



ILLOGAN PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

Chairman's Report – Cllr David Ekinsmyth

As this will be my last report of the 2021-2025 Council Term and my own term of office as Chairman, it seems an appropriate time to look at key achievements over the last 4 years.

It has been an eventful period, and I think we can look back with satisfaction and some pride at the successful completion of some long-planned projects and the continuation of others.

In past reports I have commented on the developments in Illogan Park and the progress that has been made. I am now delighted to report that, although there is still more to do, Illogan now has an excellent facility greatly appreciated by all who use it. The number of users is growing all the time as people realise its many benefits. The original plan was to provide something for all sections of our community and enable everyone to enjoy the environment and benefits of physical exercise. We are catering for several different organised sports providing opportunities for local people to try them. The location of our own office in the centre of the community is also proving very effective and well used.

Other headline events have included the Christmas Lights celebration which has grown in scale thanks to the support of the Fire Service at Tolvaddon, and the Illogan Fun Day which now draws people from all over the local area and further afield. As a celebration of our community, it has no equal.

Whilst councils are experiencing financial difficulties, we are demonstrating how local communities and local volunteers can ensure activities that enhance our environment continue. Whether that be

participation in Litter Picking days or keeping the weeds under some control.

As this is the end of the 2021 – 2025 council term of office, we will be welcoming some new Members to the Council and saying farewell and sincere thanks to those who have left over the last four years. It is not always understood that these are voluntary roles with substantial responsibility attached and those who give willingly of their time deserve our gratitude. I hope the new members will find it as enjoyable and fulfilling as I have over the years. Plenty then for us to look forward to in the future.

Finally, I cannot finish without expressing my thanks and appreciation for all the work done on behalf of the community by councillors past and present, volunteers and everyone who has offered their services to the Council. Especial thanks to Sarah and Emma our Clerk and Assistant to the Clerk without whom the daily business would not happen, they deserve our full support at all times.

Many thanks. One and All.

David Ekinsmyth



Members of the Council as at 31st March 2025

Cllr David Ekinsmyth was elected Chairman in May 2024 and Cllr Gary Cullimore was appointed Vice Chairman.

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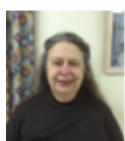
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Attendance at Full Council Meetings 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Councillor	No. of Meetings Attended	Total Number of Meetings	Percentage of Meetings Attended	Notes
Cllr Crabtree	11	13	85%	
Cllr Cullimore	11	13	85%	
Cllr Mrs Edmunds	1	1	100%	Resigned May 2024
Cllr Ekinsmyth	13	13	100%	
Cllr Ford	13	13	100%	
Cllr Hodge	8	13	62%	
Cllr Holmes	10	13	77%	
Cllr Jobson	9	12	75%	Resigned March 2025
Cllr Ms Kemp	10	13	77%	
Cllr Mrs O'Donnell	10	13	77%	
Cllr Miss Pollock	10	13	77%	
Cllr Rule	3	6	50%	Co-opted September 2024
Cllr Simmons	11	13	85%	
Cllr Szoka	12	13	92%	
Cllr Mrs Thompson	3	3	100%	Resigned June 2024
Cllr Wing	7	7	100%	Co-opted August 2024

Planning Applications

In 2024 the Council was consulted on 62 planning applications within the Parish. The breakdown of application types is included below. Illogan Parish Council:

- Agreed with Cornwall Council's decisions on 45 planning applications
- Disagreed with Cornwall Council's decisions on 8 planning applications
- Made no comment on 1 planning application

- 6 applications were withdrawn and not taken any further
- 2 applications remain undecided by Cornwall Council

The Council has taken its responsibilities seriously and each application has been considered on its own merits and in the wider context of the area in which it is situated.

New Development:	10
Demolition and Rebuild:	3
Extensions & Alterations:	20
Work on Trees:	17
Certificates of Use/Lawfulness:	4
Other:	8

Precept

The Precept for 2024/2025 was set at £220,056.00.

Accounts Summary

Cost Centre	Receipts		Payments	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Administration			£91,802.00	£87,071.35
Insurance			£3,250.00	£3,163.30
Illogan Review			£5,333.00	£4,703.48
Office			£2,772.00	£5,572.27
Grants and Donations			£2,000.00	£976.74
General Maintenance			£1,928.00	£5,017.53
Amenities			£22,139.00	£23,918.19
Manningham Wood			£8,737.00	£4,063.74
Rosemullion Park Maintenance			£2,047.00	£1,734.77
Events			£12,000.00	£12,705.15
Illogan Park			£49,891.00	£48,547.04
Capital Expenditure			£19,704.00	£94,575.96
Road Safety and Neighbourhood Plan			£0.00	£6,293.53
Income	£225,771.00	£263,801.08		
Net Total	£225,771.00	£263,801.08	£221,603.00	£298,343.05
VAT	£0.00	£23,257.59	£0.00	£37,798.53
GROSS TOTAL	£225,771.00	£287,058.67	£221,603.00	£336,141.58

Explanation of Accounts

Income

£220,056.00 - precept. The precept is calculated as an element of the budget. The precept is the council tax which Cornwall Council collects on behalf of this Council. The precept is the balance calculated by estimating planned expenditure and subtracting planned income. This money is required to run the Council and pay to maintain and improve the facilities, activities, and services that the Parish Council provide and is the operational cost difference between expected expenditure and income (Budget)

in any one year. A proportion of this money is prudently held in reserve for either future planned projects and/or unexpected events.

£28,428.27 - interest from the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

£896.16 – community chest grant to replace footpath markers

£2,231.92 - grant from Cornwall Council towards footpath maintenance.

£1,731.25 – Community Room Hire

£6,675.90 – Community Infrastructure Levy

£3,781.58 – Other receipts such as fees for use of the football and rugby facilities, and photocopying.

Expenditure

Administration – expenditure included the following items:

- Employee salaries, tax, and National Insurance contributions
- Internet services
- Stationery and office consumables
- Photocopier lease
- Postage
- Audit and legal costs
- Publications
- Subscriptions to advisory bodies
- Officer and councillor training
- Insurance premiums
- Travel expenses
- Health and Safety
- Bank charges
- Website and information and communication technology

Office – expenditure included:

- Utilities
- Cleaning

Grants and Donations – only two local organisations applied for grants despite the Council advertising their availability.

Amenities – expenditure included the following items:

- Litter control –
- General maintenance including the water charges for Mary's Well
- Bus shelter cleaning and maintenance
- Footpath maintenance
- Maintenance in Rosemullion Park
- Manningham Wood management and maintenance
- Events – 80th anniversary of VE Day commemorations; Litter picks; Illogan Fun Day; Illogan Remembrance Parade; and the Christmas Lights Switch On Events
- Verge trimming

Illogan Park – expenditure included:

- Grounds maintenance

- Inspections
- Tree works
- Utilities
- Cleaning of the public conveniences
- Repairs
- Security
- Vandalism and graffiti repairs
- Flytipping
- Legionella checks

Capital Expenditure – the Council purchased:

- Cupboards for the Council Office
- Additional Christmas lights
- Boundary signs
- Automatic door openers for the Council Office and Community Room
- A replacement defibrillator
- A shed and gardening tools
- Tablets for Councillors
- Water fountain for Illogan Park
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Storage shed

Road Safety – the Council purchased 2 Mobile Speed Activated Signs and had posts installed to mount them on.

Grants

The Council is committed to supporting and helping local community groups improve the quality of life for residents of the Parish. One way it does this is by providing grants. The Council's Grant Award Policy aims to ensure that all grant applications are treated equally and fairly and that grants awarded provide value for money; that all awards are within the legal powers of the Council; and that the grant process is open and transparent.

In 2024/2025 the Council provided grant funding of:

£476.74 to Illogan Royal British Legion towards the cost of placing a silhouette of a soldier on The Platt.

£500 to Illogan Parish Fair towards the cost of a marquee.

Overview of the Year

April 2024

Grant funding awarded to Illogan Royal British Legion towards the cost of placing a silhouette of a soldier on The Platt.



May 2024

Annual Parish and Annual Council Meetings held.

Cllr David Ekinsmyth was elected Chairman and Cllr Gary Cullimore was appointed Vice Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Mrs Edmunds resigned as a Councillor.

Safe Place

Illogan Parish Council registered as a Safe Place. This means that we are a Safe Place for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. We can help if anyone doesn't feel safe or if they feel overwhelmed. We will help them feel safe and calm and then call the person on their Safe Place card.



June 2024

D-Day Commemorations

On the 6th June, Illogan Parish Council and Illogan Royal British Legion organised

events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

At the Illogan Parish Council Community Office, attendees enjoyed refreshments, followed by a video reading of 'The Tribute' and the lighting of the Lamp Lights of Peace.

Illogan Royal British Legion honoured all war graves in Illogan Churchyard with crosses and illuminated Lamp Lights of Peace.

It was heartwarming to see over 40 members of the public attending to pay their respects at the events.



Cllr Mrs Maggie Thompson resigned as a Councillor.

Mary's Well

The water pressure at Mary's Well was restored to full blast for all your hydration needs!



August 2024



Cllr Tim Wing was co-opted

Illogan Fun Day

Illogan Fun Day is a yearly community gathering held at Illogan Park, providing free entertainment, activities, and refreshments for people of all ages. This year's event showcased live performances from local groups, including the Makaton Community Choir, Maids of Melody, TR14ers, and the Hookah Smoking Caterpillars. Attendees enjoyed a range of activities such as Healthy Cornwall games, circus skills, magic shows, slacklining, storytelling, and crafts. Guests were treated to complimentary refreshments, including tea, coffee, squash, and ice cream, along with an array of charity and craft stalls. The event received strong community support.



September 2024



Cllr David Rule was co-opted.

Defibrillator Training

Duchy Defibrillators provided training to equip individuals with the skills necessary to operate defibrillators effectively, including CPR and the use of training defibrillators.



October 2024

Autumn Litter Pick and Weed Removal

Illogan Parish Council successfully hosted its annual Autumn Litter Pick to promote a cleaner and greener community. The event saw enthusiastic participation from local residents, community groups, and council members, all coming together to enhance the environment within the parish.

November 2024

Illogan Remembrance Parade

The Illogan community came together on Sunday 10th November for the Illogan Remembrance Parade to pay their respects to the fallen.



December 2024

Illogan Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Father Christmas guided the Camborne Youth Band and the children from Illogan School as they carried their lanterns through the streets of Illogan to gather outside the Robartes Arms. The lanterns, crafted by the pupils of Illogan School, were truly stunning.



The Christmas lights were illuminated, the choir performed, and the band entertained. Attendees enjoyed the evening dancing to the fantastic Ritzy Belles.



Tolvaddon Christmas Lights Switch On Event



The annual Christmas Lights Switch-On Event took place in Tolvaddon. We were incredibly fortunate to have Santa and Rudolph join us, arriving in a fire engine with its blue lights flashing. Santa took a moment from

his hectic schedule to chat with the children in the grotto and delight them with a special gift. Camborne Youth Band, Maids of Melody, and Vox Dance provided entertainment for the guests. Tolvaddon Fire Service generously offered free tea and coffee, while the Robartes Arms served complimentary burgers.



Fitness Equipment

We installed the Outdoor Fitness Equipment. The equipment is designed to cater to all fitness levels and offers a great way to stay active while enjoying the fresh air. Whether you're looking to enhance your cardio or build strength, these facilities are here for you.



January 2025

Roundabout

The DDA roundabout was replaced following the previous one becoming unsafe.



February 2025

Water Fountain

The water fountain was installed providing a handy spot to hydrate or refill your water container. We believe it complements the new fitness equipment and hope that many of you will make use of this added convenience.



March 2025

Spring Litter Pick

The annual Spring Litter Pick took place on the 22nd March bringing together community members in a collective effort to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of the local area. Volunteers, including residents, council members, and local organisations, participated in the event, demonstrating strong community spirit and environmental responsibility.



SEND Swing Seat

We are delighted to announce that we have installed a SEND swing seat in Illogan Park Children's Play Area. This new addition ensures that children of all abilities can enjoy the park and have fun together. Inclusivity and accessibility are at the heart of our community, and we're thrilled to take this step toward making our play area more welcoming for everyone.



Bus Shelter

A Tolvaddon bus shelter which had its roof removed earlier this year for safety reasons, was replaced with a brand-new structure –thanks in part to a £3,000 grant from Cornwall Council.

The shelter had deteriorated over time and became unsafe during recent storms. The roof was removed as a precaution to prevent injury or further damage.



With the shelter out of action, regular commuters were left exposed to the elements while waiting for buses.

Illogan Parish Council arranged the replacement of the shelter which now offers a modern, weather-resistant design intended to serve the community for many years to come.



Plans for 2025/2026

Exciting Developments in Illogan Park and Beyond.

Looking ahead, we're pleased to share that additional play equipment will soon be installed in the children's play area at Illogan Park, further enhancing this much-loved community space.

The Council is also exploring the installation of covered seating and the creation of a sensory garden and trail to make the park more welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

In addition, we are actively working with Cornwall Council to devolve Cornwall Council-owned assets within the parish to the Parish Council, ensuring local control and care for the spaces that matter most to our community.

We remain committed to hosting community events and making sure that all areas owned and managed by the Council – as well as the events we host – are fully accessible and inclusive to all.