

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on 8th February 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr T Burden, Cllr A Doughty, and L Spratling (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr Paul Hemming and Cllr John Cordwell

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr R Harlow (accepted – resignation from the Parish Council), Cllr A Clark (Holidays) and Cllr S Butcher (Sickness) – All accepted

2. Declarations of interest:

Cllr A Doughty (potential investor in the purchase of The Fleece)

Cllr D Darlow & Cllr A Clark potential pecuniary interest in The Fleece. Currently no active pecuniary interest until the Fleece has been sold on by Red Oak.

Cllr A Doughty & Cllr D Darlow are impacted by the Clay Shoot and their current Planning Application

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the 11th January 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow).

4. Clerk's Report:

Cheque for £1200.00 not yet banked by Jubilee Playing Fields Committee.

Request from Parish Clerk of Kingswood for copy of the Hillesley & Tresham Parish Council Standing Orders. **Action Point** : Current version of Standing Orders to be sent to Mary Leonard.

5. Correspondence & documents:

- *Caroline Webber – Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground Trust – request for Grant (see Item 18)*
- *GRCC – Member Ship Renewal due - £25.00 Action Point – **Action Point** - Parish Clerk to arrange to renew subscription.*
- *Glasdon Invoice received (see Item 7b)*
- *Wybone Ltd – confirmation of order of Litter Bin*
- *Play Gloucestershire – Information re their services. **Action Point** :Clerk to send on to Hillesley School*
- *GRCC – Free 'Village Market Event' - 3rd March*
- *P&T Newsletter*
- *Eastington Parish Council – request to consider whether H&T Parish could accommodate a small number of new homes to avoid mass building development in the area by major builders.*
- *GRCC Newsletter – Stroud DC Community Planing Grant of up to £500 to develop or refresh parish plans in 2012/13. Applications by 28/2/12*
- *Kingswood PC – Invitation to join with Kingswood PC in potential site visit to Clay Pigeon Shoot*
- *Golden Valley Classic MCC - 4th March*
- *Hillesley Happenings – Feb 2012*
- *Grass Cutting – Formal Quote of £300 received from Derrick Bond by Cllr A Clark. **Action Point**: Clerk to issue contract and confirm that flower beds around War Memorial will be kept tidy by Mr Bond.*
- *Stroud DC - invitation to Development Control Committee to be held on 14th February 2012.*
- *Stroud DC – posters re Public Consultation on Core Strategy. **Action Point**: Clerk to place on noticeboards.*
- *Insignia UK - Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Items for Parish Councils.*

6. Planning Applications:

S.12/0045/FUL : Land Adjacent To Folly Farm Kingswood Road, Hillesley : Landscaping and layout for 5 shooting stands.

It was noted that when planning permission was previously applied for, there were circa 28-56 objections.

Action Point – Clerk to review previous comments and re-submit these on the planning website.

S.12/0058/FUL : Former Builders Yard Kingswood Road, Hillesley, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7RB : Erection of garage. **Action Point**: The Clerk should convey the Council's objections on the following grounds:

- Highway Safety – there is very little turning potential within the site and therefore vehicles may need to back onto the road(which has limited vision).
- Impact on immediate neighbours – the proposed large garage is very close to the neighbouring properties.
- In addition, it had been observed that the previous planning permission had not been fully compliant as the porch had been rendered and not faced with stone as on the agreed plans.

7. Finance:

a. To Monitor Performance to Date. Performance approved

Cash at Bank: £8106.19. Receipts: £7242.00 Payments: £5900.26

b. Payments approved:

Glasdon (Grit Bins) - £644.79

8. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr A Clark – nothing to report (not present)

Cllr D Darlow – (see Item 9)

Cllr T Burden – nothing to report

Cllr R Harlow – nothing to report (not present)

Cllr S Butcher – nothing to report (not present)

Cllr A Doughty - nothing to report (not present)

9. Provision of Grit Bins

Cllr D Darlow – Cllr Darlow reported that the grit bins had been ordered and delivery was expected to Lower Kilcott Farm in the next 2 weeks. **Action Point**: Cllr Darlow would arrange for them to be filled with grit by Gloucestershire CC. **Action point**: Clerk to request the approved grant from Gloucestershire CC once the grit & litter bins had been delivered and invoices received for both.

Action Point – Cllr D Darlow to cut addition blue bins donated by Tony Goscombe in half.

10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:

No items.

11. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

Electoral Boundary Review of Gloucestershire County Council:

On 30 January the Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2012 was laid in draft in Parliament. This will last for a period of 40 sitting days. Parliament can either accept or reject the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. If accepted by both houses, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the next scheduled elections for the county council in 2013.

Wotton Youth Centre

An officer from the County Council came to Wotton to discuss the funding issue.

The change of use of the former police station received planning approval from the SDC last Wednesday.

Library Closures

On 30th January consultation started on a new strategy for the libraries. It will run until 11th March. It includes a number of "drop in" roadshows, the nearest being at Berkeley Library on Tuesday 21st February from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A consultation questionnaire can be found at:

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/sw/surveylogin.asp?k=132793774875>

The new proposals reinstate three libraries in Gloucester and Cheltenham as county libraries. They also take another look at the future of the mobile library service, which ceased under the previous proposals. The public are being asked for their views, including the possibility of combining it with other mobile services. Wotton would get 12 hours and possibly as many further hours, supported by volunteers as previously. The new proposals would still mean that Berkeley would cease to be a county-run library. Dursley remains as a main library, opening as previously for 44 hours per week spread over 6 days.

Paul Hemmings- District Councillor

Core Strategy – continues.

Icelandic Investment Monies– It will be repaid sooner than expected – not yet clear what the Council will be permitted to do with it.

Council Tax – remains at 2011 rate, while Council House rents will rise by 6.87%

Local Authority Mortgage Scheme – Stroud DC will invest £1 Million

Cllr P Hemmings will be a member of the cross-party of the Inquiry Team relating to the Audit Report and centering around Member/Office Protocol.

12. Training:

No training to be booked.

13. Grass Cutting:

Formal Quotation received from Derrick Bond.(see Section 5)

14. The Fleece

Cllr A Doughty (and Nigel Vaughan & Gavin Bailey) have met with Aaron Brown of Red Oak. Sealed bids are to be submitted by 15th Feb. Viewing days at the Fleece have been completed (as arranged by Christie's).

15. Housing Survey

Parish Councillors agreed that this should proceed.

Action Points:

Cllr D Darlow to confirm the process for signing the Letter of engagement. With Martin Hutchings

Parish Clerk to confirm the agreement to proceed with Martin Hutchings

All Councillors to review questionnaires supplied by Martin Hutchings and be prepared to comment or ask for additions/changes to the standard questions at the March meeting.

16. Well Hill

A request by Cllr T Burden to establish an additional footpath (accessible by prams/buggies) was agreed by the Council. Action Point: Cllr T Burden to consult with Tresham parishioners and if appropriate to arrange the additional path to be established on this common land.

17. Review of Standing Orders

This item was postponed to the March meeting.

Action Points:

Cllr D Darlow to review previous meeting notes in early 2011 in relation to the potential previous amendment of the Standing Orders.

Clerk to send Cllr D Darlow an electronic copy of the current Standing Orders if not already filed on the memory stick.

Clerk to request **all Councillors** to review the current Standing Orders and identify whether there should be updates made.

18. Grant Request from the trustees of Hillesley Baptist Church Burial Ground.

Action Point: Clerk to contact Caroline Webber to request their Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2011 and to clarify how they intend to use the grant within their Trust activities.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 14th March 2012 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

Signed:.....Date:.....