

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

**Present:** Cllr A Clark (chair), Cllr T Burden, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr R Harlow, Mrs M Thompson (Assistant Clerk),  
**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District) and 3 members of the public

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Doughty, & Mrs H Cooke (Clerk)  
Approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  
The minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report:**
  - a. Received Eon emergency kit for power cuts will display at annual parish meeting
  - b. Village directory has been updated
  - c. Have met with successor and will meet again on the 18<sup>th</sup> March for tour of parish
  - d. Web site updated and news section added
  - e. Development boundary – minor queries sent
  - f. Grant payment request for parish plan submitted
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: Community Transport Guide
6. **Planning Applications:**
  - a. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:
    - i. [S.11/0147/HHOLD](#) Withymore Farm, Day House Lane. Erection of extension to provide dependant persons accommodation. No observation.
  - b. Decisions Received:
    - i. [S.10/2571/HHOLD](#) Whitestones Tresham. Erection of extensions and internal alterations. Permitted
    - ii. [S.10/2494/HHOLD](#) Oakfield House Hawkesbury Road. Erection of replacement ancillary storage building. Permitted
    - iii. [S.10/2039/HHOLD](#) Oakfield House Hawkesbury Road. Erection of single storey and two storey extensions. Permitted
  - c. Consultation on New Applications: None

- 7. Finance:**
- a. Performance to 21<sup>st</sup> February: Running cash balance: £4,965.84. Bank balance: £4,965.84. Unspent budget £1,671.00.
  - b. The following payments were approved:
    - i. Mrs H Cooke salary £408 [LGA 1972s 112]
    - ii. Parish Plan Printing £122.05 [LGA 1972s 111]
- 8. Parish Plan update:**
- a. To Report Progress
    - i. There are 10 bound copies of the Parish Plan, which will be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting
    - ii. Lower Kilcote Road has now been resurfaced – thanks to GCC for a good job with little disruption
    - iii. Cllr T Burden has contacted mobile phone providers regarding the weak mobile signal. He was told that coverage would not get better unless customers complained – it was agreed that this should be put in the April addition of the Hillesley Happenings
  - b. To Receive Expanded Action Plan
    - i. Thank you to Cllr C Halpin and Cllr A Clark for arranging the action plan. It was agreed that Cllr C Halpin would email the action plan to all Councillors
  - c. To Consider Allocating Lead Councillors
    - i. It was agreed that each councillor would review the action plan and at the next meeting indicate which area they would like to lead, act as Parish Council liaison or participate as a team member
  - d. To Consider Launch of Parish Plan
    - i. Cllr C Halpin to ask Mr L Halpin if he would like to present the parish plan at the Parish Annual meeting, if not available Cllr A Clark & Cllr D Darlow will determine who will present, this will either be someone from the Steering Group or from the Parish Council
    - ii. Cllr R Harlow kindly agreed that his Projector could be used for the launch
    - iii. It was agreed that copies of the action plan would be available at the Annual Parish Meeting with an A3 copy on the notice board in Hopkins Hall with an extra column for volunteers to sign
- 9. Annual Parish Meeting:**  
It was agreed that Cllr S Butcher & Cllr A Clark will arrange the crockery, hot water and drinks, the remaining councillors will arrive at 6.30pm to set up the room for the meeting, which starts at 7pm
- 10. Hillesley Spring Clean:**  
It was agreed to hold the spring clean on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at the bus shelter at 10am. This needs to be put in the April edition of the Hillesley Happenings.
- 11. Wotton Swimming Pool:**  
There were 29 responses received from Hillesley School regarding the usage of the pool; but here were no responses from the article in the Hillesley Happenings. It was agreed that a nominal donation of £100 should be sent this year from underspent budget. It will then be reviewed again before the budget is set for next year.

**12. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:**

- a. Bridleway at Splatts overgrown – agreed to contact Chris Riley at GCC
- b. 30mph Sign covered by hedge coming into Hillesley from Hawkesbury and also along Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley – agreed to advise Chris Riley at GCC
- c. Grass verge opposite Reads Row, Hawkesbury Road Hillesley very muddy could this be made into a pavement – agreed to contact Chris Riley at GCC

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**13. County and District Councillor Reports:**

*a. County Council*

- i. The situation in Wotton. The Town Council and County Councillor are still trying to work out with county officers and the police what can be salvaged for the Wotton area. There are currently five buildings in the mix: The Youth Centre, which will be sold. A new meeting place for any Town Council supported youth activities would be needed. The Library. The county council want to share premises with another partner, either in the library building or in the partner's building, selling off the library, to cut costs. The library service would be reduced. The Police Station, the police want to share with another partner, either in the police station or in the partner's building, again to cut costs. Wotton Town Trust own the police station and are likely to veto another partner (the library) moving in there with the police. The police might move into part of the library, releasing the current police station for other uses, but it is not clear that this would have a cost advantage to them. The Heritage Centre, which might, and if it secures its members' agreement, move its operation into the library, sharing the space with a smaller library and perhaps the police, and releasing this Town Trust building for other uses, possibly youth. The Civic Centre, a small part of this building might be made available to the police. A room might be used for youth work, but would mean the Town Council losing considerable income from hiring the room. On the youth issue, Wotton Town Council are in negotiation with Cam and Dursley to see if between the three councils we can afford to employ trained youth workers
- ii. County Budget. The budget meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February. The total spending cut now required over the next four years is £114M, an increase of £6M as a result of Government grant being lower than expected
- iii. Dursley Training Unit has been threatened with closure, the final decision will take place at the county council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- iv. Buses. Consultation on "council run" bus services will probably be between April and June when the proposed changes will be included. There are concerns over the effect of restricting concessionary bus fares (bus passes) to the statutory minimum. However, the County Council is trying to assist where a bus before 9:30 a.m. is the only available option

*b. District Council.* There will be a zero increase on council tax this year.

**14. Training:**

New Clerk to attend training day on the 27<sup>th</sup> April

**15. Open Session :** The following issues were raised and noted:

- a. A local farmer is thinking about having three wind turbines on his land between Kingswood and Wickwar. A meeting in Kingswood this month, date not known is being held to discuss the opinions of residents.

**16. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April Hopkins Hall, Hillesley following the annual parish meeting at 7pm

**17. Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....