

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on
Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Present: Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr A Larrieu, Mrs H Cooke (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District), 1 member of the public

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr R Harlow accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
The minutes of the 6th January 2010 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. Two people are on the allotment waiting list. Awaiting final decision from one current holder planning to relinquish holdings.
 - b. Grit supplies have been replenished, with barrels provided for broken and demolished containers.
5. **Correspondence and documents:**
The following correspondence and documents were considered. They can be viewed for up to a year by arrangement with the Clerk:
 - a. Gloucestershire Highways: details of Operation Road Rescue to prioritise road repairs following recent adverse weather. For more information visit:
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadrescue
 - b. Gloucestershire Highways: notice of repairs to Pumping Station embankment at Kilcott. Road to Upper Kilcott to be closed for 4 weeks from 8th Feb.
 - c. SDC: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment report available on line at www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/localplan/housing_land.asp . The Hillesley site link is: http://www.stroud.gov.uk/info/plan_strat/ind/RTPID120.pdf
 - d. Wotton Town Council: advanced notice of cluster meeting on SDC Core Strategy 2nd March at Civic Centre. Cllr Clark and Cllr Halpin to attend.
 - e. Gloucestershire Rural Renaissance Review - final edition
6. **Governance**
 - a. The Risk Assessment was reviewed, and amendments and updates considered. Poor lighting and slippery surfaces on access to village hall needs to be drawn to the attention of the Jubilee Field Management Committee.
Resolved: To adopt updated risk assessment.

AC/CH

Clerk

7. Planning Applications:

- a. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: none
- b. Decisions Received: none
- c. Consultation on New Applications: none

8. Finance

- a. Performance as of 31st December:
Running cash balance: £3940.95. Bank balance: £3940.95. Unspent budget £1474.
- b. The following payments were approved:
 - i. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, membership, £25 [LGA1972 s143]
 - ii. Mr F Raines, grass cutting as per contract, £209, [LGA 1972 s111]. Noted that the war memorial green is now kept to a very high standard. Mr Raines to be thanked for his interest and care. Clerk

9. Parish Plan

- a. The Council were briefed on the outcomes of the drop-in session at The Fleece on 16th January:
 - i. The event was successful, with more than 10% of the electorate attending.
 - ii. A wide range of issues and suggestions were raised. These have been documented and circulated.
 - iii. Twenty one people have volunteered to assist with one or more elements of developing the Parish Plan. Clerk to acknowledge offers of assistance , verify contact details and seek permission to pass details to steering group. Clerk
- b. The function, form, and membership of the steering group were discussed. The following guidelines were agreed:
 - i. The purpose of steering group is to organise and document the production of the Parish Plan comprising a parish profile, a survey of local issues, and a plan for future action.
 - ii. The group to comprise suitably skilled and knowledgeable volunteers from the community. Liaison between the steering group and the Council to be provided by attendance of a Councillor at steering group meetings who will report back to Council meetings. The Clerk is to provide liaison with GRCC to ensure the steering group has the guidance and assistance required. The Clerk is also to ensure that evidence is maintained to comply with the terms of the SDC Community Planning Grant Scheme.
 - iii. [closed session] The Clerk listed the names of the four people who had volunteered for the steering group. After discussing what skills and knowledge each could contribute, it was considered that all four would be suitable and resolved that the Clerk should contact them, to confirm their willingness to be involved and to organise an initial meeting

10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways

- a. Report from public that Gregory Distribution lorries have been going through Hillesley. Noted.
- b. Tresham footpath sign at Well Hill corner has been knocked over - report acknowledged.

11. County and District Councillor Reports

County Council

Public Question Time at Cabinet Meetings. A request for a public question time and presentation of petitions at Cabinet meetings has been referred to an officer for a report. County Council Staff cuts. In the first stage, 179 members of staff over the age of 50 applied for voluntary retirement and 126 have been approved. The council’s workforce will fall by 139 FTE posts and generate £21m of savings over three years at a one-off cost of £3.1M.

Weather. The county’s annual Adverse Weather Plan for the 2009/10 winter did not appear until 4th January. Also, although the duties of snow wardens are clearly set out in that document local councils and snow wardens do not have a copy.

Vale of Berkeley College.

Both KLB and Rednock Governors have decided any ‘hard federation’ was not a workable option. Vale of Berkeley are now pursuing the possibility of a cooperative trust school.

District Council:

Consultation on SDC Core Strategy will run from 8th Feb - 22nd March.

The SDC element of Council tax will rise by 1.9%, the lowest in the County.

12. Training

GAPT January newsletter circulated.

13. Open Session

The following issue was raised and noted:

- a. That the annual Parish litter pick should be arranged for March/April.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting: Date changed to Wednesday, 10th March, Hopkins Hall, Hillesley at 7.30pm.

15. Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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

Signed:

Date: