

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 12th December 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr Richard Graham, Cllr G Finn, Cllr P Hemming

In attendance: 0 members of the Public

Public Participation:

Cllr P Hemming informed the Parish Council that Gloucestershire Constabulary will call for volunteers for a Community Speed Watch exercise in the Parish.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Clark & Cllr J Cordwell - **Accepted**

2. Declarations of interest: None

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 14th November 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow). The Action Points outstanding from previous meetings were reviewed and marked 'completed' as appropriate.

4. Clerk's Report:

The new tenant for Allotment Plot 38 has signed the contract.

The pre-grant request has been submitted to the War Memorials Trust.

Cllr D Darlow reported that the Western Power Distribution presentation to its customers had communicated that trees were the major cause of the breaks in power supply to the area.

5. Correspondence & documents: No Action Points

- GCC - Statement of Community Involvement
- English Heritage – Listed Building Status of War Memorial
- War Memorials Trust – Pre-application form received & completed
- SDC – Winter & Christmas Waste & Re-cycling services
- SDC – Garden Waste Chipping Service
- GAPTC – News Bulletin
- GAPTC – Guidance re Local Council Precepts
- GRCC – Community Approaches to Reducing Traffic Speed Document
- Young Gloucestershire – Annual Report
- Wotton Swimming Pool – Thanks for grant

6. Planning Applications:

a. Decisions received:

Greenfield Cottage, Tresham S.12/1926/HHOLD

Erection of two storey extension and re-roofing 1960's extension, rendering & painting bradstone walls (Revised plans received 26/10/2012). **Permission:**

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: **None**

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

7. Finance:

a. Performance monitored to date by Cllr J Knowles and approved:

- Balance at Bank - £10,242.68
- Payments to Date – £2,803.36
- Receipts to Date - £7,789.69

b. Payments approved and awaiting signature by Cllr D Darlow & Cllr A Clark:

- Tresham Church Committee - £350
- Linda Spratling (Parish Clerk) – Quarterly Salary - £408.00
- HMRC – Tax on Salary - £102.00
- Poppy Appeal - £30

8. Parish Plan Updates: None

9. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways:

Cllr D Darlow and the Parish Clerk confirmed that further grit supplies had been ordered for delivery to Ted Thompson as the previous supplies had been flooded. In addition Highways had been requested to re-fill the empty grit bin which had been emptied by persons unknown.

10. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

Residual Waste Contract

The date that the planning application for Javelin Park will go before the county's planning committee has been delayed, probably until February.

Wotton Library

Volunteer support has allowed the library to increase its opening hours, which from 12 December will include Wednesday and Friday afternoons, making a total of 22 hours per week.

Gas Main Replacement

Wales & West Utilities intend to replace the gas main in Long Street and High Street, Wotton, starting on 2nd January and lasting for approximately 12 weeks. A public drop-in is being held at Wotton Civic Centre on 10th December) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to explain what will be happening.

Paul Hemming- District Councillor

Council Structure - At its full Council Meeting on December 6th the decision to change to a committee style structure from next May was agreed.

Precept - The new Government legislation with respect to the setting of local tax and the abolition of Council Tax Benefit to be replaced by the local support for council tax scheme. The District Council will be encouraging Parishes to submit their precepts by the 2nd week in January 2013.

Local Plan - Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee has set up a Task & Finish Group to look at the provision of Allotments, Community Orchards and Play Space within the district with the target of including new requirements, where there is a shortfall, in the 'new' Local Plan.

Failed Street Light, off Chapel Lane - it has not been possible to reach the light with the normal mechanical equipment because of the width of the lane. The Highways contractor has issued instructions to its staff that ladders must not be used because of the likelihood of telegraph poles having suffered fatigue at the base resulting in possible collapse.

11. Budget for 13/14 – deferred for agreement to January 2013. **Action Point:** All councillors to review the amended budget prepared by the Clerk so that, when the precept process is confirmed by Stroud DC, the final budget can be agreed in January.

12. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

The Clerk had received advice from GAPTC and the Monitoring Officer in Stroud DC that it is not now necessary to prepare dispensations for those Councillors who owned property in the Parish to enable them to vote on the Precept Request.

13. Local Housing Needs Survey

Cllr D Darlow reported that the questionnaires and lockable box for their return would be delivered to him on 7th Jan 2013.

Action points:

- Cllr D Darlow to approach Carol Dawson to see if the questionnaires can be delivered with the January edition of Hillesley Happenings.
- Parish Clerk to request an electronic copy of the plan for Hillesley & Tresham which shows each parishioners property from Cllr J Cordwell.
- Parish Clerk to place the Survey on the Agenda for January so that a plan for delivery of all questionnaires can be agreed.

14. To review builders' quotations for remedial works to Memorial Green and agree next steps

Some responses had been received as 'estimates' It was agreed that the work should not be completed till the end of the winter.

Action Point: Clerk to write to each builder to request a firm quote rather than an estimate.

15. Hillesley School Sign: No new information had been received from the school.

Action Point: Cllr G Finn to contact the school for an update.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th January at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

MEETING DATES FOR 2013 WILL BE:

Jan 9th, Feb 13th, Mar 13th, Apr 10th, May 15th, June 12th, July 10th, Aug no meeting, Sept 11th, Oct 9th, Nov 13th, Dec 11th