PARK, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

Responses to the fees had been received and circulated to members. Mr D Rowe reported that a response had been sent by Illogan Football Club; the Clerk had not received the response.

Cllr Mrs Ferrett said that she understood that the Clubs were unhappy with the fee structure as circulated. She explained that the fee structure as circulated would not be dissimilar to what the Council expected to receive once the building project and improvements were completed; the Council could not continue with the fees the clubs were paying to Cornwall Council with new facilities erected in the Park. If the Clubs were not minded or not able to pay higher fees in the future the project could be questioned. The project could be too ambitious and may need to be toned down to improve the facilities but in a way that makes them affordable for the clubs.

In response to a question the Clerk confirmed that it had been confirmed that there was not a gas main in Illogan Park and that the architects were starting to do the drawings for the public consultation event.

The Clubs were not prepared to pay higher fees for facilities in such a poor condition. They were prepared to pay extra for good facilities although they could not afford the current fee structure. Members of the clubs had visited other facilities and noted that the differences in fees reflected the facilities available. The pitch at Illogan Park was not in good condition at the moment. A member of the public said that the pitch at Park Road, Camborne cost £360 per annum and that included grass cutting and line painting.

The New Inn Titans had 21 members, Illogan Park Rugby Club had 35 members and Illogan Football Club had 3 teams. The Clubs felt that their memberships could increase if there were better facilities at the Park.

Mr Bartlam suggested that the Council purchased a ride on mower/tractor and that volunteers from the clubs cut the grass to reduce costs. There were possible concerns regarding who would be

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using the lawnmower, how usage of machinery would be monitored, appropriate training storage and a reliability of potential volunteers.

Cllr Mrs Ferrett reported that at more than one meeting before the beginning of the season the Council asked the Clubs if there was any maintenance that needed doing at the Park and there was nothing brought up or requested. The Council was now receiving complaints regarding the condition of the facilities and the lack of maintenance completed.

Mr Simons suggested that improvements were made to the current facilities to reduce costs and to enable them to continue playing rugby. Members discussed timescales and the possibility of improving the current facilities, seeing how the Clubs develop and consider the new build project at a later date. The overall project could be delivered in a phased approach over a number of years. It was also suggested that the Council drew up plans for the Park and obtained planning permission for the new build project as the permission would last for five years. In response to a question it was confirmed that the clubs could submit a tender for improvement works providing they could meet all appropriate Health and Safety and insurance requirements etc.

It was noted that the Park was for the whole community and that there were other improvements which could also be made such as improving play equipment, repairing the wall, installing picnic benches etc. to make it a more pleasant environment for everyone.

The goal mouths could be repaired and improved with appropriate ongoing maintenance. If the Clubs wanted work to be done at the park they needed to raise it with the Council.

Further to pitch inspection checklists and photos forwarded to the Clerk by the New Inn Titans the Council were looking into removing the loose stones so that they could not be repeatedly put onto the pitches. It was also mentioned on the checklists that the Club was putting sand in the goal mouths at their own expense. There had not been any approach made to the Council to request that they supplied sand for the goal mouths. There needed to be better communication between the Clubs and the Council in the future to ensure the smooth running of the Park.

Cllr Crabtree said that the Council needed further information on the fees the Clubs had been paying Cornwall Council including start and end dates. Illogan Football Club paid Cornwall Council 12 months in arrears and paid the latest invoice in December 2015 after receiving a 10 day notice.

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Cllr Mrs Ferrett asked the Clubs what they thought would be reasonable fees for the Council to charge the Clubs until the facilities were improved. In response Illogan Park Rugby Club and Illogan Football Club thought that the same fees as they were paying Cornwall Council (Illogan Park Rugby Club - £357.00 per annum and Illogan Football Club - £439.95 + VAT per annum). The New Inn Titans suggested a sum in the region of £300 to £350 per a

It was noted that the Rugby Club was paying for the gas cylinders and cleaning. The Clubs were also paying for their own line painting and some maintenance works. It was agreed that at the next meeting a full list of who was doing what at the Park would be compiled and kept on record.

It was Illogan Park Rugby Clubs 50th anniversary in 2017 and they wanted to continue to playing at the Park.

It was agreed to recommend to the Planning and Environmental Services Committee that:

- That the short term plans for the Park are amended and that the timescales are reviewed for the long term aims.
- The current changing rooms are refurbished.
- That all 3 clubs would provide the Council with a list of improvements they would like made to the facilities.
- That tender documents were drawn up and the tender process was commenced with a view to the work being completed between April and August 2016 whilst the facilities were not in use by the Clubs.
- That a public consultation event was held on a Saturday in Penwartha Hall from 10am -4pm to discuss the future of the Park with the 3 options the architects presented during the tender process.
- That following the consultation event plans are finalised and a planning application submitted to Cornwall Council with a view to obtaining planning permission.
- That consideration is given to phasing the project over a number of years.
- That the goal mouths are fenced off and repaired at the end of the current season, the goal posts are removed and small posts erected for children to use to the right hand side of the rugby pitch.

IPIWG16/01/8 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ILLOGAN PARK, CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION EVENT, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was agreed to recommend to the Planning and Environmental Services Committee that a consultation event was held in Penwartha Hall, Voguebeloth, Illogan on a Saturday between 10am and 4pm. The event will be well publicised by the Council. There would be displays with the 3 options the architects presented to the Council during the tender process.

IPIWG16/01/9 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ILLOGAN PARK, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A member of the public was concerned with the number of dogs in the Park off a lead and that there was dog waste not being picked up. The Clerk confirmed that the Council was looking into erecting signage in the Park.

It was agreed to recommend to the Planning and Environmental Services Committee that the draft Management Plan for Illogan Park is received and approved.

IPIWG16/01/10 TO CONSIDER THE USAGE OF THE PITCHES BY EACH CLUB, INCLUDING MATCHES AND TRAINING AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

The Council needed to know when the Clubs were using the pitches and changing facilities for either matches or training for insurance etc. The Clubs agreed to notify the Clerk by email when the facilities were in use.

IPIWG16/01/11 TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR ILLOGAN PARK AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS

In response to a question the Rugby Club confirmed that they were not using the floodlights at the moment as they were training at Camborne School.

The Clubs asked the Council if they could put a supply of kiln sand in the changing rooms for use in the goal mouths; they were currently using 4 bags of kiln sand a weekend.

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It was agreed that the goal mouths would be fenced off and repaired at the end of the season and that small goals for children to use would be erected at the top right of the rugby pitch.

Cllr Crabtree expressed his disappointment that some members of the Clubs had complained to Cornwall Councillor Moyle rather than contacting Illogan Parish Council. He also asked the Clubs if there was anything else they wanted doing other than the improvements to the changing facilities and goal mouths.

The Clerk reported that there was tape being left on the pitch which was getting caught up in the mower. She requested that the Clubs asked their members to dispose of tape in a bin.

The Clerk would write to the Clubs to confirm the fee structure once the Council had agreed it.

IPIWG16/01/12 TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items raised.

IPIWG16/01/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed: Chairman

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