

## PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

### Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Paul Hemming and Martin Hutchings (Rural Housing Enabler)

**Public Participation:** None

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Harlow (accepted – resignation from the Parish Council) and Cllr John Cordwell (accepted)

**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. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow).

**4. Clerk's Report:**

Allotments – Requests for remaining three 1/4 plots received.

**5. Correspondence & documents:**

- *GAPTC – The Localism Act – Summary & Guidance*
- *PC Elections Advice*
- *Historic Towns Forum Newsletter (including opportunity to be included in the new BBC TV series 'Original Features')*
- *SDC – Community Safety – Christmas Crime Prevention Tips*
- *SDC – Core Strategy Consultation*
- *South Glos Core Strategy – Post-submission Changes*
- *SDC – Road Safety Campaign posters- **Action Point** – Clerk to place on Noticeboards if space allows.*
- *RSPCA – Trustee opportunity – **Action Point** – Clerk to send on for inclusion in Hillesley Happenings*
- *GCC - Mobile Library Timetable*
- *GCC – Library Consultation*
- *Glos Fire & Rescue – advice on Jubilee Beacon*
- *NALC – Information regarding Queen's Jubilee Beacons*
- *NALC – CPRE Planning Explained Booklet- **Action Point** – Clerk to order 4 copies*
- *GRCC – Activities for Older People - **Action Point** – Clerk to place on Noticeboards if space allows.*
- *GRCC – Community Accelerator Project - **Action Point** – Clerk to respond to Questionnaire*
- *SDC – subsidised Home Energy Surveys – **Action Point** – Clerk to send on for inclusion in Hillesley Happenings*
- *SDC – Dog Fouling Signs – **Action Point** – Clerk to request some signs from Stroud DC*
- *SDC – Local Joint Use Sports Centre - **Action Point** – Clerk to place on Noticeboards if space allows.*
- *SDC – Community Planning Grant Scheme 2012-13*

- *SDC – Core Strategy – Local Plan – consultation opportunities 7/2 – 19/3 – **Action Point** – Clerk to request places for Cllr D Darlow & Cllr A Clark*
- *Youth Exploring Sustainability – request for grant funding – **Action Point** – Clerk to confirm that a contribution had not been planned for in the 12/13 budget.*
- *Rex Symons WUE Town Clerk – invitation to Stroud Core Strategy Team Presentation 7/2*
- *Allotments – request from Faz to plant fruit trees – Agreed in principle . **Action Point** - Paul Hemmings to supply the telephone number of Mark Hemming the Senior Arboriculture Officer at Stroud DC to advise on any issues with fruit trees. **Completed***  
***Action Points.** Clerk to contact Mark Hemming for advice and also advise Faz that trees should be kept under control to respect the other allotments holders.*
- *Graham Watson – MEP request to post his contact details on noticeboard- **Action Point** – Clerk to place on Noticeboards if space allows.*

## 6. Planning Applications:

Nothing to discuss

## 7. Finance:

- To Monitor Performance to Date.  
Performance approved
- Payments approved:  
Not applicable

## 8. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr A Clark – nothing to report

Cllr D Darlow – nothing to report

Cllr T Burden – nothing to report

Cllr R Harlow – nothing to report (not present)

Cllr S Butcher – nothing to report

Cllr A Doughty - welcomed Martin Hutchings (Stroud District Council - Rural Housing Enabler - RHE) who gave a presentation on the objective of, and procedure for, an Affordable Housing Survey.

In summary:

The RHE works in partnership with the Parish Council to plan, design, distribute and collect an 'Affordable Housing' Questionnaire, which uncovers the housing needs in the community.

Data is encapsulated into a final report which will provide evidence to support other actions.

Response rate likely to be in the region of 30/40% and time-line would be 3 months start to finish.

Martin Hutchings could then assist in identifying suitable sites, liaising with planners, further consultation with the parishioners, and discussion with Housing Associations.

## 9. Grit Bins

Cllr D Darlow confirmed final negotiations had been completed with Julian Wilson and the Parish Council will buy 3 Grit Bins (yellow). Once the original dilapidated concrete seating has been removed by the Council, they will then install the new bins and fill them with grit.

Cllr A Doughty has confirmed that Tony Goscombe has agreed to donate 1 or 2 blue bins.

**Action Point** – Cllr D Darlow to cut these in half.

**Action Points:** Cllr D Darlow to confirm to the Clerk the specific type to be ordered and the delivery address. Clerk will then order them to be delivered to the named location.

## 10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:

No items.

## **11. County and District Councillor Reports:**

### **John Cordwell – County Councillor**

#### **Electoral Boundary Review of Gloucestershire County Council:**

Both houses of parliament are yet to agree to the change. Stinchcombe Parish Council also meets on Wednesdays so there may be some clashes in the future.

#### **Wotton Youth Centre**

Waiting for a response to the letter sent by June Cordwell on behalf of Wotton Town Council on funding for the conversion of the former police station. The planning application for the change of use has been submitted.

#### **Library Closures**

On 20th January the Cabinet is due to confirm details of the draft library plans. If these are agreed, public consultation will start soon afterwards.

#### **2012/13 Budget**

Consultation on the budget is now under way and ends on 18th January. The survey was included in the Gazette and can be found on line at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2012](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2012)

The Administration is proposing to freeze council tax and thus receive a one-off Government grant of £6.15 M. The budget will be finalised at the County Council meeting on 22nd February.

#### **Residual Waste Project**

The December cabinet meeting decided to award the residual waste contract to the Urbaser-Balfour Beatty consortium, specifically set up for bidding for this project.

#### **Paul Hemmings- District Councillor**

There is currently a consultation to the end of March on waste re-cycling. It looks likely that in future, the existing box will be used for Tetra Packs (waxed cardboard) and the wheelie bin will be used for everything else from the summer.

## **12. Training:**

No training to be booked.

## **13. Grass Cutting:**

No update from Cllr A Clark.

#### **On -going Action Points:**

Cllr A Clark to request a formal quotation from D Bond. Parish Clerk to send resulting contract to D Bond for signature in due course.

## **14. The Fleece**

On December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011, The Fleece was purchased by Red Oak who are offering it for sale.

## **15. Missing Hillesley Sign**

Now installed

## **16. Budget 2012/13**

Agreed by all Councillors

**17. Report from Assley & Harely Commons Meeting**

Cllr A Clark attended. Rural Payments Agency have been visiting farms to check whether the farmers have been properly maintaining the commons (e.g. thistle cutting). Cllr A Clark confirms that they have been properly maintained. **Actions Points** – Cllr A Clark to draft a letter to be sent to the Rural Payments Agency and Stroud District Council by the Clerk.

**Other points:**

Cllr T Burden requested that a request to introduce a footpath to the bottom of Well Hill be included as an agenda item for February 2012.

Cllr D Darlow also requested that a Review of the Standing Orders be included in the February meeting.

**Meeting closed at 9.50pm**

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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