

## PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr G Finn, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Cordwell, Cllr J Cordwell, Cllr P Hemming and the Parish Clerk

**In attendance:** Martin Hutchings (Rural Housing Enabler) and Laura Stephen (Housing Strategy Officer - Stroud District Council) and one member of the public.

**Public Participation:** None

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Doughty & Cllr R Graham - **Accepted**
2. **Declarations of interest:** **None**
3. **Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow). All Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at April Meeting.
4. **Clerk's Report:**
  - Further estimates/quotations received for renovation of concreted area around War Memorial from Stonewood Builders and DHF Contracting. These will remain on file until a decision is received from the War Memorial Trust on the Grant Application.
  - Gloucestershire Highways have re-filled the grit bins in Tresham. **Action Point;** Clerk to inform highways that the grit bin in Chapel Lane is now empty again.
5. **Correspondence & documents:**
  - Call for Evidence from DEFRA
  - GRCC - Village & Community Agents – Vacancy for Hillesley
  - SDC – grass cutting
  - SDC – Tackling Poverty
  - GAPTC – AGM - 24<sup>th</sup> May – Call for Resolutions
  - GAPTC – S137 Expenditure Limits – increase of 18p to £6.98 per elector
  - GAPTC - invoice for Membership Renewal – due in FY13/14
  - GRCC – invoice for Membership Renewal – due in FY13/14
  - Wickwar Parish News – article on dog dirt – passed to Cllr D Darlow for inclusion in his article for Hillesley Happenings
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - a. Decisions received:
    - S.12/2573/FUL - Tresham Farm, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge.  
Erection of 2 open silage clamps with concrete panelled walls. **Permission**
    - S.12/2486/FUL - Woodmans Farm, High Street, Hillesley.  
Creation of a gallop and erection of a horse walker. **Permission**
  - b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:
    - S13/0261/FUL Lower Kilcott Farm Kilcot Road, Hillesley  
**Installation of 214 Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels.** Neither Object nor Support
  - c. Consultation on new Applications: **None**

## 7. Finance:

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

- Balance at Bank - £9,155.83
- Payments to Date - £5,168.36
- Receipts to Date - £7,792.84

b. All Payments approved:

- Clerk's Salary Jan – Mar 2013 - £408.00
- HMRC Tax on Clerk's Salary - £102.00

## 8. Parish Plan Updates: None

## 9. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways:

- Concern was expressed over the mud on Hawkesbury Road. **Action Point:** Cllr A Clark to talk to Richard Grey from Gloucestershire Highways to see how this could be alleviated or whether warning signs can be erected.

## 10. County and District Councillor Reports:

### John Cordwell – County Councillor

#### Highways Maintenance Backlog

A new, more accurate, method of estimating the Road Maintenance backlog has been used. Gloucestershire Highways are awaiting confirmation that the annual spend on highways just to prevent the backlog increasing has now risen to £14M.

#### County Council budget for 2013/14C

The budget was fixed on 20th February and requires no increase in council tax.

A last-minute amendment by the Conservative administration to their own budget moved £3M from forecast underspends in the current year to highway maintenance and also used of £1M from the county's Transformation Reserve\* to fund a package of measures to promote adoption.

#### Javelin Park

The planning application is to be determined by the County Council's Planning Committee on 21st March. The meeting is being held at Gloucester Rugby Club, to allow for the expected large public presence, and is expected to last all day.

### Paul Hemming- District Councillor

The chairman of the Council, John Hudson, is resigning his position and that of councillor for Cam East, from mid March because of ill health.

Council Tax for the coming year is set to rise by an average of 0.54%. The increase for Gloucestershire Police was 2% and the average for Parish Councils 7.28%.

Whether there will be a cap on Parish and town Councils in future years is open to speculation.

Planning for the transition to Committee Style operation for the district is moving closer to completion.

Work on producing a new local plan continues and the final production of this document could be further delayed.

## 11. Local Housing Survey:

This agenda item was brought forward for discussion (between 4 & 5). Martin Hutchings presented a summary of the results, with some specific key points.

#### Action Points:

- Martin Hutchings to review the text and make appropriate amends and then send the final version to Cllr D Darlow.
- Martin Hutchings to prepare a short A4 size summary for eventual inclusion in Hillesley Happenings
- The Clerk to publish the Report on the Hillesley & Tresham website.

**12. To review builders' quotations for remedial works to Memorial Green and agree next steps**  
(see Item 4)

**13. Examine 'Risk Review' document and agree any resulting actions**

The Council agreed the Clerk's amendments to the Risk Review document and it was formally adopted.

**Action Point:** Cllr A Clark to approach John Dancey to see whether he can re-value the Council's assets.

**14. Agree Next Steps for Annual Spring Clean in Hillesley on 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Action Points:**

Clerk to amend poster and forward to all Councillors so that they can place in prominent sites within the village (Completed)

Cllr A Clark & Cllr D Darlow to ensure all resources are at the Bus Shelter for 10.00am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March for volunteers to collect

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley**

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – from 6.45pm**

**Normal Monthly Meeting will follow the above.**

**Action Points**

Clerk to prepare posters for the Parish Assembly and invite representation from local organisations.

Cllr D Darlow to prepare an Annual Parish Council Report

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

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

**FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2013 WILL BE:**

Apr 10<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Tresham - June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug no meeting, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, Tresham - Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>