

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 13th November 2013

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

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Public Participation:

Jim Mason kindly gave the Council an overview of the latest income & expenditure of the JFMC and future planned spending for the coming year. The planned maintenance, the current level of bookings and current provision of reserves was explained.

1. Apologies for absence: None

2. Declarations of interest: None

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

The minutes of 9th October 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. All Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the December Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- Final paperwork submitted to the War Memorials Trust for release of grant
- No response received from Derek Bond re additional churchyard mowing or invoice for this year
- Confirmation of receipt and thanks received from Richard Goodenough (Tresham Church)
- Cheque sent, but although believed received, no response yet from Wotton Pool (now received)

5. Correspondence received (no Action Points)

- GRCC – NHS 111 service now fully launched
- GAPTC – WW1 commemoration – Ollie Taylor (Project Officer) offering free support, toolkits etc for schools and those running local events.
- Glos Domestic Abuse Support Service – posters received
- Stroud DC – Local Council Tax Support – outcome of consultation on the use of undistributed balances
- Environment Agency – Check your heating oil tank posters
- War Memorials Trust Bulletin
- GCC – Public Health Annual Report
- Young Gloucestershire – Annual Report
- Stroud Valleys Project – Appeal for funds

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:

c. Consultation on new Applications:

S.13/2392/LBC 3 Burden Court, Tresham Demolition of existing garage and store and erection of a single storey extension.

Action Point: Council agreed to Neither Support or Object and the Clerk to enter further comments on the Planning website. **COMPLETED**

7. Finance (see Item 14 also)

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

Cheques signed: £30 Poppy Appeal - £300 D Bond Memorial Green (as agreed during budget setting in Nov 2012)

8. Parish Plan: No items to discuss

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports

The matter of the mud on Hawkesbury Road was discussed to see if it could be cleaned by the Council.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Devolved Highways Funds: The work between Wortley Road and Hillesley is now under way, with one complaint received.

Public Rights of Way: The County Council's Commons and Rights of Way Committee met last Friday for the first time in two years. It still didn't have any applications for new village greens or modifications to public rights of way to consider. The current backlog of applications was 118.

Parking enforcement: Complaints have been received about the lack of on-street parking enforcement in Wotton, which has been raised county council officers. The issues have been raised with APCOA.

New Town Clerk: Glenys Sykes has now retired as Wotton's Town Clerk after 22 years. The new clerk is Sue Bailey, previously clerk to Tetbury Town Council.

Paul Hemming:

Box Road planning application: Following the ruling by His Honour Judge Denver Q.C., who upheld the Inspectors decision, against the District Councils challenge, it is now thought that the 5 year land supply, previously claimed by SDC, is not valid and the council must now demonstrate it has 5 years plus 20%. This would suggest that applications for developments outside settlement boundaries would now need reasons other than being outside the development boundary in order that they could be refused and defended at an appeal.

Careers Day at Stratford Park: The District Council with South Glos and Stroud Colleges ran a very successful careers day. Year 9 pupils were coached in to take part in workshops and gain career information from more than 50 organisations and colleges who took part. In the evening, an open event for any pupil to attend with parents, guardians etc. was also very well attended. Hopefully this can become an annual offering.

11. Discuss & agree Next Steps for commemoration of World War 1 Centenary

Action Points:

As per previous months, Cllr R Graham to engage in a discussion with the school whether project work could be undertaken by them as part of the Commemoration of WW1.

Clerk to place this on the Agenda in December **COMPLETED**

12. Discuss & agree Next Steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley

The draft letter to parishioners was reviewed and several small amendments suggested.

Action Points:

- Cllr A Doughty to amend the letter for circulation to all parishioners in the new year
- Cllr D Darlow to prepare a short 'heads up' for inclusion in the January edition of Hillesley Happenings (subsequently postponed)
- Council to agree date for the Parish Consultation Meeting at the December meeting.

13. Discuss and agree relevant actions re request for more grit bins on road between Alderley & Tresham, which lies in the Parish of Alderley.

Action Point: Clerk to contact Alderley Parish Meeting to agree next steps. **COMPLETED**

14. Agree Parish Council Budget for 2014/15 including potential grants (as reviewed and discussed on Wed 6th November).

Action Points:

- All Councillors to attend an informal Budget Meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm so that the Budget can finally be signed off at the December 11th Meeting of the Parish Council.
- Clerk to prepare and circulate a short Agenda to address the specific outstanding items in the Budget (to include Grass Mowing and the JFMC potential grant).
COMPLETED
- Jim Mason to work with Peter Whitbread to provide further financial information on current & future planned spending to aid the Council's decision on the level of potential grant for the JFMC.
- Cllr R Graham to examine the costs of both an oak noticeboard and one made from recycled plastic material in order to inform and make a recommendation to the Council at the Budget meeting on December 4th. **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2014 WILL BE:

Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug n/a, Sept 10, Oct 13, Nov 12, Dec 10

LIST OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

(these are now incorporated into an on-going monthly Agenda Item)

July Meeting:

Heritage Lottery Fund – Community Project Grants

- Cllr R Graham to explore with the school (see Sept).

World War One celebrations

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September Meeting:

World War 1 Centenary – 13 names on the War Memorial

Cllr R Graham to:

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