

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Tresham Court Barn, Tresham on**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Clark, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr C Halpin,  
Cllr R Harlow, Cllr A Larrieu  
H Cooke (clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District).  
1 member of the public

Action

**1. Apologies for absence:**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were approved, and signed by the Chair.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- Street lighting New Mills Lane. In view of an advised additional £260 (total £660) for the new light to be sited further down New Mills Lane, light to be sited on junction of New Mills Lane and Kilcott Road. Completion in 8-10 weeks. Thanks to Cllr Cordwell for kindly chasing.
- Council awarded £100 for completing the annual tax returns on line.
- Memorial Green being mowed regularly - beds restored to full width and planted.
- All allotment rents now paid.
- 'No Smoking' sign put in bus shelter under The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007, Health Act 2006 s 6(2), (3) and (4) and 79(3) has been removed and will need to be replaced.
- Non- emptied litter bins reported to SDC- one subsequently emptied but not the others.

Noted.

**5. Assley and Hareley Commons Association**

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Cllr Clark as Parish Council representative, with Mr C Hicks as deputy.

**6. Dates and times of meetings**

**RESOLVED:** to meet at 7.30pm on the following Wednesdays: 2008 July 16th, Sep 10th, Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 3rd; 2009 Jan 7th, Feb 11th, March 11th, Apr 8th, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**7. Audit commission Annual Return**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the statement of accounts and annual governance statement.

**8. Correspondence and documents:**

The following correspondence and documents were noted, they can be viewed for up to a year by arrangement with the Clerk:

- a. GCC. Gloucestershire Rural Renaissance Review. Available to download from: [rural renaissance](#)
- b. SDC. Spring Clean Award Ceremony invitation to attend 17 June 6pm Ebley Mill
- c. SDC. Stroud night bus: termination of contract
- d. NALC. Policy & Parliamentary Briefings. [Participatory Budgeting](#) & [subnational review](#)
- e. GAPTC. May newsletter
- f. Stroud CAB: Invitation to attend AGM 19Jun 12 noon Ebley Mill
- g. Tresham Church: request for grant towards structural repairs
- h. Cotswold Conservation Board: Dates of dry stone walling courses

**9. Planning Applications:**

- a. Decisions Received:
  - i. [S.08/0654/FUL](#) Yew Tree House, Hillesley: Erection of sunroom to rear incorporating existing outbuilding. permitted.
- b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None
- c. Consultation on New Applications: None

**10. Finance**

- a. Performance to date:

As of 4/6/08, running cash balance: £3,763  
Bank balance 3,772.58.  
Unspent budget £4717, expected income £1785.
- b. Internal auditor report received. Thanks to internal auditor Mr R Goodenough recorded.
- c. Accounts for 07/08. Approved.
- d. Revised Budget approved (reallocation of contested election fund and minor adjustments).
- e. Noted that estimated Notice Board costs need to be reviewed; Cllr Harlow agreed to consider. RH  
Clerk
- f. Payments
  - i. GAPTC (Councillor training) £260 [LGA 1972 s111]. Approved.
  - ii. Clerk's Salary Apr-Jun £240 [LGA 1972 s112]. Approved.
  - iii. Tax £60 [LGA 1972 s112]. Approved.

**11. Highways and Footpaths**

No reports.

**12. Night Operation of Street Lighting**

- a. Issues identified as: safety, security, light pollution, reduction in carbon emissions, GCC costs, residents' views.
- b. **RESOLVED:** to set up a Working Group to consider the identified issues and report back to Council on findings and possible ways forward.
- c. Councillors Butcher, Doughty and Harlow agreed to be members of the working group. SB, AD, RH

**13. Dog Bins**

- a. Issues identified as: number needed, cost, location, frequency of emptying, residents' views.
- b. Noted that the budget for 08/09 is insufficient to meet estimated cost of £250 each.
- c. **RESOLVED:** to canvas residents' views through personal contact and Hillesley Happenings. All Clerk

**14. Road Safety**

- a. Issues identified as: children's safety before, during and after school, speed of cars descending Hawkesbury hill, parking at South end of High Street.
- b. Noted that GCC and SDC are sources of road and community safety advice.
- c. **RESOLVED:** to set up a Working Group to consider the identified issues and sources of advice, and report back to Council on findings and possible ways forward.
- d. Councillors Butcher, Doughty and Harlow agreed to be members of the working group. SB, AD, RH

**15. County and District Councillor Reports**

a. **County**

*County Council Annual Meeting.* At the May meeting of the council the Chairman and Cabinet members were all re-elected without any changes. I remain on the committees etc. that I was on previously.

*Wotton library hours.* Plan to reduce hours overturned.

*Rail investment.* The Office of the Rail Regulator (ORR) set out its draft response to Network Rail's Strategic Business Plan update. This is now open to consultation. Its draft response cuts out the proposed redoubling of the track between Kemble and Swindon. The redoubling is vital to improve the quality and reliability of rail services between Paddington and Gloucester and Cheltenham, enhancing the economy of the county and encouraging a switch to rail. This line also acts as a diversionary route when the Severn Tunnel is closed for maintenance and for freight traffic that is unable to use the tunnel. It is also proposed to slash the proposed funding on line speed enhancements between Bristol and Birmingham from £32M to £8M. These enhancements would help rail travellers in Gloucestershire, for example by enabling more station stops whilst retaining the overall journey time, or by improving the reliability of the existing services.

**b. District**

SDC has resolved to take the lead in the Stroud Canal projects, following the withdrawal of British Waterways, in order to retain Lottery Heritage Fund grants.

**16. Training**

**a. Working with Your Council Training (WWYC)**

The Clerk reported that she is still working on Module 2 (Law)

**b. GAPC Courses.** Councillors who are attending the 'Being a Good Councillor' training reported that it is proving worthwhile.

**17. Open Session and Other Items**

Noted:

**a. Tresham Village Hall Fund:**

Opening balance		£6684.07
Fund-raising	£1100.00	
Interest	£374.88	
Subsidised events for villagers	£-474.60	
Surplus	£1000.28	
Closing balance		£7684.35

**b. Suggestion received that 'single track' road sign in Kilcote Road should be moved to Hawkesbury Road (High Street) junction to help prevent 'lost' over-sized lorries having to turn in Kilcote Road.**

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at Hopkins Hall Hillesley at 7.30pm

**19. Meeting closed at 9.35pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....