

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on 11th April 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr T Burden, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Clark and L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr Paul Hemming and Cllr John Cordwell

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of interest:

Cllr A Doughty (potential investor in the purchase of The Fleece)

Cllr D Darlow & Cllr A Clark potential pecuniary interest in The Fleece. Currently no active pecuniary interest until the Fleece has been sold on by Red Oak.

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the 14th March 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow).

4. Clerk's Report:

Cheque for £350.00 received from Stroud DC as Grant for Litter & Grit Bins (not yet banked).

Action Points: Clerk to prepare a notice for the gate of the allotments as rents now due . Cllr D Darlow to affix the notice to the gate.

5. Correspondence & documents:

- *Rural Services Network – News Digest x 3*
- *Stroud District Council – Solid Wall Insulation Grants available (SDC & British Gas)*
- *NALC – People in Action NALC National Conference – Bristol 5 July 2012*
- *The Academies Show – London 16 May 2012 – Role of Local Authorities in the Academies Programme*
- *GRCC – Launch of Vibrant Village of 2012 competition*
- *GRCC – Community Approaches to reducing Traffic Speed 14th May Eastington*
- *Local Tourism – selection of marketing material*
- *St John Ambulance – information re community defibrillator*

6. Planning Applications:

[Cherry Rock Farm S.12/0229/FUL](#) and [Mountenays Farm S.12/0255/FUL](#)

Neither Object nor Support.

Action Point – Clerk to submit additional comments (below) to Stroud DC with a request to Stroud DC to consider these points when making a decision.

- Impact on footpath users.
- Possible need to re-route footpaths to avoid risk to walkers.
- Visual impact on AONB and associated tourism related businesses.
- Possible throwing of ice from turbine blades.
- Avoidance of setting a precedent for further turbines.
- Potential noise nuisance.
- Concerns over lack of detail and guarantees within proposed community trust fund.

7. Finance:

a. To Monitor Performance to Date. Performance approved

Balance at Co-Op - £5256.35 Payments to date £6981.11 Receipts to date £7592.80

Uncleared Cheque £75.00 Unbanked Cheques £350.00

b. Payments approved: None

8. Parish Plan Update: Nothing to report

9. Provision of Grit and Litter Bins. Clerk to close this item if litter bin installed by May meeting. Cllr D Darlow has confirmed that the grit bins have been installed.

Action Points: Cllr D Darlow to meet with Cllr A Clark to agree installation of new Litter Bin.

10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways: No new items to report

Action Point: Cllr D Darlow to review & confirm the location and installation of 5 Dog Fouling Signs.

11. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

As given during immediately preceding Annual Assembly

Paul Hemmings- District Councillor

As given during immediately preceding Annual Assembly

12. Training:

Action Point: Clerk to obtain dates for training of new Councillor.

13 Grass Cutting:

The maintenance of the Memorial Green is now contracted, and the situation will be reviewed in June

14. The Fleece:

Circa 50 people attended a Public Meeting was held at 6.00pm on Sunday 18th March for all those interested in joining the community bid for the pub. The Red Oak offers for sale were considered and the general consensus was that the full purchase of business premises and associated land was the most viable option. Details of an Enterprise Investment Scheme with potential tax advantages would be explored. The Fleece has now closed for business. The Sorrel Horse Public House in Shottisham Suffolk may be a business model which could be adopted.

www.thesorrelhorse-shottisham.co.uk

15. Parish Housing Survey

Action Point: Cllr D Darlow to convene a sub-committee to agree the specific questions to be included in the survey so that by the May Parish Council meeting, the questionnaire can be prepared by Martin Hutchings the Rural Housing Enabler.

16. Well Hill

Cllr T Burden has received a verbal request from a Tresham resident to plant a hedge on common land to screen his garden from the proposed footpath on the common land. Concerns were expressed about the make up of the hedge and the cost and responsibility for on-going maintenance of a hedge.

Action Points:

Cllr T Burden to ask the resident to submit a formal written request to the Parish Council.

Parish Clerk to send a written response giving permission subject to the above assurances.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 16th May 2012 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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