

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 11th September 2013

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

Public Participation:

Christine Sweet (new Village Agent) kindly gave a summary of her responsibilities and provided some relevant literature for the Noticeboards etc.

Action Points: Clerk to:

- include Christine Sweet in the distribution list for future Meeting Agendas.
- contact Carol Dawson to add a piece in the next Hillesley Happenings to see if those parishioners already on the distribution list for Hillesley Happenings would like the Parish Council Agenda by E Mail also. **COMPLETED**
- place the information/posters on the noticeboards

Cllr John Cordwell advised the meeting that the Bristol Clay Pigeon Shoot Application was likely to be on the November agenda of the Planning Committee as they had called for further data/ information in advance of their decision. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to check with Planning Dept that the Hillesley & Tresham comments had been retained and not lost in the system.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Doughty (Holidays) – **Accepted**

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).

The minutes of 10th July and 14th August were approved and signed by the Clairman Cllr D Darlow. All Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the October Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

There was no charge levied for the Annual Audit by Grant Thornton. All now complete and signed off.

5. Correspondence received.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for Grant

SDC – Pre-submission Local Plan – submission of representations on legal compliance and soundness only of the Plan – timescale 4/9 – 16/10

SDC – Latest changes to Planning Legislation (pre-issued)

GRCC – Dealing with Developers – Pre-application involvement protocol – request for comments. **Action Point:** Clerk to forward to Cllr D Darlow **COMPLETED**

GRCC – Affordable Housing – Newsletter

GCC – Local Developer Guide

GCC – Big Community Switch

GAPTC – Monthly Bulletin – Big Community Switch

GlosVAIN – campaign against the waste incinerator - request to include in parish newsletter

Rural Services Network – includes Info on Heritage Lottery Fund grants to mark WW1 centenary

Rural Services Network – Request to support Rural Fair Share Campaign

Police issues – updates from Ben Rollings (PCSO).

Action Points: Clerk to invite Neighbourhood Warden to October meeting and place appropriate posters on the noticeboards. **COMPLETED**

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

- **The Denny, Alderley Road, Hillesley. Permission**
S.13/1352/HHOLD - Resubmission of revised scheme for planning permission S.13/0563/HHOLD - Erection of single storey extension, two storey extension, new vehicular access and convert garden store to ancillary residential accommodation.
- **South View, Chapel Lane, Hillesley. Permission**
S.13/1397/HHOLD - Extension to existing porch.
- **Hillesley Mill, Alderley Road, Hillesley. Permission**
S.13/0994/FUL - Replace existing stables and tack room and to add one stable to this block.

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:

- **Former Grooms Quarters High Street, Hillesley, Gloucestershire**
S.13/1489/HHOLD Replace existing 'Grooms Quarters' building with garage and Gym/Studio using materials that compliment the main house. **Pending Consideration (now Permission)**

c. Consultation on new Applications: **None**

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles

8. Parish Plan Update

No updates

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports

It was reported that the path to Tennis Courts was overgrown and the wire fence was down, and a tree had fallen across the gate at Splatts Barn.

Action Point: Clerk to inform John Dansie (see Item 13)

It was noted that the churchyard had become somewhat overgrown due to the lack of volunteers to undertake the mowing.

Action Points:

- Cllr D Darlow to approach the Church Warden to discuss the difficulties in cutting the grass and see whether the Parish Council can assist. If so, Clerk to ask Derek Bond to quote for grass mowing.

- Clerk to check with Highways Department when salt for winter 13/14 will be delivered

COMPLETED

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Residual Waste Disposal

The Secretary of State has "recovered" the appeal, which means that the planning inspector will not determine it but will submit a report and recommendations to the Secretary of State. The media believes that the inquiry will start in November and will take several weeks. A decision is expected next summer.

Devolved Highways Funds

County councillors have been allocated £20k this year to spend on highway issues. Top of the list submitted by Cllr John Cordwell is the heavily potholed stretch of road between Wortley and Alderley.

New Fire & Rescue Control Room at Waterwells

This is only the second fire and rescue service in the country to have this cutting edge equipment which is designed to reduce the time it takes operators to handle calls and for crews to respond. It was financed by a £1.8M grant from the DCLG.

Fire Brigades Union Strike Ballot

The ballot was over national pension arrangements and resulted in a 60% turnout with 78% of those voting "yes". Whilst a strike is now possible, no strike dates had been announced. This dispute is with the Government rather than the County Council. Many retained firefighters are not members of the union. The county's Chief Fire Officer has put contingency measures in place, but it is hoped these will not be needed.

Paul Hemming:

The **New Local Plan** has been submitted for initial comment by the inspector. Depending on the inspectors approach it is possible it could be returned for further work.

An **Electoral Boundary Review**, due to take place for the district in 2016 could see changes both to Wards and number of councillors at Stroud. A motion to investigate the potential to become a **Unitary Authority** is likely to come back to Council later in the year.

The applications for the two wind turbines were both given permission at last month's DCC meeting.

11. Agree Next Steps on remedial work to Memorial Green

Awaiting the beginning of the remedial work planned for September.

Action Points: Cllr R Graham to meet with Matt Tewkesbury before work begins.

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

There are 13 names on the War Memorial. It was suggested that researching the background to these names may prove a useful and informative project for the school.

Action Points: Cllr R Graham to:

- consult with the school to see if this can be undertaken
- contact Gloucester Records Office, the Wotton Heritage Centre and the Gloucester Family History Society to see if their records are useful to this project.

13. Agree whether all Rights of Way issues in the Parish should be directed to Mr Dansie (see July 2013 minutes) – Confirmed

14. Discuss & agree Next Steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley with Juliet Tigwell

Cllr D Darlow and Juliet Tigwell completed a walk around the village and several potential sites were discussed but most were deemed as potentially unsuitable for a variety of reasons.

Cllr R Graham had been to see the Affordable Housing recently developed in Whitminster and expressed favourable comments.

Action Points:

Juliet Tigwell to:

- - approach the Planning Dept to gain an initial opinion on the suitability of any of the sites
- contact the landowner (or their agent) of one site who may wish to sell the land for development
- Clerk to invite Juliet Tigwell to October meeting **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th October 2013 at 7.30 Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2013 WILL BE: Nov 13th, Dec 11th