

PARISH OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES OF 26th ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on
Wednesday 13th April 2016

Present: Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr G Finn, Cllr R Graham, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, L Spratling (Parish Clerk), Cllr P Hemming (Stroud) and 8 other members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Cordwell- Accepted
2. **Minutes of the 25th Annual Parish Assembly:**
The minutes of the meeting on 1st April 2015 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:
 - **Routine Business** and notification of a current vacancy on the Parish Council
 - **Maintenance issues** including the Bus Shelter Repair and grass mowing at Well Hill
 - **Planning Issues** through the year including the application for bunds at Folly Farm
 - **Interventions** including problems with dog fouling, plans to improve the bridle way at Well Hill, resurfacing of part of Kingswood Road & Dark Lane and poor broadband speed in the district.
 - **Progress on Affordable Housing** and discussions with Piper Homes, English Rural Housing Association, GRCC and the Planning Officer to achieve an acceptable plan for development
 - **Elections to the Parish Council** will be uncontested when all the current Councillors reach the end of their term
 - **Existing Parish Website** will not be supported by Stroud DC and plans have been made to design a new website with a grant from NALC
 - **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. Special mention was made of Cllr P Hemmings retirement and his assistance to the PC over the years.
5. **Progress Report on Parish Plan – Councillor D Darlow**
 - See above as many of these items were included in the Annual Report above.
 - The Oil Buying Group still operates well.

6. Reports from Local Organisations

Hillesley Tennis Club - (Mary Anne Darlow) (full Report held in PC filing)

- Tennis club membership has remained stable for this year with a core group of active members who play regularly on a Thursday morning and Sunday morning. The court is free for members to use outside of club times and non members may use it for a small fee. For the membership year April 2015-April 2016 we had 30 adult members, 8 students and 6 juniors.
- No formal coaching took place this last year but a 7 week course is being offered by the school this coming year and the club have offered the court free of charge
- The club is open to members of all standards and the most important thing is we play for the enjoyment and variety.
- Tennis club AGM will be held on 27th April 2016 at 8.00 in Hopkins Hall, everyone is welcome.

Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground Trust – (Caroline Webber)

- There is still plenty of space available at the graveyard for future burials and this is open to anyone regardless of faith (or indeed no faith).
- We are especially grateful for the grant made available by the PC. as it assists us in the payment of insurance for the site and now the increased costs of grass cutting.
- The Trust are planning to submit some text for an entry on the Parish Website

Hillesley Primary School - (Margaret Plummer – Governor)

- The past year has seen a settled staff & leadership under Jayne Pedley
- Good results and academic progress in all areas
- New curriculum and assessment procedures now embedded
- Trips to Stonehenge, Glastonbury, South Cerney and Redwood
- Activities in dance, music, sports coaching and chess lessons
- Roll numbers are 34 out of a max capacity of 56 which brings pressure on budgets. Chapel Hall is a great resource but expensive to maintain
- Friends of Hillesley School (under Chairmanship of Rachel Preece) continues to support the school in many ways
- Application for Lottery Funding not yet approved

Friends of Hillesley School (Rachel Preece - Chairman)

- Thanks to the Parish Council for their grant
- Another Ball being planned for May 2017

Tresham Church - (Richard Goodenough) (full Report held in PC filing)

- The Annual Report for Tresham Church for the year ended 31 December 2015 was received.

Hillesley Happenings – (Carol Dawson)

- The publication has been able to continue through advertising income but this needs to be kept under continual review.
- Hillesley School now print the publication

St Giles Church – (Martin Crossley Church Warden) (full Report held in PC filing)

- Churchyard path now open again after repairs to damage to the wall caused by Western Power.
- Gate to be re-fitted awaits specialist repair of the mountings
- Wild Flower plot will be extended this year
- 10 vacant burial plots
- Project to re-wire and provide electrical heating almost completed including revised lighting scheme
- New curate Peter Fewings is giving particular attention to work with the school and pre-school children
- Summer Fete planned for provisional date of 18th June followed by a concert a week later

Jubilee Field Management Committee (Martin Crossley)

- The JFMC thanks the Parish Council for the grant received in 2015/16
- Refurbishment and continued development of the Play Area
- Improvements in Hopkins Hall including sanding of floor and installation of fire doors
- Football, cricket & tennis continues on the field
- Musicians, spinning and toddler group continues in the hall
- Annual Fun Day will take place again this year

Allotment Association (John Knowles)

- The normal activities such as seed swaps and muck runs continued
- Thanks to Cllr D Darlow for his continuing involvement in the school plot
- a new Fire Pit has been installed
- Produce grown on the allotments were much in evidence on the Fun Day and for the Church Harvest Supper
- Only 2 allotments unoccupied

Local Police (Ben Rollings PCSO) (full Report held in PC filing)

- Team is now PC Matt Firth, PCBO Benjamin Rollings and PCSO Charlotte King with PC Simon Davey has overall authority for neighbourhood policing within Dursley area.
- Crime Prevention Surveys available free of charge
- Crime Statistics
- Implementation of mobile working
- 6 monthly Neighbourhood Panel
- Priorities are: Anti-social Behaviour, parking & speeding, young drivers, and youth engagement

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

- Make up of County Council and Cllr Cordwell's roles
- County Budget
- Devolution
- Children Activity Fund
- Highways Issues

- Street Lighting
- Local Transport Plan Review
- County Council Solar Power Proposals
- Javelin Park Waste Disposal Project
- South Glos Review of Bus Service 84 & 86
- Planning Committees
- Thanks to Parish Council

Report from District Councillor – (Paul Hemming - full Report held in PC filing)

- Roles – involved in a number of working and Task & Finish Groups in addition to Development Control and Strategy & Resources Committees
- Waste & Recycling including successful Garden Waste Scheme
- Increased number of new Council Houses
- Adoption of New Local Plan
- Difficult year for Planning & Development Control with huge number of changes to legislation
- Canal Project continues well
- Boundary Commission
- Council Tax up by 2%
- No progress on Devolution
- Final thanks to Parish Council after 21 years as District Councillor

7. AOB - none

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

Signed:

Date: