

## PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

### Meeting held at Talbot Court Farm Barn on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**Present:** Cllr A Clark (Chair of Meeting in absence of Cllr D Darlow), Cllr T Burden, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr A Doughty, L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

**In attendance:** Cllr J. Cordwell (County), Paul Hemming(District), and 3 members of the public

**Public Participation:** Mr & Mrs Suter (Owners of Whitestones, Tresham) kindly attended to answer any questions on their Planning Application S.11/1309/LBC

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Darlow – accepted, Cllr Claire Halpin – accepted, Cllr R Harlow - accepted

**2. Declarations of interest:** Cllr A Doughty (Allotment tenant)

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr A Clark). All Action Points had been completed.

#### **4. Clerk's Report:**

- Allotments – all rents received except for one plot. Cllr D Darlow has reminded the tenant.
- Co-Op Bank Account – now open. 3 sets of electronic access details and electronic tokens given to Cllr A Clark.
- **Action Point:** Cllr A Clark to give envelopes containing electronic token and instructions to Cllr D Darlow and Cllr R Harlow.

#### **5. Correspondence & documents:**

- Stroud District Council - Review of polling Districts- No Action
- Stroud District Council – Car Park Review – No Action
- Gloucestershire County Council – Bus Network Review – No Action
- Gloucestershire County Council – Safe at Home (Mears) – on noticeboards – No Action
- Gloucestershire County Council – Mobile Library Judicial Review 27/28 Sept 2011 – No Action
- Severn Estuary Forum - - invitation for Hillesley & Tresham to join Forum (Cost £20) – No Action
- Royal Horticultural Society – Invitation to join Britain in Bloom – No Action
- Take Out Project – Roses Theatre Tewkesbury - request to get involved – No Action
- Mastercare – PC laptop warranty expired 1 Sept 2011- No Action
- GRCC seeks new Chairperson – No Action
- GRCC – Local Involvement Network - Public Event at Bourton on the Water Thursday 15th September 2011 – No Action
- GRCC – faster broadband meeting 7.30 – 9.00pm 21 September Slimbridge – agree representatives.  
**Action Point:** Cllr T Burden & Cllr A Clark to attend and report at next meeting
- GRCC AGM - 13<sup>th</sup> October. - No action
- Historic Towns Forum – Using Social Media to improve Knowledge Sharing Seminar – 29 Sept London – No Action
- Parish on line - All UK Parishes a 28 day free trial! - by going to:  
<http://gis.getmapping.com/parishonline/register.html> – No Action at present
- GAPTC – Village SOS - New Advice & funding for rural communities to transform their areas through enterprise – £10K - £30K (Big Lottery Fund) – **Action Point:** Clerk to establish if there is a deadline for applications **COMPLETED**
- Bonfire Site on Well Hill – **Action Point:** Cllr T Burden agreed to post a further notice at this site to deter unapproved waste being burnt there.
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- Hillesley War Memorial – Pam Stanley has tidied & maintained the planting as a volunteer. She has also swept out the Bus Shelter. **Action Point:** Cllr A Clark to contact and thank Pam Stanley.  
**COMPLETED**

## 6. Planning Applications:

**S.11/1620/HHOLD** Whitestones Tresham,  
Wotton-Under-Edge,  
Gloucestershire,

GL12 7RW Erection of extensions and internal alterations. Resubmission of S.10/2571/HHOLD. Pending Consideration - Decision: Neither Object nor Support with no Comments

**N.B. It was agreed that Application Number S.11/1471/HHOLD for Pleasant View, High Street, Hillesley should be dealt with under delegated powers without the need to convene an additional planning meeting.**

## 7. Finance:

- To Monitor Performance to Date. Agreed no actions.
- To approve payments
  - Clerk's Expenses £174.16
  - Auditor's Fee (Moore Stephens) £144.00
  - Tresham Church Committee £350.00 (Confirmed as same contribution as last year in Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011)
  - Opening cheque to new Co-op Bank (suggested amount of £6,500.00)
  - **Action Points:** Cllr A Clark to check Clerk's expenses with Cllr D Darlow. Also to arrange a suitable time when cheques can be signed by two signatories as no other signatory present at this meeting.

N.B. Sept Agenda Notes unfortunately omitted to include a cheque payment of £20.30 to Mrs A Larrieu.

## 8. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr A Clark – Tresham now successfully operating a Oil Buying Group achieving a discount of 4p per litre on a recent total order of 7,000 litres. Not currently pursuing a link with the Oxford based Oil Buying Group as it does not seem to offer any further advantages.

Cllr A Doughty – could not attend an affordable housing event on 21/7 and is awaiting a summary of this event. **Action Point:** Cllr A Doughty to contact the organisers for further information

Cllr D Darlow – updated the Parish Council by E Mail to confirm he is working with Julian Wilson in GRCC to try to install new grit bins and/or renew existing dilapidated grit bins. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to provide update at next meeting

Cllr R Harlow – no update

Cllr T Burden – positive response received from Alana Roy at SDC re his complaint about Refuse Spillage in Tresham. **Action Point:** Clerk to place information in Hillesley Happenings about replacement Green Boxes available from Kingswood Post Office **COMPLETED**. The recent accident when a fence had been destroyed must be addressed by the individual affected rather than involving the council.

## 9. Wind Turbine update:

The Resilience Centre directors have declined the invitation to address Hillesley & Tresham residents 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

#### **Electoral Boundary Review of Gloucestershire County Council:**

Consultation on the Boundary Commission's draft recommendations ended on 1st August. All the parish councils in the present electoral division have objected.

The Boundary Commission's final recommendations are expected in October. Final approval is in the hands of Parliament who can either accept or reject them; they cannot amend them.

#### **Parliamentary Boundary Review**

The Boundary Commission for England is due to publish its draft proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries in England next week. There are rumours about our area becoming part of a "South Glos." parliamentary constituency. After the draft proposals are published there will be an official consultation process before the Boundary Commission decides whether or not to change its plans.

#### **Local Government Association Rural Policy Review Group**

I have retained my place on this national body and will also continue to attend meetings of its parent body, the LGA Rural Commission.

#### **Wotton Youth Centre**

Marketing of the youth centre has now commenced and work is continuing locally to try to provide a service based on Wotton's former police station.

#### **Libraries**

A judge has ordered a full judicial review on 27th and 28th September of the county council's plans to close ten libraries in Gloucestershire. Until then libraries and mobile libraries will continue as at present. Opening hours from October just based on those when library staff will be available have been announced – just 12 hours for Wotton. There is now a shortage of professional librarians to work alongside them.

### Paul Hemmings- District Councillor

**Car Parking** – Potential charges will be discussed at the Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Planning** – planned withdrawal of issue of paper copies to Parish Councils and allowing public to speak at planning meetings should be discussed at full council on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## 12. Training:

No training to be booked. **Action Point:** Cllr A Clark to confirm whether he can attend the Chairmanship training on 27<sup>th</sup> September. **COMPLETED** – cannot attend

## 13. Grass Cutting:

Cllr A Clark has been trimming the grass around the War Memorial from time to time. A rota of volunteers to maintain the planting around the memorial was suggested by Cllr A Doughty who is willing to manage this rota.

**Action Points:**

- Clerk to prepare a notice for Hillesley Happenings and the noticeboards to ask for volunteers.

**COMPLETED**

- Cllr T Burden to contact a Tresham resident to see if he is interested in the contract to maintain the area around the War Memorial and cut the grass in the footpath area. Also to contact the Wotton Directory to see if there are any contractors who may be interested.

- Clerk to prepare an item for Tesco noticeboard in Wotton under Edge re contract for grass cutting etc. **COMPLETED**

- Cllr A Clark to contact those who advertise gardening services in Hillesley Happenings. Also to contact Pam Stanley to discuss whether she would be prepared to maintain the flower beds on a longer term contractual basis.

**14. Hillesley Village Directory:**

No amends received from councillors at the meeting. **Action Points:** Cllr A Clark to supply a range of amends to Clerk and Clerk to bring an amended copy to next meeting

**Meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Date of Next Meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

N. B. Informal Budget 2012/13 meeting to be arranged by end of September in order to discuss Budget at October Parish Council meeting in October.

**Action Point:** All councillors to check diaries and confirm availability to Cllr A Clark and Parish Clerk.

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

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Date:

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