

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham on Wednesday 11th July 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Doughty

In attendance: Cllr John Cordwell and 1 Member of the Public

Public Participation:

- It was reported that the footpath between Kingswood Road and the Playing Field was overgrown and this was the responsibility of the County Council. However with budget cuts, it was unlikely that this would be addressed.
- In connection with a previous request by Cllr T Burden (now resigned from the Parish Council), Mr R Goodenough agreed to prepare a proposal for a path down Well Hill at Tresham and submit this to the Parish Council for approval. **Action Point:** Clerk to add to September Agenda if proposal received.
- It was noted that there were some household rubbish bins on the side of the road at Tresham, which were unsightly.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr P Hemming (attending another Council Meeting). Cllr S Butcher (Health reasons) and Cllr A Clark (Holidays). **All accepted**

2. Declarations of interest:

Cllr A Doughty - Company Director of the company entitled 'The Hillesley Community Pub Ltd' which has purchased The Fleece.

Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles & Cllr A Clark now have a pecuniary interest in The Fleece as shareholders of this company.

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:

After the correction of the non-attendance of Cllr J Cordwell at the June meeting, the minutes of the 13th June 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow).

Some Action Points have been carried forward to the September Meeting

4. Clerk's Report:

All the allotment rents have now been received.

5. Correspondence & documents:

- Consultation on SDC's Draft Gambling Act – Statement of Principles.
- GAPTC – Update on Code of Conduct – advice to amend all references to 'Power of Well-Being' to 'General Power of Competence' – **Action Point** – Parish Clerk to amend – No references to Power of Well Being found.
- Request from Wotton Swimming Pool for Grant (see Item 12)
- Request to Parish Clerk to ask some Allotment Holders to tidy up their plots – **Already Actioned.**

6. Planning Applications:

a. Decisions received: **None**

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: **None**

c. Consultation on new Applications:

S.12/0762/HHOLD Bank Cottage, Kilcot Road, Hillesley, Wotton-Under-Edge. Repairs to roof and replacement of existing clay pan tiles (with stone tiles at eaves) with reproduction Cotswold stone tile roof slates. **Neither Object nor Support**

7. Finance:

- a. To monitor performance to date - Performance approved
Balance at Bank £7914.17
Payments to Date £4089.18
Receipts to Date £1431.36
Action Point: Clerk to arrange for Cllr John Knowles to have read only access to the Council's Bank Account.
- b. To approve payments (Clerk's Expenses of £84.42)
Action Point – Cllr D Darlow to ask Cllr A Clark to sign the cheque on his return from holidays)

8. Parish Plan Updates:

Oil Buying Group: Cllr A Clark reported by e Mail that this was still working positively and achieving good discounts.

Affordable Housing: Action Point: Cllr A Doughty & Cllr D Darlow agreed to review the standard questionnaire in early August in order to proceed with further actions after the September meeting.

No other updates on Parish Plan

9. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways: No Reports

10. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

County Council meeting, 20th June

Police and Crime Commissioner elections take place on 15th November. A Liberal Democrat motion to the county council to call on candidates for the Gloucestershire post to declare their position on maintaining the police emergency control room at the Triservice Centre in Quedgeley was passed unanimously.

The County Council also received a report on the proposed arrangements to comply with the standards requirements set out in the Localism Act and recently published Regulations regarding this. An interim approach has been agreed. It is hoped through negotiations and discussions with the six district councils to agree consistent future arrangements across the county. However, Stroud District Council appear to be going ahead independently. Whatever the outcome of these discussions the County Council will adopt new arrangements during the autumn cycles of meetings.

Cotswold Conservation Board consultative meetings

I recently attended the meeting held in Ebley Mill. This started with a presentation on the role and work of the Conservation Board and then introduced the draft AONB management plan for 2013-2018.

On local planning they said they only responded to consultations on major applications. They concentrated on commenting on local planning policy – core strategy, local plans - on the grounds that if the plan was right, the decisions taken using it would be.

Paul Hemmings- District Councillor

Standards Regime & Code of Conduct

Stroud DC has accepted the changes. Legal Advice had been sought over the need to disclose the interests of family members or close associates.

It was agreed that **Capital Receipts** on Rights to Buy should be directed to the approved General Fund.

Executive Policy Committees are to be set up over the coming months.

11. The Fleece: Cllr A Doughty provided an update:

- Renovations & re-decoration are continuing
- A new Manager has been appointed (Jade Canning)
- Local Traders have been very supportive.
- A new Chef will be appointed
- Re-opening on July 27th as a 'soft launch'.
- Formal opening scheduled for September.

Action point: Parish Clerk to request advice from GAPTC re a potential request for financial support for the Fleece. The requirements of the revised 'Standards' may prevent the existing Councillors from discussing or agreeing any potential support if they have more than 1/100th of the total share capital of the 'The Hillesley Community Pub Ltd'. This may then leave the Council unable to provide a quorum to discuss this matter.

12. Request for Grant Support from Wotton Swimming Pool.

Action Points:

Parish Clerk to respond with a holding statement with the commitment to respond more fully in the autumn. Also to suggest that they arrange an article for Hillesley Happenings to include opening times etc.

Cllr D Darlow to approach the school to send out the questionnaire used last year in order to understand whether Hillesley residents use the Wotton pool.

13. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – Paper copies distributed to all Councillors.

Action Points :

Cllr J Knowles to deliver to Cllr S Butcher and Cllr D Darlow to deliver to Cllr A Clark.

All Councillors to send details of their pecuniary interests to the Parish Clerk for onward transmission to the Monitoring Officer.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th September at Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham

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

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