

## ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Illogan Parish Council Community Office, Trevelyan Road, Illogan on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ekinsmyth (Chairman), Crabtree (Vice Chairman), Cooke (from point mentioned), Cullimore, Ford, Holmes (from point mentioned), Miss Kelly, Ms Kemp, Miss Pollock (from point mentioned), Szoka, Thompson and Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs S Rimell, Clerk; and 6 members of the public (2 from points mentioned)

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

### **APM23/05/1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jobson

There were no members absent.

### **APM23/05/2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> of MAY 2022 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM**

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

### **APM23/05/2.2 RESOLVED to receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 and the Chairman to sign them.**

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

### **APM23/05/3 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTSIDE BODIES:**

#### **a. Cornwall Councillors**

Cllr Crabtree reported that:

"The last year has seen some challenges and changes in Illogan, especially on the road safety side and I am pleased to say that the alteration to the Bridge Road/ Church Road junctions was carried out in March and therefore buses and lorries can no longer enter Bridge Road on the wrong side of the bollards.

After the tragic incident on the Broad Lane bridge in September 2021 and constant lobbying from that particular evening the height of the parapet was raised to 1.8m and the gaps sealed off at either end and we have had no further incidents. Originally, I assumed that all the strength tests were in respect of adding to the height of the original parapets, however we have got the secure Heras Fencing. The old height was the Highways England standard height, but all new bridges will now have the increased height.

The Illogan and Portreath Community Speed Watch was launched in November and unfortunately some sessions were cancelled due to the weather but plenty of motorists have received warning notices and those that are 50% or more over the speed limit do receive a visit from the Police. As we have now got this in place, we receive extra visits from the Police Speed Enforcement Team and with the new equipment they can safely carry out checks on Harris Mill as the camera records the speed, registration number and takes a photo of the driver, therefore there is no need to stop the vehicle and the fine etc arrives through the letterbox about 3 days later. One check recently resulted in 15 tickets issued along Harris Mill and 5 in Broad Lane within an hour.

The 20mph zone will be introduced in most of Illogan in autumn on all roads that are currently 30mph, except for the unadopted roads, for example The Maples and Heaths developments in Park Bottom.

September last year saw the loss of the bus service from both Tolvaddon and Park Bottom to Barncoose Hospital and Redruth without the need to change in Illogan. From Day one I was complaining to both the Bus Company and the Portfolio Holder for Transport as it was costing residents £14 for a taxi to go to a hospital appointment at Barncoose. I am pleased to say that this was one of only a handful of requests that was approved for the new timetable that came into force last month and I have received excellent feedback."

#### **b. Representatives from outside bodies**

There were no reports.

### **APM23/05/4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THE 2022/2023 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

#### **Illogan School**

The new headteacher introduced herself and explained that she had started in January 2023. She thanked Illogan Parish Council for the Coronation gifts for the children. The school had 207 pupils and was full in most year groups, there were 30 new children starting in September which would fill the reception classes. There was an ongoing, good catchment for the school which allowed the class structure to be maintained.

The post pandemic and leadership changes had posed some challenges for the school. The school were planning events for the children. They had recently held a Trevithick event prior to Trevithick Day, there was a whole week of activities including representatives from Geevor mine attending the school and hosting workshops, a picnic with parents and carers etc. There were sporting events being held such as training with the Pirates and a tennis coach. Residential had been held for the children. The school heavily invested in swimming lessons. Year 5 would soon be going to an activity centre and Year 6 would be travelling to London.

The PTA was active and helped raise funds for the school to assist with inclusivity and reducing the costs for trips etc. The PTA had held a Bingo evening, a Mother's Day event and were planning the Summer Fayre for the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.

### **The Old School Centre**

During the past year they had completed the refurbishment of their bookable spaces. The new kitchen was funded by the National Lottery Community Fund was completed in September 2022. Funding was also received from the Cornwall Councillors Community Chest, thanks to Cllr Crabtree, to purchase a new undercounter fridge and a tea urn. The trustees thanked Illogan Parish Council for the grant to cover the cost of new kitchen equipment.

They had run a trial 'Meals on Wheels' lunches at the Centre and would be holding further lunches as the year progressed. They were intending to organise a Christmas dinner in December.

The Centre was hosting talks with a Cornish and/or historic theme on the second Friday of each month and would welcome suggestions for next year's talks.

Since November, the Trustees had been hosting a Tuesday Coffee Morning. They were free and anyone was welcome to attend. They were considering developing the coffee mornings to include a tabletop sale, genealogy research workshop, a walk and talk group etc.

They were working with Illogan Village Hall, Illogan Church and Manningham Cohousing Group to reinstate the Illogan Parish Fair.

They had a range of groups regularly using the Centre including a variety of yoga classes, aerobics, legs/bums/tums, carpet bowls, craft group, baby massage, Little Bears Yoga, Girl Guides, Pilates, Puffalot (exercise and support group for asthmatics), and folk dancing. They also had several private hirers including ball room dance practice and a punk rock band used the space for practice.

They were looking into the possibility of making a further documentary as part of their Playground Years project to record memories of the old Illogan School.

### **Illogan Parish Fair**

The group had been considering reinstating the Horticultural and Domestic Show and Fair this year having taken a break since 2019. In February, the Committee met to decide on a date and how the day would be structured. In order not to clash with other local events, they decided on a date in August. However, the Church was not available so the Fair was scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.

The structure of the Fair will be a little different from previous years as detailed below:

Illogan Parish Church – live music, stalls, and catering  
Illogan Village Hall – Horticultural and Domestic Show  
Old School Centre – History exhibition and catering  
Manningham House – Cornwall Scale Modellers and nature talks

As usual they intended to cover their costs, give a donation to the host buildings in appreciation of letting the Fair use the venue and to put aside some funds to support next year's Fair.

Their main funds would come from commercial stall holders and raffle ticket sales. They needed to encourage stall holders to book and visitors to purchase raffle tickets. They were keen to hear from potential commercial and charitable stall holders and exhibitors who would be interested in joining them on the day.

The Horticultural and Domestic Show schedules would be available this week with a programme to follow later.

In future, they intended to hold the Fair in August and hoped to publicise future dates shortly.

As per previous years, the support of Parish Councillors would be very much appreciated as they were a small committee. At past fairs the Councillors had helped selling raffle tickets and with refreshments. They hoped that the Council and community would join them to make it a memorable community event.

One member of the public, Cllr Holmes and Cllr Miss Pollock entered the meeting at 6.41pm.

### **Bain Memorial Houses**

The Bain Memorial Houses were situated on Trevelyan Road. They were donated in 1901 for use by families of fallen miners. There were currently four committee members with only one residing within the Illogan Parish. The Trust was in a healthy financial situation. The houses were old and required constant maintenance. There was an extensive programme of maintenance works planned. The committee was also reviewing the needs and deeds due to the lack of mining in the area.

Cllr Cooke entered the meeting at 6.47pm.

### **Harris Mill Hall**

The Hall was taken on by a new committee about 5 years ago. They were trying to reinstate the hall to a good usable condition. The electricity and water had been reconnected. A local artist was currently working in the Hall. They had held an open morning to gain ideas and suggestions for the future of the hall. The consensus was that it should be retained. They had been unsuccessful in applying for grants, they believed this was due to them not being able to proceed quick enough. The Hall needed a new roof, doors, and windows etc. Plans had been drawn up. They were currently having bat, drainage and land surveys completed and would then apply for grant funding. They had some funds which were dwindling.

## **Illogan Village Hall**

The Village Hall was open to its regular users and normal hire had resumed following the pandemic. The Halls finances were stable. The Committee worked hard to look after and maintain the hall. All the windows were being replaced with UPVC in the same style as the original ones. They had begun to repoint the front wall. Theatrical events would resume when the director was able. The Hall would be hosting the Horticultural and Domestic Show at the Parish Fair. The Committee thanked the hall users and Illogan Parish Council for their continued support.

## **Illogan Regeneration Group**

Cllr Ford gave a brief history of the group. The group were able to give grants to local organisations towards environmental and climate change related projects. There was a full report in the Summer 2023 edition of the Illogan Review.

## **Illogan Community Choir**

At the beginning of the year Illogan Community Choir were shocked to hear that after 8 years they were about to lose their Musical Director; she had founded the choir but had decided that it was time to move on to pastures new.

After an initial feeling of shock, the choir held a meeting to discuss the situation, and appointed a temporary Musical Director to keep the choir going whilst they decided to try to find a new Musical Director. They set about advertising on Facebook and on a website, 'Choirs for Cornwall'. They were surprised to find that five people applied. They interviewed these applicants along with their accompanists and temporary Musical Director. They appointed David Wingham and invited him to take the rehearsal for a short time so that the choir could have input into the final appointment.

David Wingham, the new Musical Director took his first rehearsal on April 18th and since then the choir had been settling down again, happy to know that they would continue. They were working towards a joint concert on July 11<sup>th</sup> with Four Lanes Male Voice Choir. They would also be singing at the Church Fayre on July 29th.

They had had several new members over recent weeks and would readily welcome more new members. The choir would benefit from more sopranos and men at the current time.

They had increased our committee members to 4 and had introduced a register to formalise our membership, enabling them to track and support members who may be absent for some reason.

Illogan Community Choir sang a wide variety of music, something to suit all ages and tastes. They were a warm & friendly group and had regular social events.

They were all very pleased that the choir was remaining active after such an uncertain period and were making every effort to stabilise it and increase membership to ensure its future.

### **West Cornwall Concert Band**

The Concert Band over the last year had gone from strength to strength with five new players joining them. They had played twice in Falmouth Pavilion Gardens last year as well as in Victoria Gardens Truro. They had a very successful concert with Marazion Apollo Choir last July in Marazion. They had their Christmas concert at Centenary Church Camborne with Raise the Ruth Rock choir which drew a very large Audience. In March of this year the City of Truro Male choir came down to perform with us at Wesley Church Camborne which was very successful.

The concert Band had through performances managed to buy some more and different music including Epic Gaming Music and The Mandalion from the Disney channel, it was the first time they had played completely different music and it was well liked by the audience. They also performed music from Cats, Grease, Star Wars, A Fistful of Dollars, Robin Hood Prince of Thieves, and Totos Africa, all of which had gone down well and had stretched the concert band further. They were currently practicing a selection from the Phantom of the Opera, Millar Magic, and selection from the movie Titanic. They always welcomed new players and players coming back to play after a few years break. The band could support players, so they did not feel on their own. Every year before Christmas they had a band social evening.

They thanked Illogan Parish Council for including their articles in the Illogan Review, it helped increase the knowledge of us being around to join.

### **APM23/05/5 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

A motion was received to request that Illogan Parish Council arranges for the formal ownership of the Parish War Memorial to be vested in Illogan Parish Council.

It was noted that it was not clear who owned the war memorial. Members felt that the ownership and maintenance responsibilities should be clear. The war memorial was erected about 1920 and it was believed ownership had passed between several different organisations and that it was potentially currently owned by Cornwall Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Cullimore, seconded by Cllr Ms Kemp and

### **APM23/05/5.2 RESOLVED that there would be an item on the June Full Council agenda for Illogan Parish Council to discuss Illogan Parish Council taking formal ownership of the War Memorial.**

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

1 member of the public entered at 7.05pm.

Cllr Ekinsmyth reported that:

"It has been a year of change for the Council not least in the position of Chairman, but it has been my privilege to complete the term started by Councillor Lawrence Pavey who resigned for personal reasons. We also lost Councillor Jill Ferrett, at more or less the same time, who had served the community on the Parish Council for a very long time. I wish to express my thanks for their hard work and dedication over the years and I know we will miss their experience and wise counsel.

We were able to welcome three new Councillors, Sue Kemp, Maud Kelly, and John Cook and look forward to their contribution in the future.

The Illogan Park project reached completion after many years of perseverance and hard work, and we were able to move in just before Xmas. We now have our own community room and office facilities providing a place for meetings and community use. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this over the years.

The development of the facilities in Illogan Park will continue and the aim is to provide something for everyone to enjoy.

I also wish to thank The Old School Centre for facilitating our meetings from the end pandemic arrangements until the opening, much appreciated.

Looking forward the Council is reviewing the Parish Plan to acknowledge what has been achieved and highlighting areas for future progress.

The Council organised some significant events during the year, including the late Queens Platinum Jubilee seat on the Platt, the three Xmas lights events and special thanks to Cornwall Fire Service for providing its premises and other support to a most successful event, and most recently the Coronation planting in the park. My special thanks to members of the Events Committee who worked so hard to ensure the success of these celebrations.

Finally, my thanks to all members of the Council, my Vice-Chairman, Chairs of all Committees, and our hardworking Clerk Sarah and Assistant to the Clerk Emma without whom the Council could not achieve everything it does."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.11pm.

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