

ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the St Illogan Parish Church on Wednesday 19th May 2021 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Crabtree (Chairman), Pavey (Vice Chairman), Ms. Cadby, Ekinsmyth, Ford, Holmes, Miss Pollock, Szoka, Mrs Thompson and Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. S Willsher, Clerk

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

APM21/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs. Ferrett and Desmonde.

There were no members absent.

APM21/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH MAY 2019 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

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

APM21/05/2.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 15th May 2019 and the Chairman to sign them.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

APM21/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:

a. Cornwall Councillors

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that as there was no Annual Parish Meeting last year, he had combined the two years for brevity.

This had been a very unusual period as a significant part had been during the Covid-19 Pandemic with all its limitations on social activity and work. It had obviously impacted on the Cornwall Council, its staff and Councillors work. However, the Council had successfully managed with the main role in supporting the residents through the difficult times. Everything from maintaining normal services, such as waste collections and highways management, through to getting support grants out to businesses and providing accommodation for the homeless. It had been no mean task and Cornwall Council had been recognised nationally for its success.

All this had put considerable strain on staff who had never had to operate from home and often been re-assigned to different roles. They all deserved our thanks, as did all the other frontline workers, NHS staff and teachers etc.

His role as Cornwall Councillor had been to work as an intermediary and ensure that all necessary information was readily available and intervening when difficulties arose.

His work on the Council had concentrated on two main quasi-judicial areas of planning and licensing. Both significant as decisions directly affected peoples lives and livelihoods. As Vice Chair of West Planning, he had been able to play a role in protecting the area from the worst excesses possible under current planning rules.

Regrettably, we don't always get our way, but it was essential that this work continued.

He had also been a member of Constitution and Governance and the Audit Committees.

He had been a member of the Community Led Local Development Management Committee as a Cornwall Council representative and he was delighted to be able to continue as a private community representative for as long as the funding lasted.

He was recently appointed to the Rural Access Group that consists of landowners and community representatives and works on rural access issues including footpaths.

Following the recent elections, a new administration in County Hall had been elected, and we waited to see the impact of new priorities and objectives.

He had had a good seven years on Cornwall Council and achieved many but not all his original objectives. These were ongoing and he would continue to play his part on the Parish Council to achieve them.

He thanked all who had supported him over this period and looked forward to having more time available and to continue keeping Illogan on the map.

b. Representatives from Outside Bodies

There were no reports from representatives from outside bodies.

APM21/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2020/2021 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Illogan School

It would be so easy to make this a report about our losses in the last year. I could dwell on missing out on community events that give us a sense of place, of not being able to go on school trips and residentials that teach us about the world around us and of not being able to invite the community into our school due to infection risk.

However, you all know those things and that it is not in our nature to dwell on the negatives.

Instead, let's think about the other side of the coin. In the past year, Illogan School has **aspired** to do it's very best to keep everyone safe, fed, educated, and feeling loved. We've operated remote learning with video lessons and lesson pack collection and book changing in the carpark. We've issued food parcels and supermarket vouchers to feed children at home and carried out hundreds of welfare calls and visits to our families. Illogan Church brought light and happiness to every house last Christmas with a make your own Christingle kit.

In the past year Illogan School has continued to **believe** in itself and the value of every single member of our school. And, in return, staff members have worked their socks off to provide the very best of everything and our children have remained on track, resilient and focused wherever they are learning. Parents placed their trust in us to keep their children safe and happy and we have taken every safety measure possible.

Every one of us has focused on **creating** the very best offer we can for every child and every family in our school. The sound of our school bell echoing over the village on 8th March when we reopened our gates to all children really resonated in me and showed our key purpose – to be a safe place for all. Staff are fully committed to creating an ever-better curriculum to help our children become what our community needs.

And finally, our pupils **dazzle** us every day. They coped so well at home with wonky Wi-Fi and shared kitchen tables. They have returned to school with an even greater resolve to learn and do well. As Headteacher of Illogan School I feel privileged to work with such great young people daily.

Thank you to everyone in the Parish of Illogan who has supported us and shown their love in the past year. We hope that we can play a much bigger part in our community in the year to come.

The headteacher appealed for anyone interested in being a school governor to contact her. She asked members to spread the work throughout the community.

Illogan Rugby Club

Over the previous 12 months it has been challenging for all grassroots sport's clubs. Activity has been limited due to the Covid pandemic and the various enforced lockdowns.

March 2020 - lockdown, no activity in either changing rooms or on the pitch. June 2020 - training resumed following roadmap to rugby presented by England rugby. Training was taking place on a Saturday afternoon 2.30-4.30pm. Changing rooms were not used, following Covid guidance except for access to equipment by the coaching team. New rugby season started in September 2020 - we had received notification that it would not start and possible delay until November 2020. November 2020 - new season postponed until January 2021. 2nd lockdown, no activity. January 2021 - 3rd lockdown. England rugby confirmed that the

season would not commence and would prepare for 2021-22 season in September 2021. No player activity. Committee, following Covid restrictions have undertaken refurbishment of the rugby home changing rooms between February 2020 and March 2020 including replacing internal doors. April 2021 - resumed training, again no access to changing rooms except for access to equipment by coaching team.

Illogan Summer Fayre

It was such a disappointment that for the second year we had to cancel this event just as the event was going from strength to strength in its new format. But don't worry we have already booked in the date for next year, it will be on Saturday 9th July, we are determined to make this event even bigger and better than before. More details will be posted at the start of 2022.

Illogan PTFA

As you all can appreciate, we haven't been able to do much this year owing to the Pandemic.

After building up our Christmas market and Summer Fayre it was with much regret that we had to cancel both events. But we haven't been sitting down twiddling our thumbs, if everything goes according to the government guidelines, we will be able to put on some events this year.

So, on the Sunday 4th July at 12.00 we will be holding a massive jumble sale at Moseley Museum, Tolgus Mount.

On Monday August Bank Holiday 30th we will be holding a Cornish Charity day also at Moseley Museum, already booked in there will be a funfair along with Moseley train rides loads of market stalls and loads of other attractions. If you know of any Cornish Charities or local bodies that would like to take part i.e. judo, football, rugby, golf, woman's institute, guides, scouts to promote their cause, then please contact the PTFA.

Also, we have provisionally booked in Friday 3rd December for our Christmas Market we will give you more details about this nearer the time.

Fingers crossed that everything goes well and that we can all start to enjoy life again.

The Old School Centre

At the beginning of 2020, we were looking forward to a busy year. Bookings were up and we had a programme of talks and events scheduled.

Then the Pandemic hit, and we entered lockdown. The Centre closed in March 2020 and we were facing a very uncertain future.

We realised that some changes had to be made to the building to comply with restrictions and thanks to Cornwall Council COVID relief grants, we commenced work on these. Due to the scarcity of some materials, unavailable contractors due to Lockdown and other COVID restrictions, our

projects have been delayed. However, we are hopeful that our Assembly Hall will reopen in June, along with our garden.

The Assembly Hall has a newly installed private entrance created by reopening a previously blocked up external doorway. We have installed new storage for our regular groups, the floor has been sanded, stained and is currently being varnished. The hall will be redecorated within the next few weeks.

Our garden area (60ft x 40ft approx.) has been levelled and grass seed sown, and we are planning to install a large covered seating area so that our groups can use our outside space. We aim to have this project completed by the end of the summer term.

Further work will be carried out on the Lounge and kitchen area once the Assembly Hall and garden projects are completed.

We feel confident our regular groups will be returning during the months ahead and that the Centre will continue to be a valuable community resource. The Cornwall Council COVID relief grants have made this possible.

Illogan Junior Football Club

We have had, like most an interesting year steering the club through COVID 19 to ensure a future for the local children. Following Government and FA guidelines all training, and matches were suspended during lockdowns. We will reflect this lost time in fees paid in advance by issuing refunds and discounts in next year's fees. Our aim is to keep our fees low to ensure we are as inclusive a club as possible. We have now in excess of 150 children and have recently added a new group of 4-7 year olds which has welcomed many new children to the club. Illogan Junior Football club is unique to other local clubs in that we can offer children a football experience at such a young age.

From this coming new season (September) we will have 3 teams that have reached the age to play on a full size 11 aside pitch. We are currently trying to source facilities for this as we have very limited use of the men's RBL football pitch. If we hire any third-party facilities this obviously has a financial impact on us and at present, we have no guarantee of having anywhere available other than the 3G pitches at Cornwall college which are not ideal for the majority as grass is preferred.

We also learnt this year that our pitches located adjacent to the Illogan RBL FC which we lease from a local lady have been sold. We have not been informed directly but have had sight of the legal documents of the sale dated November 2020. This has caused us much concern for the future of the club, I thank David Crabtree for his research into where we stand in the short term. This club has been running for in excess of 15 years and grown and grown. It's so important to ensure we are there for many more.

Illogan Women's Institute

No longer able to meet following the first Covid 19 lockdown, we have kept in touch with each other using Zoom, emails, phone calls and doorstep chats. Our own monthly newsletter has received very positive feedback and keeps us up to date with WI news and entertained by the anecdotes, poetry, recipes, and craft ideas submitted by members.

Thanks go to our president, Lynn Griffiths and to Penny Picton for their print & deliver service, taking our newsletter and the Cornwall Federation WI County News to members unable to receive them via email. They have brought cheer to all our members with deliveries of birthday, Christmas, and Easter gifts.

Our 2020 Spring Flower Show took place just before the first lockdown. This year's show was a very different affair but successful none the less. Entries were submitted as photographs and socially distanced award presentations took place on winners' doorsteps.

As soon as it was allowed, we resumed our walks in groups of 6 which everyone enjoys. More are planned for the summer.

During this strange year Illogan WI has continued to provide friendship and support. We have welcomed 3 new members and plan to hold our delayed annual meeting outside in the grounds of the village hall. We are putting together a programme of events for the coming year, subject to any Covid restrictions which may still be in place and look forward to meeting in person once again. It'll be quite the reunion!

Illogan Village Hall

As for so many organisations, the past year has been a challenging one. Illogan Village Hall has implemented Covid-19 control measures, and this has enabled the hall to be open as much as possible, for as many groups as possible. We have also accommodated a couple of regular user groups (on a temporary basis) who normally meet at The Old School Centre until such time as that hall becomes available again. As I write most youth-based groups have returned albeit socially distanced and we are expecting most adult based groups to return from 17th May, all socially distanced. We have received some government funding which has helped to compensate for lost revenue, and we are planning to replace all the timber windows with UPVC equivalents in a style which maintains the look of the building. We are not open for private hire for parties at the moment, but this will be reviewed in light of official announcements in June. At present we adhere to the ACRE guidelines, the official body covering village halls.

We thank the members of the Parish Council and the Councillors who regularly attend our committee meetings for all their support and for their advice and guidance.

Harris Mill Village Hall

I am delighted to report that the Harris Mill Village Hall Committee continue to make good progress.

We are now working with an Architect to conduct a Feasibility Study that will determine how best to use the hall as a community space. This will involve ongoing public consultation, but we are confident that this process will inform us, the Parish Council, and the community in general of what kind of facility we need to provide at Harris Mill.

At the moment the hall is being hired as an art studio by a local artist and so we have a small income which covers our running costs. We have also received a government Covid-19 grant.

We appreciate the interest shown by the Parish Council and thank our Councillors for that and for any support that may be given to us in the year ahead.

Illogan Parish Fair Project Group

It was agreed in 2019 The Illogan Parish Fair Project would run a joint Summer Fair event with the Illogan School PTA. This was due to be repeated the following year but for obvious reasons it was postponed in 2020 and it was recently decided to do the same this year. The intention is now to make a good go of the 2022 event.

APM21/05/5 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

There were no questions received.

APM21/05/6 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman thanked everyone. He remarked on what a strange year it had been. He noted that there had not been an Annual Parish Meeting held last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It had been a challenging year without any face to face meetings and some minor issues around using Teams to hold virtual meetings. He was looking forward to the year ahead. It was noted that the Illogan School Christmas Market and the Christmas Lights Switch On Event date currently clashed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.58pm.

Signed

Date