

# ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

# **Chairman's Report**

This report relates to the Council year that commenced after the last Annual meeting in May 2011. The year has seen a number of major changes in the operation of the Council that could not have been foreseen. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the term of this Council which is unusual in itself. The term of office was extended to 6 years rather than the normal 4, following the adoption of Unitary Status by Cornwall Council and the end of Kerrier District Council. The Council now enters its final year before new elections and a fresh mandate in May 2013.

During the course of the year the Council continued its search for a suitable site for a new administrative office. After much detailed investigation and consideration of various options the Council decided to revisit the plan of building the office as an extension to the Village Hall as originally conceived in 2004. In the meantime, following notification of the long-term illness of the Clerk, a temporary lease was agreed on an office unit on Tolvaddon Energy Park. As legal and VAT aspects of the planned new extension to the Village Hall were taking a long time to resolve, the plan had to be put on hold until a resolution was found to the issues. So far the Council is still unable to move forward and the lease on the current facilities has been extended. The Parish Plan highlighted the need to improve administrative facilities and public accessibility, and this move has achieved that.

A Locum Clerk was employed to ensure the increasing work of the Council was efficiently carried out during the Clerk's absence. This was done in August and Sarah Willsher joined the Council on a temporary basis.

Mrs Suzanne Ballinger has decided to resign her post and take a well-earned retirement. I wish to pay tribute to all of the hard work she has done over her long service to the Council and community of Illogan. That the Council has grown and successfully developed is in no small partly due to her efforts. The Council and Illogan community were extremely fortunate to have her in post. Thanks Sue and all best wishes for your future.

Following the publication of the Parish Plan the Council has proceeded to develop many of the ideas put forward in the household survey. The key objective was 'to put Illogan on the map', both literally and effectively. Although there are still no signs to the village from any major road, the development of a series of events and other activities have moved forward. The Xmas lights were enjoyed by an increased number this year and the Events Committee is planning other great events to mark the Queen's Jubilee this summer, along with the reintroduction of a gardening competition. Meanwhile plans are advanced for the resumption of the Illogan Parish Fair.

The Government Localism legislation is currently passing into law and this should enable the community to play a greater role in its own future

development including producing a Neighbourhood Plan that will guide the future direction of building in the parish. The Council will lead this and invites volunteers from the community interested in assisting in the production of the plan. Eventually the finished article will be put to a referendum before adoption.

Communication around the parish has continued to improve using the website and Illogan Review. The latter publication is delivered to all households in the parish and encourages input from everyone.

The Green Ripple is another project following a theme suggested in the Parish Plan. There was a successful bid for funding to develop environmentally friendly solutions for the efficient use of electricity within the home and to try to keep bills under control. This has started in Tolvaddon and will eventually 'ripple out' to the remainder of Illogan. So far houses have been surveyed and received advice and assistance with insulation, but eventually the plan is to install more advanced technology like solar panels and other solutions. The Ripple will be operated as a not for profit Community Interest Company with the objective of seeking new funding and managing the funds it already has efficiently. The Parish Council is working in partnership with Cornwall Council, Community Energy Plus, Tolvaddon and Illogan Regeneration groups and Transition Illogan.

Manningham Wood continues to be effectively managed by the small committee led by Alison Forward and looks after the super facility in the centre of the village. Thanks to them.

Illogan Village Hall is managed by the Village Hall Management group and other volunteers. This facility provides a venue for a wide range of activities. As mentioned earlier it had been hoped that the facilities could be extended in conjunction with the development of an information hub and parish council office but this is on hold at present.

There is no doubt that the Parish Council has seen substantial development over the past year and set itself both physically and financially for the year ahead. As Cornwall Council gradually reduces its activities, local councils will have to decide whether to take them over. This will require a new level of commitment and skill from councillors backed by the financial and administrative facilities to carry out the new functions. It will also require willing volunteers from our community to help out. The Council has successfully embarked on this over the past year and is confidently looking forward to the future.

Finally the Parish Council could not operate without enthusiastic volunteers from our community and help, advice and assistance from officers of Cornwall Council.

Thanks to everyone.

# Illogan Parish Fair

I am pleased to be able to report that plans for the Parish Fair are progressing very well. A project group formed of representatives from Illogan School, Village Hall, Parish Church and the Wellbeing Centre together with individual members from other local organisations have been meeting regularly in order to revive the Horticultural Show and put on exhibitions and other attractions from 2pm to 5.30pm on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July

## **Ray Uren Memorial Award**

The Ray Uren Memorial Award is an annual award given in memory of the late Mr Ray Uren. It is awarded in recognition of services given to the parish

A Ray Uren Memorial Award was presented to Mrs Monica Wilkes for her involvement with Illogan Women's Institute, her work with Illogan Church, local youth, Illogan Regeneration Group and the Parish Plan group. She is an active member of the community.

Mr Dave Dolling received a Ray Uren Memorial Award for his many years spent on the beat in Illogan area. He had given up opportunities of promotion through the police force to remain policing in the area.

## **Grants and Donations**

Grants were awarded to the following community groups:

Illogan Parish Church
PLEE Residents Association
Scouts
Royal British Legion
Illogan Village Hall
Young People Cornwall
St Illogan Church

# **Accounts**

Year Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011		Year Ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012
£	RECEIPTS	£
106,240	Precept	106,240
1,563	Agency Services	1,563
107	Interest in Investments	106
650	Grants & Donations	0
120	Other Receipts	204
3,341	VAT Recovered	988
112,021	TOTAL RECEIPTS	109,101
	PAYMENTS	
34,660	General Administration	49,465
15,812	S.137, S.142 & Other Grants	13,473
1,602	Capital Expenditure	1,272
0	Parish Office Project	26,143
2,500	Agency Services	2,185
11,786	Amenities	11,914
1,696	Election Expenses	0
2,464	Manningham Project & Maintenance	1,197
523	Tolvaddon Project & Maintenance	1,307
803	Website	0
455	Parish Plan	5,429
1,910	VAT on Payments	7,732
74,211	TOTAL PAYMENTS	120,117
	Receipts and Payments Summary	
167,369	Balance brought forward 1st April 2011	205,179
112,021	Add Total Receipts (as above)	109,101
279,390	Total	314,280
74,211	Deduct Total Payments (as above)	120,117
205,179	Balance carried forward 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	194,163

# **Planning**

The Planning Committee meets in the Council Office on a three weekly cycle. In 2011-2012 the Committee submitted comments on fifty eight planning applications.

# **Attendance**

There was a total of twelve full council meetings held between the  $1^{\text{st}}$  April 2011 and the  $31^{\text{st}}$  March 2012.

Councillor	Percentage of meetings attended
Cllr Roger Benney	92%
Cllr Roy Bentley	85%
Cllr Ms Veronica Cadby	69%
Cllr Duncan Davies	46%
Cllr Miss Liz Dunstan	31%
Cllr David Ekinsmyth (Chairman)	92%
Cllr Graham Ford	77%
Cllr Paul Holmes	77%
Cllr John Mayne	92%
Cllr Mrs Vicki Poole	46%
Cllr Stephen Richardson	85%
Cllr Stefan Szoka	100%
Cllr Terry Wilkins (Vice-Chairman)	85%
Cllr Ivan Yates	92%

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