

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Tresham Court Farm, Tresham on**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Doughty, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr R Harlow,  
Mrs H Cooke (Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), 7 members of the public

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Clark, Cllr S Butcher and Cllr A Larrieu, approved.  
Cllr P Hemming (District), noted.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr A Doughty, item 10.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  
The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report**
  - a. HP laptop and Lexmark multi-function printer purchased. New email address for clerk initiated. Transfer of documents in progress.
  - b. Allotment rents all in. Some changes in tenancies.
  - c. Clerk will be away 8-20 November and 3-4 weeks February-March. Agreed that the Clerk would engage a temporary assistant to take the minutes for November, with Cllr Halpin acting as back-up. Action to cover February-March to be considered at a later date. Clerk/  
CH
5. **Governance**
  - a. External audit report received. Noted that there were no comments.
  - b. Chairman reported that Cllr Larrieu has resigned for personal reasons with immediate effect. The Council agreed a vote of thanks for her sterling work and support for the Council and Tresham ward over the last 5 years.
  - c. The Council formally declared a Council vacancy. Clerk to post declaration on parish noticeboards for 14 days and inform SDC. Should there not be a request for an election from 10 electors the Council will need to co-opt. Cllr Halpin to canvass Tresham ward residents for potential co-optees.
6. **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: What budget cuts mean for road safety and improvement
  - b. GCC: Revocation of new street order for Vicarage Lane
  - c. SDC: SDC News
  - d. Gloucestershire Police Authority: Annual Report
  - e. GRCC: Invitation to AGM 29<sup>th</sup> September
  - f. Cotswold Conservation Board: Annual review and Cotswold Lion Issue 23
  - g. Severn Estuary Trust: Severn Tidings Issue12 and invitation to forum 8<sup>th</sup> Oct
  - h. No Need for Nuclear: campaign newsletter
  - i. War Memorial Trust: Bulletin No45
  - j. Stroud CAB: Annual Report and grant request
  - k. Sue Ryder Care: Leckhaptan Court Hospice newsletter and request for grant

## 7. Planning Applications:

- a. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None.
- b. Decisions Received :
  - i. [S.10/0643/LBC](#) Old Manor House, Hillesley, Replace windows to both sides and rear elevations of property. ( Revised plans received 4.6.10). Approved.
  - ii. S10/0919/FUL Lovetts Wood Farm, Hillesley. Erection of agricultural building. Permitted.
  - iii. [S.10/0908/HHOLD](#) Top Cottage Tresham, Erection of garden room. Permitted.
  - iv. [S.10/1159/MINAM](#) 2 Hawkesbury Road Hillesley, Minor amendment to application S.09/0583/HHOLD. Approved.
- c. Consultation on New Applications:
  - i. [S.10/1705/HHOLD](#) Oakfield House Hillesley, Resubmission of refusal S.10/0414/HHOLD. Erection of replacement ancillary domestic outbuilding. The Parish Council is concerned that even the reduced height of the proposed replacement building will have an overbearing effect on neighbouring properties .
  - ii. [S.10/1528/FUL](#) Burden Court Farm Tresham, Erection of an agricultural steel building with four stables, a horse menage and a tennis court. No observation.

## 8. Finance

- a. Performance
  - i. To 7<sup>th</sup> September: Running cash balance: £5492. Bank balance: £5481. Unspent budget £5976.
- b. The following payments were approved:
  - i. Mrs H Cooke, Repayment for laptop and printer purchase, £583.96 [LGA1972 s111]
  - ii. Moore Stephens, External audit fee, £141 [LGA1972 s111]
  - iii. Mrs H Cooke, Clerk's pay, £408 [LGA 1972 s112].
  - iv. Post Office Ltd, Tax, £27 [LGA 1972 s112].
- c. Budget setting process. Working party to meet late October, date to be determined at next meeting.

## 9. Parish Plan

- a. Mr Les Halpin, a member of the steering group, presented summaries from the parish survey analysis. [Available in pdf from the Parish Plan section of the Parish Council website [www.stroud.gov.uk/hillesleyandtresham/](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/hillesleyandtresham/)]
- b. Elin Tattersal from GRCC suggested ways to move towards producing an action plan and draft Parish Plan. She reminded the Council that SDC grant applications for parish plan action projects need to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- c. The County Councillor emphasised that highway and transport issues could be raised at the Highways Seminar on 28<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the Local Transport Plan consultation (see item 11), and impending 20mph speed limit consultation. DD/CH
- d. It was decided to hold a joint meeting of the steering group and councillors in the near future to map out a way forward. Clerk to arrange. Clerk
- e. Parish Plan updates to be sent to Hillesley Happenings editor. Clerk to liaise with steering group. Clerk

**10. Clay Pigeon Shooting at Folly Farm**

- a. The Chairman informed the Council that the Environmental Health Department of SDC were investigating noise arising from the shooting at Folly Farm with the aim of negotiating the level of shooting acceptable to local residents. He reminded members that previous planning applications for the site had elicited considerable adverse comment.
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council re-iterating the issues previously raised with planning: noise on alternate Sundays; distress to farm and domestic animals; debris in adjacent properties; nuisance to footpath users; and, the additional hazard of on-road parking at the site. Clerk

**11. GCC Local Transport Plan**

- a. Draft Transport Plan 2011-26 received [available from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=99568>]
- b. It was agreed that Cllrs Darlow and Halpin would complete the consultation document in line with previously expressed Council views. DD/CH

**12. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways**

- a. It was reported that the Dark Lane bridleway has been cut back by parishioner Mr Philip Moore, and Mr John Tewkesbury acting on behalf of PROW. There is an overhanging tree which is a hazard to riders. Cllr Doughty to contact Mr Tewkesbury. AD

**13. County and District Councillor Reports**

- c. *County Council:*
  - iv. County Funding Cuts: The County Council have announced the need to save £120M over the next four years. The council has produced a leaflet called "Meeting the Challenge", seeking views on where cuts should be made and what should be kept. Public Roadshows are being held this month. The nearest one is: Thursday 30th September, King Street, Stroud 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - v. County Council Cabinet: The Cabinet has decided to hold half its future meetings at locations around the county, rather than in Shire Hall.
  - vi. Gloucestershire County Council Electoral Boundary Review: The first stage of the review will be to consult on the number of county councillors, which will last for 12 weeks. After this there will be consultation on the boundaries of their electoral divisions and the names of the divisions. At all stages it will be essential for responses to be made to draft proposals as silence will not be taken to mean approval. The Boundary Commission is responsible to the Speaker's Committee of the House of Commons. Parliament can only accept or reject its recommendations, not amend them. It is intended that the final decision will be made by October 2011, in good time for the next county elections in May 2013.
  - vii. Wotton Swimming Pool: It is very likely that Stroud District Council will decide at their November meeting to hand back the maintenance and running costs of the pool to the Town Council.
- h. *District Council:* No report.

**14. Training**

- a. GAPTC Autumn newsletter and 2010/11 training calendar received.

**15. Open Session**

The following issue was raised and noted:

- a. HGV lorries are causing environmental and structural damage in Tresham. The problems arise from both weight and length of vehicles. The sharp bends do not have warning chevrons. Gloucester Highways have been informed and suggested that the Parish Council should investigate further.

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October Hopkins Hall, Hillesley at 7.30pm

**17. Meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....