

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 10th July 2013

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham, Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Cordwell and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: 1 member of the public and J Tigwell (Rural Housing Enabler (Stroud District))

Public Participation:

- Mr John Dansie kindly gave a summary of his volunteer work as a new Cotswold Warden and offered his assistance in patrolling and maintaining footpaths (by clearing ragwort and other undergrowth) in the Hillesley & Tresham Parish.
- There would also be 'working parties' available through Mr Dansie to possibly complete other maintenance work on rights of way. **Action Point:** Clerk to include an Agenda Item in Sept 2013 to agree whether all Rights of Way issues in the Parish should be directed to Mr Dansie. **COMPLETED**

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr D Darlow (late arrival), Cllr A Doughty and Cllr P Hemming – **Accepted**

2. Declarations of interest: **None**

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the 12th June 2013 were approved, and signed by the Vice Chair (Cllr A Clark). All Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at Sept Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report:

- All new tenancy agreements for changes in Allotment Plots now completed & signed.
- No issues reported as yet from the Annual Audit of Accounts

5. Correspondence & documents:

- Neil Carmichael MP – Invitation to Neighbourhood Planning Seminar 11th July
- Frampton Country Fair – Poster – **Action Point:** Clerk to post on Noticeboard.
- Heritage Lottery Fund – Community Project Grants – **Action Point:** Cllr R Graham to explore with the school (see Item 15)
- GAPTC – Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance
- GAPTC – Bulletin includes Wind Turbine Noise Assessment Guide and Annual Report
- GAPTC – New Username & Password – **Action Point:** Clerk to file securely - **COMPLETED**
- Penderels Trust – Personal Assistant/Carer Finder Register
- Stroud DC – Launch of Stroud Youth Grant Funding programme
- Stroud DC – Safeguarding Adults Briefing
- Gloucestershire NHS – Get2together in Stroud - 15th July at 6.00pm in Old Town Hall Stroud
- Congleton Civic Society – Petition for amendment to the NPPF
- Mid Cotswold Trails – Glass and wire within recent resurfacing of Bridleway – **Action Point:** Clerk to contact GCC to register concerns received from Mid Cotswold Trails. **COMPLETED**

6. Planning Applications:

a. Decisions received:

- S.13/1128/DISCON - Woodmans Farm, High Street, Hillesley Discharge of Condition
- S.13/0563/HHOLD - The Denny, Alderley Road, Hillesley. Permission
Erection of single storey extension, two storey extension, new vehicular access and convert garden store to ancillary residential accommodation.

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

c. Consultation on new Applications:

2 planning applications were received after the Agenda was produced. **Action Point:** Clerk to use delegated powers to respond to these by deadline unless any Councillor has any additional feedback which will necessitate a further meeting being held. **COMPLETED**

d. Planning Applications for neighbouring parishes:

- 13/0042/STMAJW Bristol Clay Shooting - Importation of soils and subsoil's to create noise attenuation bunds associated with clay pigeon shooting and associated landscape works Land adjacent to Folly Farm , Kingswood, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 7QX .

Cllr J Cordwell estimated that the work to build the 'bund' around the site would result in 6 lorries in, and 6 lorries out of the site over 5 ½ days per week for circa 2 years. It may be that this tipping may be completed as a commercial venture for Bristol Clay Shooting.

Action Point: Clerk to alert all Councillors to a site meeting on Monday 17th July and ask for volunteer(s) to attend. **COMPLETED**

Action Point: All Councillors to review the plans on the Planning Website and forward their concerns to the volunteer(s) so that they can investigate & address these issues during the site visit. **COMPLETED**

7. Finance:

a. Performance monitored to date by Cllr J Knowles and approved:

- Balance at Bank - £10,132.93
- Payments to Date - £941.07
- Receipts to Date - £3703.16

b. All Payments approved:

- Clerk's Salary - £408.00
- Clerk's Tax - £102.00

8. Parish Plan Updates:

Cllr A Clark confirmed that Kingswood & Leighterton have joined the Oil Buying Group

9. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways:

Tipping of unsuitable rubble on Bridlepath at Lower Kilcot – **Action Point:** Clerk to raise concerns with GCC and request their action plan to remedy this.

Concern over the state of the access path to Well Hill, Tresham – **Action Point:** Cllr R Graham to discuss with John Dansie.

A watching brief would be kept on the encroaching undergrowth on the verge of the Kingswood Road near the bridge.

10. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor:

County Council and other appointments

John Cordwell has been unsuccessful in his bid to chair the County's Planning Committee but is continuing as a member of the Gloucestershire Climate Change Panel and South West Councils.

Residual Waste Disposal

The applicant has now appealed against the Council's refusal of planning permission for the incinerator at Javelin Park. The grounds for the appeal are not yet known.

Devolved Highways Funds

Councillors are being allocated £20 to spend on highway issues within his division but the money has to be spread over almost double the area of last year and will not be matched by the same amount from the Highways Dept this year.

Planning Application to the County Council

He has been asked to give his views on the recent application to import material to form bunds to attenuate the noise caused by the clay pigeon shooting near Folly Farm.

Wall repair at Coombe Head, Tresham

The out turn cost is now £35k. The additional costs from original budget will be found from savings against other wall schemes in the programme for this year."

Paul Hemming – District Councillor

Environment Committee and Strategy & Resources are discussing the New Local Plan in readiness for it to go to full council on 25th July. Environment Committee requested slight changes to allocations at last night's meeting. Their overall total between now and 2031 is an additional 2350 dwellings.

11. Agree actions arising from Local Housing Survey Report with Juliet Tigwell (Rural Housing Enabler - Stroud District).

Juliet kindly updated the Council on potential next steps including:

The Housing survey demonstrated a need for affordable housing, and this need will probably continue over the years. Should an 'exception site' (e.g. outside the current boundary of the village and for affordable housing) be identified it could be defined by a Section 106 clause which would ensure that the housing could only be offered to existing parishioners both now and in the future. Recent legislation provides that 'market housing' in limited numbers might also be permitted in order that the total development would be financially viable for the District Council or Housing Association.

Juliet Tigwell suggested that a 'village walkabout' with local Parish Councillors might identify a suitable site(s). A local landowner may be willing to release land for housing. Full local consultation would take place at all stages of any potential development. Recent affordable housing developments include sites at Whitminster & Gretton

Action Points:

- Cllr A Doughty & Cllr D Darlow to identify all text amends needed in Report and forward to Juliet Tigwell. **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to arrange a date in August for a 'village walkabout' (see above) preferably Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday). **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to invite Juliet Tigwell to September Parish Council meeting. **COMPLETED**

12. Agree Next Steps on remedial work to Memorial Green

It was agreed that DHF should be asked to complete the work of completely replacing the concrete surround as soon as possible

Action Points:

- Cllr R Graham kindly agreed to project manage the building work
- Clerk to complete the appropriate administrative tasks. **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to contact Derek Bond to request some flowers in the flower beds. **COMPLETED**

13. Agree responses to Gloucester CC Flooding Survey

No feedback

14. Agree responses to Stroud DC Consultation on use of Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 13/14

It was agreed that Option 4 – Funding for Projects that support SDC's 'Jobs & Growth' agenda. **Action Point:** Clerk to respond to SDC. **COMPLETED**

15. Discuss & agree Next Steps for World War 1 Centenary

Action Points:

- Cllr R Graham to explore with the school
- Clerk to request an entry in September Hillesley Happenings with the offer of a potential grant to help with organising an event. **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday September 11th 2013 at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2013 WILL BE:

Aug no meeting, Sept 11th, Tresham - Oct 9th, Nov 13th, Dec 11th