

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr S Butcher, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr R Harlow, Cllr A Larrieu,  
H Cooke (clerk)  
**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District). 1 member of the public

Action

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr A Clark: accepted, Cllr A Doughty: accepted

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Darlow: Item 12, allotment tenant and member of HAA

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were approved, and signed by the Chair.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- No requests to view 07/08 accounts; sent for external audit on 28 June
- Items put in Hillesley Happenings: three responses on lighting, road safety, and telephone kiosks, none on dog bins.
- No Smoking sign replaced in bus shelter but has since been removed again. A more permanent solution needs to be found.
- Received £100 cheque from HMRC for on-line submission of end-of year returns
- Now have electronic version of Hillesley Village Directory. Mrs Plummer is updating information. If completed in time, new version could be delivered to all residents with September Hillesley Happenings and/or put on web site.

Noted.

**5. Correspondence and documents:**

The following correspondence and documents were noted. They can be viewed for up to a year by arrangement with the Clerk:

- a. GCC: Mineral and Waste: Policy Newsletter 9. Refocus of policy priorities.  
Available from <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste>
- b. GCC: Mineral and Waste: notification of consultation on SA Framework  
Combined Context & Scoping Report for Strategic Waste Sites.  
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=11577>
- c. GCC: Mineral and Waste: consultation on disposal of residual waste. Note: Clerk delegated to complete in line with Council views.
- d. SDC: Achievement Award Certificate for Hillesley & Tresham Spring Clean 2008
- e. SDC: Standards Committee Vacancy
- f. GAPT Newsletter Jun 2008

Clerk

**6. Planning Applications:**

- a. Decisions Received:
  - i. [S.08/0811/FUL](#) Hillesley Mill: Erection of a two storey extension and insertion of a dormer window. Refused on style of dormer window.
  - ii. S08/1168/AGR Lovetts Wood Farm: extend sleep/feed building to house 40 extra cows. No observation. No approval required.
- b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:
  - i. S08/1168/AGR Lovetts Wood Farm: extend sleep/feed building to house 40 extra cows. No observation.
- c. Consultation on New Applications:
  - i. [S.08/1319/FUL](#) Pleasant View, High Street, Hillesley: Erection of detached garage (modifications to previously approved scheme). Council observed that garage exists outside settlement boundary, and wishes there to be a proviso that there can be no future change of use.
  - ii. [S.08/1366/FUL](#) 1A Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley: Erection of two storey rear extension. Supported: in keeping with existing structure and Council wishes to encourage families with young children to remain in the village.

**7. Finance**

- a. Performance to date:
  - As of 11/7/08, running cash balance: £3,313.89
  - Bank balance 3,303.89.
  - Unspent budget £4232, expected income £1674.

**8. Highways and Footpaths**

- a. Highway gulleys to be cleared 3 times a year: Alderley/Hillesley boundary, and Kilcott.
- b. Mr Ian Cooke has agreed to continue as Footpath Representative for Tresham.
- c. LHT 14/1 - LHT14/2 the footpath from beyond allotments alongside the next field to the woods: overgrown with stinging nettles and very difficult to walk. Noted that footpath seems to have deviated from original route. Clerk
- d. LHT 52/1 from Hawkesbury Road alongside Lovetts Wood Farm - stile overgrown. Clerk

**9. Report on Assley and Hareley Commons Association AGM**

Poorly attended, nothing of note to report.

**10. Proposed Removal of Telephone Kiosks in Hillesley and Tresham**

Noted that local feeling is one of regret of possible loss of service but strong objection to possible loss of the kiosks, which are local landmarks and part of cultural heritage.

**RESOLVED: To forward objections to Stroud District Council**

Clerk

**11. Safety Working Group**

Noted that the Safety Group has had an initial meeting:

- a. *Road safety*
  - i. Previously identified issues further refined
  - ii. Need advice on school sign locations, and other highway possibilities for

reducing speed and parking hazards  
**RESOLVED: To seek site meeting between highways and working group** Clerk

*b. Night Operation of Street Lighting*

- i. Street light plan received from GCC
- ii. Hillesley Plan reviewed: recommend acceptance except for Vicarage Lane, which should remain on all night. Noted that plan inaccurate in Hawkesbury Road - should be located at Reeds Row and additional light in The Gardens
- iii. Tresham Plan: recommend acceptance.

**RESOLVED: To request GCC to implement plan with exception of Vicarage Lane.** Clerk

**12. Allotment Issues**

The Chairman briefed the Council on the following:

- a. Not all allotment holders understand relationship between Parish Council (landlord) and Hillesley Allotment Association (a voluntary group)
- b. HAA do some maintenance and hold 5 quarter plots for such activities as water collection, bonfires, manure storage. These are not formally tenanted to the association - with possible implications for Council's public liability risk.

**RESOLVED: Chairman to discuss issues with HAA and a full discussion to be held at next Parish Council meeting.** DD

**13. Future Plans**

The Chairman suggested that the Council needs to consider whether to continue maintaining present level of activity or to become more pro-active. The latter would have implications for the budget and individuals' time and effort.

It was suggested that initial discussions might be better undertaken at an informal working group session.

**RESOLVED: To discuss how future plans might be formulated at next Parish Council meeting**

**14. County and District Councillor Reports**

**a. County**

- i. *Gloucestershire Sustainable Energy Forum*: Cllr Cordell is Chairman.
- ii. *Part-night lighting*: this is awaiting the outcome of a bid for grant funding to SALIX.
- iii. *Rail investment*: The issue was taken up in Parliament by local MPs. With regard to the Kemble-Swindon line, the Transport Minister said he would commit his officials to working with the rail industry to make the case strongly to the ORR that the redoubling should go ahead.

**b. District**

Currently no issues of parish interest.

**15. Training**

GAPT Courses. Councillors who attended the 'Being a Good Councillor' training reported that it was worthwhile.

**16. Open Session and Other Items**

Noted:

- a. New covered recycling lorry in use.
- b. Time of refuse and recycling collections in Hillesley clashing with school arrivals.

**17. Date of Next Meeting**

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

**18. Meeting closed at 10pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....