

## ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7pm in Penwartha Hall, Voguebeloth, Illogan

**PRESENT:** Cllr Mrs Roberts (Chairman), Ford (Vice Chairman), Crabtree, Ekinsmyth (not a member of this Committee), Mrs Ferrett, Pavey, Szoka, Mrs Thompson, Uren and Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms S Willsher, Clerk; and seven members of the public.

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

**PM17/03/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received; all members were present.

Absent: there were no members absent.

**PM17/03/2 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**

Cllr Uren declared an interest in the tender for litter picking and general maintenance.

**PM17/03/3 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no applications for dispensations.

**PM17/03/4 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

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

**PM17/03/4.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve the minutes of this Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 and the Chairman to sign them**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Crabtree, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

**PM17/03/4.3 RESOLVED to receive and approve the minutes of this Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the Chairman to sign them**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**PM17/03/5**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ACTIONS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Page 550 – Minute PM17/02/18 – item 1 - Cllr Mrs Thompson reported that the potential purchaser of the land at Ventonraze had withdrawn their offer.

**PM17/03/6**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (MAXIMUM OF 10 MINUTES – EVERY SPEAKER HAS A LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES UNDER THE COUNCIL’S STANDING ORDERS)**

A member of the public read a recent article titled ‘Bishop calls for support in fighting climate change’ which was published in *The Gazette*. *The Church of England in Cornwall had strengthened its commitment to helping the environment by developing a dedicated plan and hiring an expert to help put it into practice. Luci Isaacson had been taken on in a consultancy role as an environment officer and had been working with the church’s development core group to develop the strategy. The aim was to help individuals, parish churches and church bodies consider the issues and, where possible, to make changes aimed at slowing climate change. The Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev Tim Thornton, said “The imperative to take action at every level to protect and sustain the life of the planet comes not simply in response to the overwhelming evidence of the damage caused by climate change and the consequent threat to life on earth. It also comes for us as Christians from our conviction that all creation is a gift from God and that we have a responsibility to preserve and hand it on to future generations for their enjoyment. Many of us have already been challenged to begin our environmental makeover by undertaking Luci’s Top 10 Pledges and in doing so we have been reminded that many small changes can combine and make a major impact”. Bishop Tim and the Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Ven Bill Stuart-White, both undertook the Top 10 Pledges and were now encouraging all Anglicans in Cornwall to do the same. The Diocese of Truro would be highlighting one of the pledges each month during 2017. Archdeacon Bill said “It’s wonderful to welcome Luci to work with us. She brings real experience and expertise in the issues surrounding Climate Change together with a straightforward and practical approach”. Luci said “It really is an exciting time. People who haven’t done the pledges before can join in with others at their church and do them together”.*

During the planning application for The Glebe Field the Bishop of Truro hinted towards the importance of the environmental policy that would be coming forward. There were moral and ethical reasons that this lead should be followed up with the church. There would be financial contributions from the development on The Glebe Field and the public wondered whether there was another open space in the parish which could be secured using these funds.

The community group which was formed when the application was submitted for the Glebe Field had allocated members tasks to complete. One member was looking into flooding and noted that Luci Isaacson was an expert in this area.

A member of the public had circulated an email regarding the response to the letter sent to Cornwall Council about The Glebe Field application. They felt that it was disappointing that Mr Mason refused to comment on the quote from the Inspector in his report regarding the lack of detail before

him regarding the Parish Council seeking to ensure the land was put to community use - advising that this matter should be "taken up with the Inspector" - so they felt that a letter should be sent to the Inspector for clarification on this.

A member of the public referred to the letter sent by George Eustice MP regarding anthrax on The Glebe Field. They suggested that local farmers should be interviewed and asked if they had any information or memories regarding anthrax in the area and where anthrax cattle were buried.

**PM17/03/7 TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING (CLLR MRS FERRETT)**

- i. IPC2017/016  
PA16/12097  
Miss Jenny Thomas, Methodist Church Hall, Paynters Lane,  
Illogan, Redruth  
Change of use of Church Hall to live/work unit**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Ferrett, seconded by Cllr Szoka and

**PM17/03/7.2 RESOLVED that Illogan Parish Council supports the application for the Methodist Church Hall.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/8 TO NOTE PLANNING DECISION RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

- PA16/10623 – Mr Robert Churchill, Land at Tolvaddon Energy Park, Tolvaddon – Proposed B1 office building and associated parking – APPROVED
- PA16/11926 - Mrs Susan Job, 6 Bassett Road Vogue Beloth Illogan Redruth - Construction of rear conservatory, front porch, first floor extension including Juliet balcony and car parking area by dropping the kerb – APPROVED
- PA16/12061- Barrows, Italian Pavillion Tehidy Park Tehidy - Repairs, alterations and enhancements to create leisure and habitable accommodation within the existing basement - APPROVED
- PA16/12062 – Barrows, Italian Pavillion Tehidy Park Tehidy - Listed Building Consent for repairs, alterations and enhancements to create leisure and habitable accommodation within the existing basement. - APPROVED
- PA16/12149 - Mr Andrew Whatley, Land Adj To Shrawley Trevelyan Road Illogan - Proposed construction of dwelling – APPROVED

**PM17/03/9 TO NOTE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASES RECEIVED FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL**

There were no planning enforcement cases received.

PM17/03/10

**TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THIS COUNCIL'S LETTER REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY ETC. AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**

The correspondence received from Cornwall Council was circulated to members and noted.

Members discussed in detail the following points:

- The definition of terms used such as 'sustainability' and potential difference in the Governments use of the term and the generally understood meanings;
- Affordability – what is affordable for first time buyers on Cornish wages; the prices of affordable housing and how mortgages were calculated;
- Cornwall Council being under pressure from the Government to build housing. In the housing white paper the Government were talking about reducing green spaces and making houses smaller. The Government had a number of schemes which were designed to help people to get onto the housing ladder. When some of the Governments policies were considered together they did not make sense;
- The classification of the Parish of Illogan as rural or urban;
- Affordable housing for rent; and
- It was felt that the term 'affordability' was being used to describe local needs and that this was an infringement of trading standards.

PM17/03/11

**TO RECEIVE CORNWALL COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE LETTER SENT BY THIS COUNCIL REGARDING THE GLEBE FIELD AND AGREE A REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL**

Members queried the meaning of the response boldened section of Cornwall Councils response to the question from this Council as to why the Parish had gone from being a rural area to an urban one – *'Illogan is included in the urban area with Camborne, Pool and Redruth for the purposes of plan making. It ensures proper and transparent planning across the closely related settlements, **even to exclude the prospect of major housing sites being allocated**, but also relating to the identification of employment land'*. They also discussed what was meant by 'major housing sites'; it was felt that a major housing site for Camborne or Redruth would not be the same as for Illogan due to the significant differences in the areas.

It was felt that the response regarding the potential of anthrax cattle being buried on The Glebe Field was not satisfactory. It was too late once a carcass had been disturbed and there were no guarantees what would happen if such a carcass was found. Cornwall Council should be aware of the rules and risks of anthrax. The procedures being implemented by Cornwall Council were not a recognised custom and practice on dealing with anthrax. It was suggested that local farmers were contacted and asked if they had and records or memories of anthrax carcasses being buried on The Glebe Field or any other location in the Parish. Cllr Mrs Thompson had found no record of anthrax burials on The Glebe Field in the library or at the County Records Office. It was suggested that as the anthrax carcasses would have been buried during wartime it may not have been recorded so

as not to alarm the population. The records could also have been destroyed in the fire in Redruth in the 1980s. It was felt that during wartime the carcasses would have been buried nearer rather than further due to the lack of man power and the limited use of transport during that time.

It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

- PM17/03/11.2 RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to all farmers in the locality to ask if they have any records or recollections of anthrax burials in the Parish on any land they owned or rented or of any cattle being affected by anthrax and if so where the cattle were buried.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Pavey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Roberts and

- PM17/03/11.3 RESOLVED** to report to Full Council on the actions that this Committee has agreed to take and that this Committee continues to explore avenues to fight the outcome of the Glebe Field planning permission. That clarification is sought from Cornwall Council on what a major development is and what they meant by *'Illogan is included in the urban area with Camborne, Pool and Redruth for the purposes of plan making. It ensures proper and transparent planning across the closely related settlements, even to exclude the prospect of major housing sites being allocated, but also relating to the identification of employment land'*. They also discussed what was meant by *'major housing sites'*.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

- PM17/03/12 TO CONSIDER COMPILING GUIDELINES/POLICY/GOVERNANCE WHAT AS A COUNCIL OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS WHEN REPORTING/COMMENTING ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS (DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING)**

It was proposed by Cllr Uren, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

- PM17/03/12.2 RESOLVED** that in future members of the Planning and Environmental Services Committee are furnished with a hard copy of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Cornwall Local Plan. That the Clerk contacts the immediate parishes to ask if they would be interested in participating in local training on planning at the same level as that provided by Cornwall Council for the Cornwall Councillors.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/13 TO AGREE HOW TO MAINTAIN MARY'S WELL INCLUDING PLANTING OF THE FLORAL TROUGH AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thompson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Roberts and

**PM17/03/13.2 RESOLVED that Cllr Ford continues his good work in planting the trough at Mary's Well and that a budget of £50 is earmarked within the General Maintenance budget for the purchase of plants and that this arrangement will be reviewed after 1 year.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/14 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLRS CRABTREE AND PAVEY FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OWNER OF THE LAND AT PARK BOTTOM AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**

Cllr Pavey reported that discussions with the owner of the land at Park Bottom had been ongoing for sometime. The land was originally offered to Illogan Parish Council as allotments. The Council considered the offer carefully and agreed that the site was not suitable for allotments for various reasons such as security, access, fencing and other expenses and was therefore not a good use of public money. The Council had suggested that the land could provide additional parking for the development and local area. The landowners were not happy with the suggestion that the area was used for parking and they made a counter proposal as set out below:

That the layout of the development was amended to limit the impact of the existing dwellings in the area. They would maintain the access and security of the power pylon on the site. That they would apply for planning permission to erect 15 dwellings on the site – 12 houses and 3 flats. That they would install a play area for pre-school children; Illogan Parish Council would have an input as to what equipment would be installed in the play area. It was proposed that the future maintenance of the play equipment would be the responsibility of Illogan Parish Council. The dwellings would be finished in granite or wood panel and they would surround and look onto the play area for security. The landowner would need to go through the planning process.

It was noted that the local people were against development in the area and that it was felt that they should be consulted on the proposals before any plans are submitted to Cornwall Council.

In response to a question Cllr Pavey explained that the developers were against additional parking partly due to them having exceeded the Government guidelines for provision of parking in the original development.

It was proposed by Cllr Pavey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

**PM17/03/14.2 RESOLVED to receive the report from Cllrs Crabtree and Pavey on their discussions with the owner of the land at Park Bottom and that the landowner/developer are encouraged to consult**

**with local residents on their proposals prior to submitting an application to Cornwall Council.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/15 TO RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING THE CEMETERY IN ILLOGAN AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN ONCE IT IS FULL AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS (DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING)**

The Clerk reported that she had chased Cornwall Council but had not received a response. It was agreed that the Clerk would chase Cornwall Council again and that this item would be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee.

**PM17/03/16 TO CONSIDER COMPILING A LIST OF VARIOUS SMALL 'OPEN SPACES' AROUND THE PARISH THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON FROM CORNWALL COUNCIL AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTION (CLLR FORD TO REPORT)**

Cllr Ford reported that there were areas of land in the Parish which have been left over from developments; some of which had passed from Kerrier District Council to Cornwall Council. The Council had previously created a list of these areas of land and he felt that this should be reviewed.

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

**PM17/03/16.2 RESOLVED that the list of the areas of land within the Parish which were left over from developments is reviewed and that the reviewed list is submitted to Cornwall Council to open a debate as to whether they could be handed over to this Council.**

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 8 votes FOR and 0 votes AGAINST.

**PM17/03/17 TO CONSIDER RESEARCHING THE OWNERSHIP OF TWO SMALL VACANT AND UNKEMPT PLOTS IN THE VICINITY OF LAMANVA ROAD AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS (CLLR FORD TO REPORT)**

Cllr Ford reported that there were two areas of vacant and unkempt plots of land, one off of Lamanva Road and the other was to the rear three bungalows fronting onto Bassett Road. He thought that these areas of land may have been left from previous developments.

It was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

**PM17/03/17.2 RESOLVED that the Clerk looks into the ownership of the land off of Lamanva Road and to the rear three bungalows fronting onto Bassett Road by contacting Cornwall Council and if Cornwall Council do not know the ownership that the Clerk completes a Land Registry Search and that the associated expenditure of Land Registry searches is approved.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/18**

**TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDENCE UP TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING, AGREE RESPONSES AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS**

1. An email from a member of the public that is concerned with traffic speeding through Paynters Lane; this appears to be worse at school run times between 8 – 8.30am and 3-3.30pm.
2. Letter from George Eustice MP – confirming that the Planning Inspectorate took into consideration the information about alleged disposal of anthrax infected carcasses on land adjacent to the Church. There was no definitive evidence to substantiate whether infected carcasses were buried on the site but a condition is set should any be discovered during building operations.
3. Email from Peter Gregory re demolition of existing dwelling; erection of a replacement dwelling at 1 Red River Cottages, Roscroggan and a recommendation that the application is approved. In accordance with the Protocol for Local Councils the planning officer asks the Parish Council whether they will:
  - i. Agree with the planning officers' recommendation.
  - ii. Agree to disagree.
  - iii. Maintain the Parish Councils objection to the proposal against the planning officer's recommendation and request committee consideration by the Cornwall Council planning committee (which the Cornwall Council Planning Officer will then discuss with the Divisional Member who may or may not agree with your view).

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Thompson, seconded by Cllr Ford and

**PM17/03/18.2**

**RESOLVED**

**that further to the correspondence received from the Cornwall Council Planning Officer on the planning application for 1 Red River Cottages, that this Council will agree with the Planning Officers recommendations to approve the application.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

4. Email from Wendy Grocutt re planning application PA17/00620, Bassett Road Telecommunications pole and associated cabinets and a recommendation that the application is approved. In accordance with the Protocol for Local Councils the planning officer asks the Parish Council whether they will:
  - iv. Agree with the planning officers' recommendation.
  - v. Agree to disagree.
  - vi. Maintain the Parish Councils objection to the proposal against the planning officer's recommendation and request committee consideration by the Cornwall Council planning committee (which the Cornwall Council Planning Officer will then discuss with the Divisional Member who may or may not agree with your view).

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



**PM17/03/18.3 RESOLVED** that further to the correspondence received from the Cornwall Council Planning Officer on the planning application for Bassett Road, that this Council will agree to disagree.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

5. Letter from Cormac Solutions re Weed Treatment 2017. Offer of two applications of weed killer to cover the entire pedestrian surfaces per year; measured distance of 18.948 km at a total cost of £2,273.76.
6. Request from a member of the public that the blackthorn on the west hedge of the path along the back of Glebe Field is trimmed. Also the three signs erected on poles in Manningham Wood are quite stark and he would like to see the poles painted dark green in keeping with the surrounding wood.
7. A member of the public raised concerns that the new kebab shop opening next to the Happy Shopper plans to stay open until 12midnight on Mon, Tues & Weds, until 1pm on Thurs and Fri and until 1.30pm on Sat. There are concerns of an increase in noise late at night. It was noted that the local pub and Indian Takeaway close at 11pm or before. The deadline to appeal is 15<sup>th</sup> March.
8. Email from a member of the public who liked the cycling article in the Spring Review. He suggested that people using the coast to coast and the mining trails from Portreath would welcome a link to the village with a mention of some of the history that it has to offer as well as the facilities available.
9. Email from Michael Wilson regarding the article advertising the employment of Luci Isaacson by the Diocese of Truro to a new consultancy role as an environment officer.

**PM17/03/19 TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A SIGN TO BE ERECTED AT THE END OF AN VOWNDER LANE TO HIGHLIGHT THE VEHICULAR ENTRANCE TO ILLOGAN PARK AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS (CLLR CRABTREE TO REPORT)**

Cllr Crabtree reported that ambulances had found it difficult to find Illogan Park. There used to be a sign at the end of An Vownder indicating the way to the Park; the posts are still there.

It was proposed by Cllr Pavey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

**PM17/03/19.2 RESOLVED** that quotes were sought for a sign to be purchased and erected on the existing posts at the end of An Vownder indicating the way to Illogan Park.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 6 votes FOR and 1 vote AGAINST.

**PM17/03/20 TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS AT ILLOGAN PARK, AGREE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE**

Cllr Mrs Ferrett reported that there was a meeting of the Illogan Park Improvements Working Group, the meeting would discuss funding and the treatment of the changing rooms etc. Cllr Crabtree reported that the drain in the car park was blocked; it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Coastline and request that they inspect their work.

**PM17/03/21**

**TO NOTE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CRICKET FIELD AT MARY'S WELL AND AGREE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE**

Cllr Crabtree reported that during the Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group meeting, whilst looking at the displays the working group had prepared for their upcoming public consultation events, he noticed that they had marked the Cricket Field as 'awaiting decision' for a planning application; he was not aware that an application had been submitted. When he queried this with the group he was told that there was a pre-application enquiry submitted to Cornwall Council in 2013. Cllr Crabtree then alleged that there had been various correspondences with the Council and its members.

Further to Cllr Crabtree having several conversations with the Illogan Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group and they had changed the 'awaiting decision' to 'interest registered' on the map for the public consultation event. The group had also written to the agent and asked that he did not use their public consultation as a PR event and he had responded that he understood.

Further to an indepth discussion:

It was proposed by Cllr Pavey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Ferrett and

**PM17/03/21.2**

**RESOLVED**

**that the information received from Cllr Crabtree regarding the Cricket Field was noted and that the Chair (Cllr Pavey) and Vice Chair (Cllr Mrs Ferrett) of the Council and the Chair (Cllr Mrs Roberts) of the Planning and Environmental Services Committee would look into the sequence of events and allegations contained within Cllr Crabtrees report and they would report back to the next meeting of this Committee.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

**PM17/03/22**

**TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LAND AT MILLGRIST MEADOW AND AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS**

Cornwall Council had formally registered and had allocated a Development Officer to investigate the concerns raised in the joint letter sent from this Council and Carn Brea Parish Council. The investigation process was normally completed within 13 weeks.

**PM17/03/23**

**TO CONSIDER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

Cllr Crabtree requested an item regarding the pot holes in An Vownder.

**PM17/03/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017, time to be confirmed in Penwartha Hall

**PM17/03/25 THAT UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

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

**PM17/03/25.2 RESOLVED that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admissions 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

Cllrs Ekinsmyth and Uren and all members of the public present left the meeting at this point.

**PM17/03/26 TO RECEIVE TENDERS FOR THE LITTER PICKING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL**

Cllr Ekinsmyth re-entered the meeting during this item at 8.57pm.

It was proposed by Cllr Pavey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Thompson and

**PM17/03/26.2 RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the tenderer and seek further explanation on the costs of the bus shelter cleaning, Rosemullion Park maintenance and Christmas. That the Full Council will consider the additional information obtained and will agree any future actions during the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....