

**PARISH OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM  
MINUTES OF 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr R Graham and L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), P Hemming (Stroud) and 3 other people

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles & Cllr A Clark - Accepted
2. **Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parish Assembly:**  
The minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 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)**  
The Chairman gave an update on the following subjects:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Planning
  - External Bodies and topics
  - Governance
  - Assets
  - The Coming Year
  - Thanks were expressed to the Parish Clerk, All Councillors, Cllr J Cordwell & Cllr P Hemming, John Dansie (Cotswold Warden) and the JFMC for continued use of the hall & R Goodenough for occasional use of his Barn for meetings.
5. **Progress Report on Parish Plan – Councillor D Darlow (full Report held in PC filing)**  
Actions contained in the Annual Report (see Item 4)

**Reports from Local Organisations (Mary-Anne Darlow - full Reports held in PC filing)**

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Hillesley Tennis Club - (Mary Anne Darlow)

- Stable Membership and fees remain the same
- Friendly matches against Wotton & Hawkesbury
- Coaching sessions for school children

Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground Trust – (Trisha Mills)

- Thanks for parish Council Grant
- Income now insufficient to pay for grass cutting and public liability insurance . **Action Point:** Clerk to investigate need for insurance.
- Possible Garden of Remembrance and seat

Hillesley Primary School - (Margaret Plummer – Governor)

- Chair of Governors is Peter Whitbread and Vice Chair Paul Vry.
- Appointed Howard Prestage to start January 2014. The Governors are indebted to Senior Teacher, Jayne Pedley, for being Acting Head
- All our teachers have 1st class Honours degrees and are very experienced.
- Academic standards continue to be consistently high, well above national averages. The school offers a broad curriculum and many extra advantages.
- Safety on the premises has been enhanced with the new office and entrance
- The prospectus is very comprehensive and school visits are welcome. There are open days and other occasions when anyone can visit.
- Close links with St Giles Church and the Gloucester Diocese, also KLB School. Parish Council Chairman,
- Dave Darlow is involved in the Allotment Club after school.
- Parental surveys are almost overwhelmingly positive in their comments.
- Thankful to the FOHS for magnificent support and fund-raising
- Children are always enthusiastic in doing activities for charity. and also enjoy sports and worked to achieve another Eco Schools award
- The production “Eddie the Penguin saves the world” gained a national award (Wales and West winners).
- The Governing Body have recruited several new governors but are currently seeking a new Clerk.
- OFSTED haven’t been yet, though long overdue

Hillesley Allotment Association – Peter Whitbread

- 12/13 was a poor growing year
- Spring Clean Up was completed but with fewer participants
- 2 new water tanks
- Some allotments not worked this year

St Giles Church – (Martin Crossley Church Warden)

- Thanks for the Parish Council Grant. An area left uncut – a smaller area will be left uncut this year – no adverse comments received
- 10 burial spaces remain
- Heating plans have not been carried through as insufficiently 'green'.
- Core membership stable but small. Open evening to seek views and ideas from the village
- Large mosaic picture of an Easter scene now installed in the Church

Jubilee Field Management Committee (no report received)

Tresham Church - (Richard Goodenough)

- 25 kneelers complete
- Outside light repaired
- Absence of Asbestos materials confirmed
- Funds are £14,959 and several small donations made
- Quinquennial Inspection confirms the Church remains generally in good condition
- Music festival may take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Parish Share increased from £571 to £590

Assley & Harely Commons - (Simon Frith)

- New HLS scheme administered by Natural England means stricter grazing & conservation rules and removal of firewood & roadstone from the Common
- Funding of maintenance of Commons may pass from Stroud DC to South Glos
- Proposed installation of cattle trough on Harley Common
- Commons Committee pursue regular maintenance including thistle topping & hedge trimming

**6. Report from County Councillor - (John Cordwell - full Report held in PC filing)**

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

- County Council Election 2013 and Role on the Council
- County Budget 14/15
- Javelin Park
- Highways and Highway Maintenance
- Common & Rights of Way
- Local Government Structure
- Water
- Fire & Rescue Service
- New Senior Coroner
- Clay Pigeon Shoot at Kingswood

**7. Report from District Councillor – ( Paul Hemming full Report held in PC filing)**

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

- District Council Structure – Committee system
- Social Housing – right to borrow
- Dursley Pool Grant
- Merrywalks Car Park
- Farmers Market in Stroud
- Proposal for 4 yearly whole Council Elections
- Local Plan
- Potential new waste & re-cycling strategy

**8. AOB - none**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....