

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr C Halpin,  
Mrs H Cooke (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District), 3 members of the public

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Doughty and Cllr R Harlow, approved.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  
The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report**
  - a. Notice of casual vacancy was displayed for the statutory 14 days. SDC have confirmed no request for election and Council should now move co-opt an additional councillor.
  - b. Only one expression of interest for the vacancy of councillor has been received. It was agreed that the position and any applicants will be considered at the next meeting.
  - c. Mel Thompson will be taking the minutes at the next meeting as the Clerk is away.
  - d. Bristol Clay Pigeon Club has been served with a noise abatement notice to which they must respond within a month.
5. **Correspondence and documents:**  
The following correspondence and documents were considered and noted. They can be viewed for up to a year by arrangement with the Clerk:
  - a. GCC: Electoral Review Poster
  - b. GCC: Meeting the Challenge Leaflets
  - c. Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service: Consultation meeting proposed change of appliance at Stroud 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at Ebley Mill
  - d. GAPTC: Annual Report
  - e. Down to Earth Co-operative: research on food growing initiatives
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - a. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None.
  - b. Decisions Received :
    - i. [S.10/1528/FUL](#) Burden Court Farm Tresham, Erection of an agricultural steel building with four stables, a horse ménage and a tennis court. No observation. Approved.
  - c. Consultation on New Applications: None

## 7. Finance

- a. Performance
  - i. To 8<sup>th</sup> October: Running cash balance: £8,142.97. Bank balance: £8,169.97 (precept 2<sup>nd</sup> half received). Unspent budget £4,924.00.
- b. The following payments were approved:
  - i. Hillesley Happenings, Parish Plan Insert, £10.00 [LGA1972s111]
  - ii. CLP, Stationery, £58.43 [LGA1972 s111]
- c. Budget setting process. Working party to meet late October, date to be determined once all councillors have agreed best date on Doodle.

## 8. Parish Plan

- a. A joint meeting of 3 councillors and 3 steering group members agreed an initial list of issues for development into an action plan, and the outline of the final Parish Plan document to be presented to the Parish in January.
- b. It was agreed that the Council could initiate preliminary research and actions ahead of the Plan being published by the Steering Group. Items that might be so considered to include increasing number of litter and salt bins.
- c. It was agreed that the Steering Group may need to further review the questionnaire responses to ensure that important but apparently statistically insignificant items are not missed. Clerk to contact Steering Group.

Clerk

## 9. SDC Grant Application

The chairman explained that SDC grant 2011/12 applications for Parish Plan actions close on 30 Nov. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would prepare an application for a grant towards the cost of providing additional salt and litter bins.

## 10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways

- a. Cllr D Darlow and Cllr C Halpin attended the County transport seminar. The feeling was that not much was gained by attendance; but Cllr Darlow will email notes.

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## 11. County and District Councillor Reports

- a. County Council:
  - i. Divisional Estimates Meeting. The autumn round was suddenly cancelled on the grounds of uncertainty in next year's budget ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review. These twice-yearly meetings take place in each highways division. They enable all county councillors in the area to get together with highways staff to discuss the highway programme.
  - ii. Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task Groups. The Climate Change Committee: its purpose is to assess the potential to utilise the county's assets for the generation of renewable energy. The council will also investigate exporting surplus energy to the grid.  
Speed Limit Task Group: its purpose is to review the setting of speed limits, specifically 20mph limits and zones. Recently, the council produced draft guidelines for the introduction of the latter – essentially a scoring system to produce a priority list. This was heavily criticised at a meeting of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as many areas that need such limits would not meet the criteria. At its first meeting the group asked for parish councils to be consulted on their views on 20mph limits.

- iii. Wotton Swimming Pool. At its November meeting Stroud District Council is expected to decide to hand back the maintenance and running costs of the pool to the Town Council. A Parish Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September demanded that a parish poll is held to obtain the opinion of Wotton's electors on the increase in council tax this would require, which is £13.37 per annum at Band D. The poll takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

b. *District Council:*

- i. New Service Station Planning application was agreed 2 months ago
- ii. A warning has been issued of increasing car crime including the taking of car keys from homes.

**12. Training**

- a. No report

**13. Open Session**

The following issues were raised and noted:

- a. Agricultural contractors are currently driving through Hillesley about every ten minutes or so at what is considered to be excessive speed for the size of vehicles. Residents should contact the police with details of specific incidents.
- b. Continued Tresham HGV vehicle problems including blind spots and sharp bends . Some residents considering a petition, but there needs to be more information before any action can be considered.
- c. Residents of Hillesley and Tresham use Wotton Swimming Pool and would like the council to try and support it by either letter or donation to ensure it is not closed. A course of action will be discussed at the next meeting.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November Hopkins Hall, Hillesley at 7.30pm

**15. Meeting closed at 9 pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....