

PARISH OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES OF 23rd ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on
Wednesday 10th April 2013

Present: Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham and L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr J Cordwell (County), P Hemming (Stroud) and 8 other people

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Finn and Cllr A Doughty - Accepted
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:**
The minutes of the meeting on 11th April 2012 were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes**
None.
- 4. Report of the Parish Council Parish Council from the Chairman – Councillor D Darlow (full Report held in PC filing)**
Summary:
 - 2 new Councillors (Cllr G Finn & Cllr R Graham)
 - Heather Cooke (previous Clerk) sadly deceased during the year
 - New Contractor for the maintenance of Memorial Green
 - War Memorial awarded Grade 2 status by English Heritage
 - Village Directory updated
 - New Litter Bin installed in Hawkesbury Road
 - Dog Fouling Notices prominently displayed around the village
 - Turnover in tenants of the allotments
 - Housing Needs Survey completed in January 2013
 - Parish Plan – Action Plan continuing
 - All planning applications reviewed and discussed
 - Grants to Wotton Swimming Pool, Jubilee Fields Management Committee, Baptist Burial Ground, Tresham Church
 - Highway matters addressed (potholes etc)
 - New Code of Conduct
 - Thanks to JFMC (Hopkins Hall for meetings), Richard Goodenhough (Internal Auditor) Margaret Plummer (Village Directory) and Carol Dawson (Hillesley Happenings)
- 5. Progress Report on Parish Plan – Councillor D Darlow (full Report held in PC filing)**
Some actions contained in the Annual Report (see Item 4)
 - Housing Needs Survey – Full Report & Summary to be available on Hillesley & Tresham website
 - Oil Buying Group proceeding well.

6. Reports from Local Organisations (full Report held in PC filing)

a. Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground Trust – Trisha Mills

- Many thanks to H&TPC for the generous grant.
- The land for the HBBGT was willed by Henry Chappell, in 1939 or thereabouts, and he was the first to be buried there. Other members of the family and from the local parish followed, and it is for anyone and everyone. There are still plots available.
- The exceptionally wet summer meant that maintenance was necessary over a longer period than usual. It may be necessary to hire help this season plus the cost of insurance, will obviously increase expenditure.
- Thanks for the continued support of the Parish Council and any ideas or volunteers for keeping the burial ground tidy would be warmly welcomed.

b. Hillesley Primary School (full Report held in PC filing) – Peter Whitbread Chair of Governors

- Currently 34 pupils with a capacity for 51 – therefore pressures on budget
- Now in partnership with Kingswood School and sharing Ian Barklay as Exec Headmaster. He is leaving in Sept and an interim Head will be needed from then till Jan 2014
- Thanks to Friends of the school for sponsoring trips and planning the new website.
- Ofsted visit in May/June - High standards being maintained
- Attempting to encourage children from both inside & outside of the Parish
- New office accommodation now in use
- Chapel Hall well used (inc lunches)
- Complete Governing Body apart from one Foundation Governor

c. Hillesley Allotment Association – John Knowles (full Report held in PC filing)

- Difficult year for weather – most gatherings washed out
- Turnover of plots but majority taken
- Donation of a rotavator during the year
- Thanks to Parish Council for their Grant

d. The Hillesley Community Pub Ltd (The Fleece) – Written report received from Nigel Vaughan (full Report held in PC filing)

- HCPL formed on 1st June 2012 and pub purchased on 21st June 2012
- Owned by 120 residents of the parish & surrounding areas
- First AGM on 21st July 2012 and a board of 6 volunteer directors appointed
- Pub opened on 27th July 2012
- Social hub of the community and offers many different events to a broad cross section of customers
- High quality and reasonably priced food offering#Revenue up 19% on predictions and currently just breaking even

- e. St Giles Church – Martin Crossley Church Warden (full Report held in PC filing)
- Thanks for grant to maintain the Churchyard
 - Very little space remaining in the Churchyard (Perhaps 12 plots) and it may be 'closed' when these are taken.
 - Heating Project has started.
 - Church Membership (Church Electoral Roll) currently 20 - due for renewal
 - Summer Fete will be on 22nd June
- f. Hillesley Happenings – Carol Dawson
- Hillesley Happenings continues to attract a good level of advertising revenue but may need further financial support towards the end of the year.
 - Thanks to the contributors of content and to the distributors of HH in the village.
- g. Jubilee Field Management Committee (full Report held in PC filing) – P Whitbread Treasurer
- Finances healthy thanks to grant from Parish Council
 - Rear windows in the pavilion have been replaced and showers to be improved this year
 - Achieved savings on insurance
 - Playground to be inspected in May
 - Casino Night had to be cancelled due to lack of support
 - Wine tasting planned for July/August and Summer Fete made £500
 - Boules Court no longer used but Yoga, Zumba, children's parties still using Hopkins Hall
 - Hawkesbury Playgroup may use the Hall while their hall has building work.
 - Storage Room has been cleared
 - Planning for a Barn Dance has begun.

7. Report from County Councillor - John Cordwell

Summary of the topics covered in the Full Report held in PC filing:

- Current role
- County Council Budget
- Libraries
- Youth Centres & Youth Work
- GCC Registration Service
- Residual Waste Project
- Electoral Boundary Review
- Public Transport
- Car Parking
- Planning
- Hopes for the Coming Year and Thanks to the Parish Council

8. Report from District Councillor – Paul Hemming

Summary of the topics covered in the Full Report held in PC filing:

- Role, responsibilities & attendance at meetings
- Local Plan
- BBC's 'The Planners'
- Scrutiny activity
- Council Housing and Benefits System
- New 'Committee Style' for Stroud District Council
- Thanks to the Parish Council

9. AOB - none

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

Signed:

Date: