

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
MINUTES
Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley 8th December 2010

Present: Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr T Burden, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr C Halpin,
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 R Harlow, approved. Cllr S Butcher, noted.
2. **Welcome to new councillor:** Mr T Burden was co-opted onto the council, signed the Declaration of Office and was warmly welcomed by the Chair.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** none.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
The minutes of the 10th November 2010 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. There have been several reports of icy roads near Lovetts Farm Lower Hawkesbury Road, Dead Hill Lower Kilcott and Day House Lane Hillesley. It has been agreed with GCC Highways that loose salt will be delivered to John Tewkesbury and will then be dispensed to Lower Kilcott Farm, Lovetts Wood Farm and to Richard Kingston's farm in Tresham for local use.
 - b. Parish assets and salt bins mapped onto Google maps.
- a.
 6. **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. Concessionary Travel Changes Poster – it was agreed by council that a letter will be sent to dispute this
 - b. ARG letter requesting a grant for local artistic events – It was agreed that this would be refused
 - c. GCC Electoral roll review
 7. **Planning Applications:**
 - a. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None.
 - b. Decisions Received :
 - i. [S.10/2001/FUL](#) Highfield Cottage Upper Kilcot, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling to the same size and appearance. Permitted
 - c. Consultation on New Applications:
 - i. [S.10/2039/HHOLD](#) Oakfield House .Erection of single storey and two storey extensions (revised plans 1.12.2010) Noted revised plans, clerk to respond under delegated powers.
 - d. The changes by SDC to limit applications referred to committee: objections must be emailed to the Head of Planning and/or Chairman of the committee within 21 days of the application being made public. It will then be decided if the objection is to be submitted to committee for review.

8. **Finance**
- a. Performance to 2th December: Running cash balance: £8075. Bank balance: £8075. Unspent budget £4769.
- b. The following payment was approved:
Mrs H Cooke, Clerk's pay Oct-Dec, £408.00 [LGA1972s112]
- c. Resolved to pay the following grants:**
- i. Tresham Church, £350 [LGA 1972s 137]
 - ii. Poppy Appeal, £30 [LGA 1972s 137]
 - iii. Talking newspaper, £20 [LGA 1972s 137]
 - iv. Voluntary & Community Action, £30 [LGA 1972s 137]
 - v. JFMC, £1,200 [LGA 1972 s133]
 - vi. Hillesley churchyard, £200 [LGA 1972 s214]
 - vii. Baptist churchyard, £75 [LGA 1972 s214]
 - viii. CAB, £50 [LGA 1972 s144]
 - ix. Hillesley Happenings, £20 [LGA 1972 s142]
9. **Replacement of Clerk:**
Mrs H Cooke wishes to vacate the position by April 2011. It was agreed that the position of Clerk will be advertised in the Hillesley Happenings, on both notice boards, on the website and through GAPTC. It was agreed that a working group comprising the chair and vice-chair would put together an advert, a job description and then assess all applications. DD/AC
HC
10. **Report on Transport Meeting:**
Cllr D Darlow and Cllr C Halpin attended a meeting arranged by GCC on the 15th November regarding HGVs. The police will put up a SDI which will record data on vehicles that pass through Hillesley to Hawkesbury. GCC advised that to report dangerous driving or any incidents to them it must be backed up with details such as time, date, license plate number or company name of haulage firm. Cllr Halpin to forward minutes to all. CH
11. **Report on Commons:**
Cllr A Clark attended the joint Commons AGM for Assley, Hareley and Inglestone commons. The European grant for Higher Level Stewardship (HLS) which has been obtained is on hold. Cllr A Clark will discuss with newly appointed chairman Mr J Tewkesbury why and will advise at the next meeting. AC
12. **Parish Plan update:**
The steering group are still preparing draft and this should be available at the next meeting
13. **Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:**
- a. Fallen tree on bridle way has been cleared
 - b. 30mph Sign covered by hedge coming into Hillesley from Hawkesbury – Agreed to advise Chris Riley at GCC
 - c. Kingswood/Wotton under edge sign in Hillesley by war memorial has been turned around and is facing the wrong way – Chris Riley at GCC to be informed. DD

14. **County and District Councillor Reports**

a. **County Council:**

- i. *County Funding Cuts* The proposals specifically affecting this area relate to Wotton’s library, the mobile libraries, the youth centre and bus services.
- ii. *Libraries:* A group of 7, including Wotton, are to be known as “Library Link”. All mobile libraries will be scrapped.
- iii. *Youth:* The Administration’s proposals are to close down all youth centres as we presently know them and provide one centre in each District from which the remaining youth workers can provide a targeted service to the most vulnerable.
- iv. *Buses:* The county’s administration intends to reduce its budget for subsidised bus services by 40%. It says that long distance direct services will be reduced and a network of feeder buses and community transport services will help residents in rural areas access market towns and connect with buses to larger towns. “In rural areas the council will work with community transport and the voluntary sector to look at where changes can be made.”
- v. *Wotton Swimming Pool:* In the light of the outcome of the parish poll, Wotton Town Council has agreed to increase the precept to fund the running costs of the pool.

b. **District Council**

- i. Waste collections have been maintained through bad weather even if it was a day or so late.
- ii. Sheltered Housing is being discussed at present and how cuts can be made. One option is to have the wardens not staying over and to manage more than one place.
- iii. Already discussed above, the SDC changes to the limit on planning applications referred to committee.

15. **Training**

- a. Trevor Burden to attend a councillor training day on 18th January and
- b. A space to be booked for April Clerk training, for new clerk once appointed

Clerk

16. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 5th January Hopkins Hall, Hillesley at 7.30pm

17. Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

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