

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham on Wednesday 12th Sept 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Butcher, plus 2 new Councillors co-opted at the meeting (Cllr Richard Graham & Cllr Gary Finn)

In attendance: 4 member of the Public

Public Participation:

- Bob Souter requested advice from the Council re the deterioration of the path down Well Hill at Tresham and the parallel ditch which is now blocked. There is water damage from the road above which makes the path difficult to use. A reliable and safe path is needed so that mowing of the grass can be continued. Cllr D Darlow confirmed that the path is a Bridleway and therefore the responsibility of Gloucester County Council. **Action Point:** An approach will be made to GCC to rectify this problem. COMPLETED – Parish Clerk has reported to Gloucestershire Highways - no response as yet

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Hemming and Cllr J Cordwell (both attending other Council Meetings)

2. **Co-option of new Councillors.** Gary Finn & Richard Graham outlined their reasons for volunteering to join the Council. Both were formally co-opted and welcomed onto the Council. They both signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. **Declarations of interest:** None

4. **Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 11th July 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow).

5. **Clerk's Report:** When asked for feedback by the Clerk, Councillors confirmed that the current state of the Memorial Green was acceptable. **Action Point:** The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Derrick Bond to ensure that the Green was appropriately tidy for Remembrance Day in November and to arrange payment for his services to be agreed at October meeting. COMPLETED

6. Correspondence & documents:

GCC - Highways Development Management Standing Advice – consultation

GCC – P&T Newsletter

GCC – The Gloucestershire Charter

GAPTC – Neighbourhood Plans and Localism – request for information

GAPTC – August Bulletin

GAPTC – Members Survey 2012 **Action Point** – Clerk to complete & return. COMPLETED

GRCC - Neighbourhood Plans and Localism – Offer of free support

GRCC – Stroud Parish Newsletter – Offer of advice re the Localism Act

GRCC – Invitation to AGM on 12th Sept

Hillesley Happenings – Sept issue

CAB – request for funding **Action Point:** deferred to Agenda Item in Oct to review of 12/13 Grants - COMPLETED

Audit Commission – Appointment of new External Auditor - Grant Thornton

Stroud DC – Shop Local Loyalty Card

Transition Stroud – Request to put up notices

Glos Highways – Request for info on Snow Wardens.

Glos Centre for Environmental Records – Wildlife Information (new service offered)

Sue Ryder (Leckhampton Court Hospice) – Request for funds – (See Item 12)

Stroud Care & Repair – request for posters to be placed on noticeboards

7. Planning Applications:

a. Decisions received: **All Permission**

S.12/0955/HHOLD - The Little Cottage, Chapel Lane, Hillesley.

S.12/1250/HHOLD - Whitestones, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge.

S.12/1108/HHOLD 1 Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley, Wotton-Under-Edge.

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

c. Consultation on new Applications: **All Neither Object nor Support**

S.12/1712/FUL Former Dairy, Chapel Lane, Hillesley

Demolition of former dairy buildings to facilitate the erection of a single dwelling

S.12/1572/HHOLD Coombe Head, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge, GL12 7RW

Two storey extension. Revised application following planning permission

S.12/1696/HHOLD Church Farm Cottage, High Street, Hillesley, GL12 7RS

Proposed ground floor extension

8. Finance:

a. To monitor performance to date - Performance approved

Balance at Bank: £8025.73

Payments to Date: £1516.00

Receipts to Date: £4087.00

b. To approve payments

Clerk - Quarterly Salary - £408.00

HMRC – Tax due on Clerk's Salary - £102.00

Moore Stephens – Annual Audit - £186.00

GCC - Payment for Road Sign - £49.42

GAPTC – 2 x New Councillor Training - £85.00 each

9. Parish Plan Updates:

Oil Buying Group: Cllr A Clark reported by e Mail that this was still working positively and achieving good discounts.

Tresham: It was agreed that both Gary Finn and Richard Graham would be responsible for any elements of the Tresham section of Parish Plan.

Action Point: All Councillors to review the Parish Plan web page and inform the Clerk of any amendments needed. The Clerk would prepare a summary for the formal approval of the Council in October. Not Received as at 8/10/12

10. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways:

A pothole (with no white paint markings) was reported outside No 2 Hawkesbury Road.

Action Point: Highways Dept to be informed and requested to take action. COMPLETED

Cllr D Darlow reported that there was some cracking to the surround of the War Memorial.

Action Point: This should be considered at the October meeting - COMPLETED.

11. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

County Council Planning Enforcement – There is now only one dedicated officer and planning enforcement has changed to being reactive, mainly responding to complaints and taking action to deal with breaches of planning controls.

Pre-application consultations – difficulties had been experienced with the system notifying County Councillors of planning applications – now working properly

Wotton Library – a self service kiosk is to be installed to enable customers to serve themselves and make the most effective use of staffing. The library has now started to employ local volunteers.

Paul Hemming- District Councillor

The first of the Planning Advisory Panel meetings has now taken place and the topic discussed was housing numbers and the new local plan following up on the core strategy. It was generally agreed that any new plan should have a life until 2031. There was no agreement on what the overall figure should be for the district but it is likely to be in the region of 9260 to 11500. (Covers the period 2006 to 2012)

Following the governments' recent planning announcement there is likely to be much conjecture on what the effects will be. Stroud will issue a formal notice in due course.

- 12. **Request for Grant Support from Wotton Swimming Pool.** Deferred to October meeting
- 13. **Local Housing survey.**
Action Point: All Councillors to review the proposed Questionnaire and and be prepared to sign off the final version at the October meeting.
- 14. **Code of Conduct:** The NALC Code dated 9th August 2012 was adopted by the Council
- 15. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**
Action Point: The Parish Clerk was requested to confirm that all Councillors must sign the new DPI form. This has now been confirmed to all Councillors.
Action Point: all Councillors to complete & sign the form and return to the Parish Clerk who will batch up and send to the Monitoring Officer at Stroud District Council. All received except one.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th October at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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