

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 9th January 2012

Present: Cllr D Darlow, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr Richard Graham, Cllr G Finn, Cllr S Butcher and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: 0 members of the Public

Public Participation: None

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Clark & Cllr P Hemming - **Accepted**
2. **Declarations of interest:** **None**
3. **Confirm Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 12th December 2012 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow). The Action Points outstanding from previous meetings were reviewed and marked 'completed' as appropriate.
4. **Clerk's Report:**
 - No further estimates/quotations received for renovation of concreted area around War Memorial
 - War Memorials Trust – Receipt of Grant Pre-Application. **Action Points:** Cllr D Darlow to arrange for photos to be taken (to be included in formal Grant request) and Parish Clerk to formally apply for Grant when photos ready.
 - Allotments – Request for 2 further plots from J Fink. It was also noted that Bob James is now deceased and should not be approached for rent in the future.
5. **Correspondence & documents:**
 - SDC – Drop In Planning Sessions. **Action point:** Parish Clerk to request 2 places on 23rd April for Cllr D Darlow and Mrs L Spratling
 - SDC – Community Planning Grant Scheme 2013/14 – available for update on Parish Plan
 - GAPTC – Precept not to be capped (Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government)
 - GRCC – Request for update on Parish Plan. **Action Point:** Parish Clerk to respond.
 - Mars Potential Grant: **Action Point:** Cllr S Butcher to approach Jim Mason re a potential grant from Mars (chocolate manufacturers) for the Childrens' Play Area on the Jubilee Fields
6. **Planning Applications:**
 - a. Decisions received: All Permission
 - The Old School House, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge. S.12/2219/HHOLD - Erection of single storey extension, creation of turning area and demolition of existing garage (revised drawings received 13/12/12).
 - Nimrods Barn, Kilcot Road, Hillesley. S.12/2320/VAR - Extension of time limit for planning permission S.09/2011/HHOLD.
 - b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: **None**
 - c. Consultation on new Applications:
 - Woodman's Farm, High St, Hillesley. S,12/2486/FUL Creation of a gallop and erection of a horse walker. <http://www.stroud.gov.uk/PLO/Default.aspx?AppRef=S.12/2486/FUL#s=sectioncontent7> **Action Point:** Neither Object nor Support. Clerk to ask the Planning Authorities whether this planning request meets with the land's current designated use

7. Finance:

a. Performance monitored to date by Cllr J Knowles and approved:

- Balance at Bank £9,353.91
- Payments to Date £3,693.36
- Receipts to Date £7,790.92

b. No Payments requested or approved

8. Parish Plan Updates:

- Cllr Alan Clark : Community Section - Oil Buying and Information – still working well
- Cllr Dave Darlow: Transport Section – **Action Point:** Clerk to ask whether request for more grit has been delivered by Gloucestershire Highways

9. Highways, Footpaths & Waterways: None

10. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

County Council budget for 2013/14

Delayed Government funding intentions also delayed consideration of a county council draft budget by the council's Cabinet. The proposal is for a standstill council tax for a third year. It entails a budget of £405.7M, a decrease in cash terms of £19.53M or 4.6%. Cuts include a cash reduction in the highway budget of over £2.3M or 11%.

Residual Waste Contract

The council's strategic development manager, Chris Kenneford. has ceased employment with Gloucestershire County Council last week. There is no time to go through the formal appointment process for a successor and a temporary replacement has been appointed. An issue has also arisen over the need for a further incinerator in the country as it is claimed enough capacity exists or has received planning permission to deal with all the residual waste.

Gas Main Replacement

Wales & West Utilities have been charged with replacing the elderly gas main in Long Street and High Street, Wotton. Their original proposal was to start on 2nd January with work taking approx 12 weeks. Gloucestershire Highways (GH) refused their application for the road closure as giving insufficient notice and requested an urgent meeting with W & W to discuss their proposals. GH advised that W & W would be arranging meetings in January to listen to all local concerns and suggestions. They will then hold another meeting to present their working proposals. The scheme has therefore currently been delayed until late February time.'

Paul Hemming- District Councillor

Local Tax

There is a continuing lack of complete information from government to the District council on Government legislation with respect to the setting of local tax and the abolition of Council Tax Benefit.

11. **Budget and Precept for 13/14** – budget agreed as per document circulated to Councillors in December. Precept agreed as £7,000. **Action point:** Clerk to confirm precept to Stroud DC

12. Local Housing Needs Survey

Cllr D Darlow confirmed that surveys & lockable box for The Fleece have been received. The Questionnaire will be delivered with February Hillesley Happenings to Hillesley & Kilcott.

Action points:

- **Cllr D Darlow to:**
 - deliver sufficient questionnaires to Carol Dawson (Hillesley Happenings)
 - supply the telephone number of Martin Hutchings to Cllr A Doughty
- **Cllr R Graham and Cllr G Finn to:**
 - collect sufficient questionnaires from Cllr D Darlow for delivery to Tresham households at the end of January.
- **Cllr A Doughty to:**
 - supply a further article for March Hillesley Happenings in the event of a low response rate of completed questionnaires

13. To review builders' quotations for remedial works to Memorial Green and agree next steps

None received. **Action Point:** Clerk to add to February Agenda.

14. To review English Heritage Report on the War Memorial and agree any further feedback to be submitted by Friday 11th January 2013. Action Point – Clerk to respond by confirming that the Report is accurate.

15. Hillesley School Sign: No new information had been received from the school.

Action Point: This Agenda item to be closed

16. Review the content of Stroud District Council survey of outdoor play spaces. Action Point Clerk to complete and return as discussed and agreed.

17. To Complete annual review of Standing Orders and agree any appropriate actions. Confirmed as adopted

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2013 WILL BE:

Mar 13th, Apr 10th, May 15th, Tresham - June 12th , July 10th, Aug no meeting, Tresham - Sept 11th , Oct 9th, Nov 13th, Dec 11th