

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on
Wednesday 7th October 2009

Present: Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, , Cllr C Halpin, Cllr R Harlow, Cllr A Larrieu,
H Cooke (clerk)

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Action

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr S Butcher and Cllr A Doughty. Accepted. Cllr J Cordwell (County). Noted.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of the last meeting:
The minutes of the 9th September 2009 were approved, and signed by the Chair.

4. Clerk's Report

- a. Dark Lane nettles still not cut - reported
- b. New bus time-table for Hillesley put in bus-shelter. Noted, now no bus for Tresham.
Chair to write to GCC to express concern at loss and lack of consultation.
- c. No smoking sign put in bus shelter; but now missing
- d. Village directory updated and put on web site
- e. Attended initial local emergency /contingency planning meeting (Wotton, North Nibley, Kingswood, & HT working together). Progress to be reported.
- f. Contact made with Angela Burlow (GRCC) and Krista Harris (SDC regeneration officer) about producing a parish plan.

Chair

Clerk

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: notice of waste disposal site consultation. *none in our area*
- b. Gloucestershire Police: police authority: annual report & chief constable's annual report <http://www.gloucestershirepoliceauthority.co.uk/http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/forcepublications/Annual%20Report/item12575.pdf>
- c. Great Western Ambulance Service: Annual Review
- d. NALC: annual report http://www.nalc.gov.uk/Latest_News/Annual_Report.aspx
- e. GAPT: annual report
- f. Stroud & District CAB: Annual Report
- g. Glos. Drama Association: request for grant.

- h. Wotton Town Council: invitation to Town Crier presentation. Chair to respond. Chair
- 6. Planning Applications:**
a. No applications or decisions received.
- 7. Finance**
a. Received signed external audit certificate. Noted that Notice of Completion displayed on notice boards.
b. Performance as of 1st October:
Running cash balance: £4151.44. Bank balance: £4508.44. Unspent budget £5070.
Noted that 2nd half precept of £3,500 has now been received
c. The following payments were approved:
i. Post office Ltd (Tax), £90 [LGA 1972 s112]
ii. Moore Stephens (external auditor), £57.50 [LGA 1972 s111]
d. Working Group to draft 2010/11 budget convened. Meeting at 7.45pm at The Folly on 22nd October. all
- 8. Allotment Report**
a. 2009 allotment oral report received. All plots are taken and in good condition. Mr S Chappell, owner of the field and hedge on the SE boundary, has indicated that he no problem with the hedge being cut. HAA to be informed. Chair
b. Confirmed that the allotments are considered a self-financing asset for the benefit of the community. With full occupancy, the rents are covering costs.
Resolved: to retain allotment rents at £3 per plot.
- 9. Parish Plan**
It was agreed that the development of a Parish plan is likely to: strengthen Parish Council links with the community; provide evidence of community needs and aspirations; and increase support for local projects from the local authorities and other agencies.
Resolved: to initiate development of a Parish Plan with the assistance of GRCC, and apply for a grant from SDC. Clerk/
Chair
- 10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways**
a. The stile at Stile Cottage is to be lowered and a step added.
b. The Kilcote Stream had Himalayan Balsam slashed in the summer to keep open for water voles.
c. The water wardens have highlighted that that some springs have dried up and the stream in Smallcombe has been dry for 11 months. Gloucestershire Wild Life have said they will trim back the growth on the banks of the stream bordering Lower Kilcote.
- 11. County and District Councillor Reports**
County Council
The county's administration is attempting to cut the council's spending by £30M per year on top of cuts being made already of £4M per year. As a first step the council's Cabinet

agreed to cut spending by £7.7M through staff cuts of around 200. No saving will appear until 2011/12. There is no indication of how services will be hit by this cut. The next stage will look at cutting staff by a further 300.

Severn Estuary Forum Details of the proceedings can be found at <http://www.severnestuary.net/sep/forum.html>

Tresham – Wotton bus. Cllr Cordwell is continuing to pursue the issue of this bus being taken off without any consultation or even notification by Gloucestershire County Council.

District Council: no report.

12. Training

Noted that GAPTC newsletter available.

13. Open Session

Angela Burlow from GRCC led a discussion on the benefits and risks of developing a Parish Plan.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday, 4th November, Hopkins Hall, Hillesley at 7.30pm.

15. Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

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

Signed:

Date: