

## PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

### Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (Chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr T Burden, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr A Doughty  
L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J. Cordwell (County), and 2 members of the public

#### Public Participation:

- Request received for update from the Parish Council on Clay Pigeon Shoot. Cllr D Darlow confirmed that he was hoping to be at the next hearing on 13<sup>th</sup> July. A representative range of witnesses had been called at the last hearing, but it was reported that there had been very few historic complaints logged by Stroud DC about the shoot.
- Question raised re the police van which used to be scheduled to visit the village at specific times. Cllr John Cordwell confirmed that this may not continue in the future. Councillors had noted a police 4x4 touring the village regularly and randomly.
- Question raised that the speed signs were once again covered by vegetation. **Action Point: PC Clerk to raise this again with Highways Dept - COMPLETED.**
- Concern expressed re bus services. Cllr John Cordwell confirmed that a decision was due on future bus services by Glos CC on 21/7 and that the County were looking at alternatives. Route 86 is unaffected by any proposals.
- Concern raised that the Hillesley Directory may not be up to date. **Action Point: PC Clerk to distribute electronic copy to all councillors (COMPLETED) . All councillors to check accuracy and inform Clerk of any appropriate amends. PC Clerk to bring a supply of paper copies to next meeting.**
- Concern raised over half dead tree on Hawkesbury Road near the bungalows. **Action Point: all councillors to keep an eye on this tree and report any potential issues/dangers.**

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Harlow - accepted

**2. Declarations of interest:** None

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 8th June were approved, and signed by the Chair. All Action Points had been completed.

#### 4. Clerk's Report:

- Allotments – all rents received except for one plot. Cllr D Darlow to remind the tenant.
- Bank Account – reservations expressed by councillors over the Terms & Conditions of Lloyds Account. Application passed to Cllr D Darlow for completion if appropriate.
- **Action Point:** Other Bank Accounts options to be reviewed by all Councillors

#### 5. Correspondence & documents:

- Request to trim/pollard trees on Well Hill. **Action Point: Cllr Trevor Burden to E Mail residents of Tresham that the Parish Council is minded to allow the trees to be trimmed/cut. Copy E Mail to be sent to the Clerk.**
- Glos CC Newsletter received – **Action Point: Clerk to respond with a note of support for public participation at Planning Meetings - COMPLETED**
- Tenders received for grass cutting of Hillesley Monument (see Item 14)

## 6. Planning Applications:

**S.11/1073/LBC** Wine Cellar Farm, Upper Kilcott, Hillesley GL12 7RN  
Minor alterations and revised glazing system to barn (consent already granted for the remaining work)

Decision – Neither Object nor Support

<http://community.stroud.gov.uk/plans.asp?pid=48&pgid=133>

## 7. Finance:

- a. To Monitor Performance to Date. Agreed no actions.
- b. To approve payments - Mrs A Larrieu - £20.30 – maintenance of seat – B&Q materials

## 8. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr A Clark – Tresham now operating an Oil Buying Group to negotiate best price of 51.9p per litre. He is attending Oil Buying Group event in Oxford on 14/7

Cllr A Doughty – attending an affordable housing event on 21/7

Cllr D Darlow – reminded the Council of the historic offer of a grant for litter & grit bins. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to contact Chris Riley re future servicing of grit bins and to confirm possible locations of bins.

**Cllr R Harlow – more examples of dog fouling had been identified including the introduction of some into the school on a pupil's shoes. Action Point Cllr R Harlow to take appropriate action (it was suggested that an entry in Hillesley Happenings would be one option)**

## 9. Wind Turbine update:

Cllr D Darlow attended the recent event at Kingswood Village Hall. The planning application is likely to be made after August for the Planning Committee in October. **Action Point: Clerk to offer the installers an opportunity to talk to the village on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## 10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:

No issues or actions

## 11. County and District Councillor Reports:

### John Cordwell – County Councillor

- Public Transport Consultation

The public consultation ended on 27th June. County Council officers are now studying the responses (2400 questionnaires and feedback from 1000 people at “roadshows”) and also the result of the market testing with bus service operators. A report will go to the county council’s Cabinet on July 21st to make a decision on how £2M-worth of cuts (40% of the current subsidy provided by the council) will be found. Two days earlier the report will go to the county’s Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee so their views can be fed in to the Cabinet decision. Changes to services will be introduced in the autumn.

- Libraries

Campaigners have won an injunction and the High Court has ordered a temporary halt to the closure of ten libraries in Gloucestershire. The County Council will challenge the injunction on 7th July.

- Dursley Training Unit

County Council are having a rethink over closure of the DTU following the threat of legal action. A “fresh decision” will be made later in the year.

- Waste Core Strategy

This will provide the planning framework for waste management across the county from 2012 to 2027. A consultation period ended in February and in the light of the responses received it is intended to make some "focused" changes to the strategy. The latter are now open for comment until 8th August and can be found at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/wcs/publication](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/wcs/publication). I am not aware of any direct impact on Hillesley & Tresham.

- County Residual Waste Disposal Project

As reported previously, the County's Cabinet decided to go ahead with the project and the number of bidders has been reduced from 4 to 2. Both companies would propose to build an energy-from-waste plant at the County Council owned Javelin Park site, near junction 12 of the M5. The two bidders will begin pre-planning consultation this month which will include a joint public exhibition on the Javelin Park site (near J12 of the M5). This will take place on:  
Saturday 16th July: noon to 6 p.m.

Sunday 17th July: noon to 4 p.m.

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A second public exhibition will be held later in the year when the public will be able to view the final schemes from both bidders. More can be found on:

<http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/recover/consultation/index.html>

**Paul Hemmings- District Councillor** – not present/no report – sent apologies

**12. Training:**

No issues or actions

**13. Councillor Vacancy**

Cllr C Halpin to remain on the Council for the time being.

**14. Tenders for Grass Cutting**

Both tenders considered too expensive and further courses of action should be explored.

**Action Points: Cllr A Doughty to check out other options for grass cutting & strimming. Cllr S Butcher to plant up the beds around the monument.**

**Meeting closed at 10.15pm**

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham

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

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Date:

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