

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Minutes of monthly meeting at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley 9th November 2016

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr I Lock

In attendance: Cllr J Cordwell, Mr M Reeves, the Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

Public Participation:

- Mr John Dansie commented that the Alderley Road track/footpath gate appeared to be locked and the stiles at each end were in need of upgrading. Cllr Darlow confirmed that the gate is indeed locked at night to prevent intruders but that it is opened in the daytime. Mr Dansie requested a 'watching brief' should be maintained to see if this became problematic. He also offered to replace the stiles with kissing gates if the Parish Council could provide the purchase cost at circa £500.00. His team of Cotswold Wardens would install them (subject to the permission of the landowner). The Parish Council agreed that this could be completed in due course and that budget would be made available.

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).

The minutes of 14th October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the December Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- New website provider contacted and provided with SDC files (see Item 16)
- Co-op Bank On Line access re-establishment process initiated and Co op form now signed to obtain a new PIN and Security token for the Clerk.
- Nature of the supply of the Electoral Register – confirmed to remain as before.
- Allotment – 2 new tenants found

5. Correspondence received

- Co-op Bank On Line access re-establishment process initiated
- Primary Care Supplies - Defibrillator information received (see Item 13)
- GCC – Mobile Phone safety campaign. **Action Point:** Clerk to ask for this to be publicised in Hillesley Happenings
- GCC – Schools Admission Policy
- SDC – Public Consultation on Sustainable Construction Checklist. **Action Point:** Clerk to send to Cllr Darlow. **COMPLETED**
- SDC – CIL Draft Charging Schedule. **Action Point:** Clerk to send to Cllr Graham. **Completed**
- SDC - Litter & Dog Waste Bin – New Collection dates
- SDC – New Waste Services Policies and posters. **Action Point:** Cllr Darlow to place on Noticeboard
- GAPTC – subscription levels for 17/18
- Historic England – Local Historians Wanted. **Action Point:** Clerk to send to Cllr Knowles. **COMPLETED**
- CPRE – Newsletter

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received: None

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:

S.16/2019/LBC Baptist Church, Kilcot Road, Hillesley.

Removal of single glazed timber frame window and replacement with a new timber frame double glazed window of similar style. **Neither Support nor Object.**

S.16/2076/FUL Bank Cottage, Kilcot Road, Hillesley, Wotton-Under-Edge.

Proposed replacement of shed with side extension. **Neither Support nor Object.**

c. Consultation on new Applications:

S.16/2224/HHOLD Little Rock Cottage, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge Single storey kitchen and bedroom extension to each side. **Neither Object nor Support**

7. Finance

All financial transactions unable to be checked & confirmed in advance by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £ 22,078.00
- Payments to Date - £ 2,709.85
- Receipts to Date - £9,818.41

b. To approve payments:

- GRCC - £25.00 Annual Membership
- Tresham Church Committee – Grant of £350.00

8. Parish Plan: No updates.

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways. No updates

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Draft Minerals Local Plan 2018-2032

This is now out to consultation which ends on 24th November.

Police and Community Panel Meeting, 5th October 2016

The same priorities as previously will be maintained for the next 6 months (antisocial behaviour and traffic speeding issues.) The next meeting will be in March in Wotton.

Broadband Speed

An independent survey is being carried out at the Royal Agricultural University (RAU). The results are due to be published next year and will help show the level of demand from people yet to benefit from the Fastershire project and raise the profile for better broadband with potential suppliers. During November parishioners can have their say at

www.broadband-feedback.com

Tourism

Meetings are being held to establish a tourism strategy for this part of the county, which it was felt was being overlooked by other bodies promoting tourism. The area covered is basically from the county boundary up the Severn to Arlingham and across to Nymphsfield (thus excluding Stroud and parishes around it).

Mark Reeves:

Development Control Committee (DCC) meeting on 25 October

- The Development Control Committee (DCC) meeting included the Chestnut Park Development in Kingswood. This was granted on appeal. The final unanimous vote was to defer the decision (with a view to later acceptance) until the next DCC to allow time for the developer and Parish Council to resolve the outstanding points.
- Land West of Stonehouse - area master-plan for 1400 homes - vote to approve

Full Council meeting on 27 October (full details held on file)

11. Discuss & agree next steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley

Cllr D Darlow had received (and forwarded to the Clerk & all Councillors) a letter from Keith White of Piper Homes requesting a meeting with the Parish Council at the suggestion of Stroud DC Planning Dept.

Action Point: Cllr D Darlow will contact John Chaplin from the Planning Department to better understand:

- the purpose of the proposed meeting between the Parish Council & Keith White
- whether the Case Officer will be present at the proposed meeting
- how this meeting fits within the defined planning process
- the current SDC opinion of the proposed Hawkesbury Road development
- whether the District Valuer has made a decision yet

Action Point: Once the above items are clarified, the Clerk can then arrange a date with Keith White, ask for an objective and agenda from him, and also invite Mark Reeves.

12. Review situation with regard to rural broadband and agree next steps.

The Broadband Group have been further investigating potential options and activities including:

- a receiver on the Church Tower or a fibre-link with a contribution from the community – neither economically viable
- a partnership with the school under a new scheme offering a way forward – being pursued
- circulating a simple questionnaire from the Royal Agriculture College to as many as possible of the residents to protest about the poor internet connectivity

13. Agree next steps for construction of 2017/18 budget

An informal meeting had been held by Councillors to review potential projects to be included in next year's budget. It was agreed that money should be reserved for:

- Renovating the Bus Shelter
- Provision for legal advice in connection with the proposed Hawkesbury Road development
- New website running costs
- A grant for a community defibrillator

It was also suggested that provision for the Parish Plan and the grant to the Allotment Association should be removed from the budget for 17/18.

Action Point: Clerk to prepare the budget for 17/18 for expected sign off at the December meeting of the Parish Council

14. Agree next steps with regard to completeness of Tresham verge repairs

It was reported that residents had queried why the recent works to the verge did not include the whole length of that verge and a request was made to include the final stretch.

Action Point: Councillors to inspect the verge before the December meeting.

15. Agree next steps with regard to BT payphones in Hillesley & Tresham

As previously, the Council declined to adopt the payphone. **Action Point:** Clerk to send BT correspondence to Cllr Knowles **COMPLETED**

16. Agree design of new website

It was agreed that the current content should be transferred to the new provider's website

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next Meeting Wednesday December 14th 2016 at 7.30pm at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

I certify that the above minutes are a correct record of the above meeting

Signed:.....Date:.....

Future Dates for 2017: Jan 11th, Feb 8th, Mar 8th, Apr 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12^h, Aug n/a, Sept 13th, Oct 11th, Nov 8th, Dec 13