

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on
Wednesday 11th March 2009

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

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

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Clark. Accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
The minutes of the 11th February 2009 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report**
Noted:
 - a. Street light at new Mills Lane/ Kilcott Road now working.
 - b. Meeting with group researching water voles in Kilcott valley. Jenny Phelps (Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) will speak for 10 minutes at Parish Assembly. John Field (Gloucestershire Wild Life Trust) suggested it would be helpful for a summer working party to cut down Himalayan Balsom on the Kilcott Mill to Lower Kilcott Farm stretch of brook.
 - c. 2 x 2GB USB memory sticks purchased at £8.58 total for electronic backup of records
 - d. Phone call and email received from Hillesley resident regarding speed of vehicles and bicycles through village. Such reports to be logged as part of Safety Committee monitoring.
 - e. SDC provided with an explanation of increase in precept.
 - f. Hillesley notice board, updated costings needed for April meeting.

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5. **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. NHS Guide & PALS: (Health, social cares and disability + Patient Advice and Liaison service) information leaflet. <http://www.guide-information.org.uk/>
<http://www.palsglos.org.uk/>
- b. Gloucestershire Police Authority: advert for Independent Custody Visitors. <http://www.gloucestershirepoliceauthority.co.uk/Independent%20Custody%20Visitors.html> . Information to be put in notice boards and passed to Hillesley Happenings.
- c. GCC: Invitation for nominations for Gloucestershire Medal for Courage. <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4264>
- d. Gloucestershire Rural Services Support Group: Rural Communities newsletter. http://www.grcc.org.uk/our_work/rural_services

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- e. Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) Newsletter and needs survey. Clerk delegated to complete. Clerk
- 6. Planning Applications:**
- a. Decisions Received: none.
- b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:
- i. [S.09/0164/FUL](#) Stream Cottage Kilcott Road (Lower Kilcott) Erection of two dormer windows. Do not object or support but noted that construction underway.
- c. Consultation on New Applications: none.
- 7. Finance**
- a. Performance to date, as of 5th March:
Running cash balance: £2528.46. Bank balance: £2528.46. Unspent budget 1818;
Expected income £.01
Noted: £32 charge incurred through late transfer of funds from reserve to current account.
Resolved: To retain a balance of £500 in current account, subject to review. Clerk
- Resolved: To include a £25 Chairman's allowance in the budget.**
- b. Payments:
- i. Clerk's pay Jan- Mar, £240 [LGA 1972 s112]. Approved.
- 8. Save Our Sorting Office Campaign**
- a. Cllr Larrieu has represented the Council's support, and is now a member of the SOSO committee.
- b. Oral report included the following information:
- i. the SOSO petition has been presented to Parliament;
- ii. SDC have been alerted to planning concerns regarding Cam site;
- iii. SOSO committee chair and County Councillor to meet the Minister for Postal Affairs.
- 9. Annual Parish Assembly 8th April**
- a. The Chairman encouraged Councillors to attend the Assembly.
- b. Clerk to invite police and grant receiving organisations. Clerk
- c. Arrangements to be as follows:
6.45pm Coffee available
7.00pm Welcome and previous minutes; followed by police report, talk on water voles, Parish Council report, reports from other organisations. Clerk
- d. Draft minutes of last Assembly to be posted on the Parish web site.
- e. Parish Council meeting to follow Assembly.
- 10. Tresham Telephone Kiosk**
- In view of the lack of clarity in the BT process, it was decided to respond to BT request for completion of an adoption contract by:
- a. reiterating the Council's and SDC objection to the removal of the service;
- b. confirming interest in adoption of the kiosk if removal of service approved. Clerk

11. Highways and Footpaths

- a. Damage to grass verge at Furlongs in Tresham still not repaired.
- b. Road signs at entry to Hillesley from Kingswood remain in ‘battered’ state.
- c. The Gardens and Reeds Row do not have official road names which causes mis-delivery of post.

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12. County and District Councillor Reports

a. County

County Council Budget

The county council meeting on 18th February set a budget which involves an increase in the county council part of the precept of 2.9%, or £30 at Band D.

Wotton Library Repairs

Work will now start in mid May and last until mid August, with a library service being available at Wotton Civic Centre.

Road Closures

There are now three planned closures of the road from Wotton to the M5 Junction 14: B4509 Charfield - M5 - Falfield road at Tortworth from 9th to 13th March one-way working under traffic lights; B4058 Closures for drainage works, between Wotton and Charfield between 16th March and 3rd April; B4058 Charfield , work on a short section of road from the village hall towards the centre of the village starting immediately after the one above finishes, i.e. on 6th April for four weeks.

b. District.

The SDC element of the precept will increase by 3%

13. Training

- a. GAPT newsletter available in hard copy.
- b. ‘Being a Good Councillor’ training to be organised for Cllr Doughty

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14. Open Session and Other Items

Comments from the public on agenda item 8 (SOSO) were noted.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday, 8th April in Hopkins Hall Hillesley following the Parish Assembly.

16. Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

Signed:

Date: