

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES

Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on 9th November 2011

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

In attendance: Cllr J. Cordwell (County) and 1 member of the public

Public Participation: None

Apologies for absence: Cllr Claire Halpin – accepted (now resigned), Cllr R Harlow – accepted and Paul Hemming (District Councillor).

Action Points:

Cllr A Clark will compose a letter of thanks to Cllr C Halpin for past service to the Parish Council.

Parish Clerk to check length of service. **Completed - May 2008**

Cllr A Doughty to purchase chocolates, flowers & a card as a personal thank you from the Parish Council.

Completed

Cllr T Burden to approach potential replacement councillors and take on financial monitoring of the accounts & transactions made by the Parish Clerk.

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 Administrators of the Fleece have come to a decision over the sale.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 12 October 2011 were approved, and signed by the Chair (Cllr D Darlow). All Action Points had been completed.

4. Clerk's Report:

- Allotments – all rents received and one 1/4 plot vacant.

5. Correspondence & documents:

- Confirmation of receipt of grant and thanks to the Parish Council from Richard Goodenough Treasurer to Tresham Church
- Invitation to Join Internet Forum for Council Allotment Officers.
- Furniture Offer for Community Groups – Deadline 5th November
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Your Guide to Taking Part (inc key details of Insurance Cover)
- GAPTC Calendar of Events 2012
- CPRE – How to Respond to Planning Applications Guide
- GCC Parish & Town Council Newsletter
- Glos Fire & Rescue – Consultation on Integrated Risk Management Plan
- Free Social Media Workshop – GRCC Accelerator Project - 12th December
- Community Buy of The Fleece Inn – update from Nigel Vaughan (see item 16)
- Dog Control Order consultation – link sent to Cllr R Harlow
- Stroud DC Supply of Electoral Register – applied for monthly updates

6. Planning Applications:

Consultation on new applications

[S.11/1471/HHOLD](#) Pleasant View High Street, Hillesley, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 7RS

Action Point: Parish Clerk to communicate decision to planning authorities – **Completed**

7. Finance:

- a. To Monitor Performance to Date.
Performance approved
- b. Payments approved:
To be paid from Santander Bank
Cheque from Santander to Co-op - £7000.00
Transfer from Santander to Co-op of closing balance

8. Parish Plan Update:

Cllr A Clark – Oil Buying Group now has 80 members. 15,000 litres of oil purchased in November at a cheaper price than October

Cllr A Doughty – Martin Hutchings (Rural Housing Enabler) will complete an Affordable Housing Survey for Hillesley Parish Council, if requested.

Action Point: Parish Clerk to invite him to the December Parish Council Meeting. **Completed**

Cllr D Darlow – Report on Grit Bins see Item 9

Cllr T Burden – nothing to report

Cllr R Harlow – nothing to report

Cllr S Butcher – nothing to report

9. Grit Bins

Yellow Bins cost circa £180.00 each

Old bins would need to be removed – with associated costs.

County Council could be asked to supply blue bins at no cost – but these are not ideal.

Parish Council agreed to delegate any decision and resulting actions to Cllr D Darlow in order to expedite this matter as quickly as possible. Expenditure limit was agreed as grant amount plus 50% from the Parish Council.

Action Points:

Cllr A Clark to talk to Robert Chapple re removal of stone to facilitate replacement of bins.

Cllr D Darlow to investigate the possible grant from Stroud Dc and the lead time for ordering new bins.

Cllr D Darlow to talk to Stroud DC about the location of a litter bin in Lower Hawkesbury Road, which may require a site visit to agree location.

10. Highways, Footpaths and Waterways:

No items.

11. County and District Councillor Reports:

John Cordwell – County Councillor

Electoral Boundary Review of Gloucestershire County Council:

The Boundary Commission's final recommendations have now been published and remain unchanged. Final approval is in the hands of Parliament and their decision is likely before the end of the year.

Wotton Youth Centre

The building has now been sold.

Libraries

The judicial review has been held and the outcome is still awaited.

Icelandic Banks

Now expected to recover around £10M of the £12M it had invested in Icelandic banks.

Public Transport Review

It is understood that services currently subsidised by South Gloucestershire may be reviewed in the next 6 to 9 months. This would presumably involve services 626 (Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield-Bristol) and 86 (Wotton-Alderley-Hillesley-Chipping Sodbury-Yate-Longwell Green).

Paul Hemmings- District Councillor

No report

12. Training:

No training to be booked.

13. Grass Cutting:

Cllr A Clark has received a quotes from Nicola Evered and Derek Bond . Parish Council agreed to accept the quotation from Derek Bond.

Action Points:

Cllr A Clark was given powers to discuss decision with Derek Bond and if terms are mutually acceptable to confirm this to the Parish Clerk.

Parish Clerk to send resulting contract to D Bond for signature.

14. Hillesley Village Directory:

Parish Clerk has prepared an updated document and given 3 copies to Cllr D Darlow for Margaret

15. Register of Members' Interest Forms: No update – remove from next agenda.

16. Community Buy Out of The Fleece: Update: 2 Community Groups have been in contact with each other. Parish Council to keep a 'waiting brief' until a decision has been reached by the Administrators.

17. Tresham Beacon for the Diamond Jubilee. Cllr T Burden has been in contact with Richard Goodenhough. Nigel Kingston is agreeable to having an informal bonfire on his land.

Action Point: Cllr T Burden to confirm to Parish Clerk if this item is to be placed on Agenda for December meeting of the Parish Council.

18. Missing Hillesley Sign on Kilcott Road:

Cllr D Darlow communicated that Julian Wilson of Gloucestershire CC could replace the sign but would charge. Cllr D Darlow will raise the suggested use of the unwanted sign on A46(to replace the missing sign) with Julian Wilson when he next speaks to him

Action Point:

Cllr J Cordwell to check with Chris Riley whether the charge from Stroud DC might not be made. Clerk to request that an item be placed in Hillesley Happenings to ask if anyone knows where the sign has gone. **Completed.**

19. Budget:

Provision must be made for an election as all the Councillors are up for re-election in May 2012.

It was agreed that the precept and allotment rents would remain the same as this year.

Budget for General Expenses should increase by 10% on last year.

A further £300 should be budgeted for the probable election in May 2012.

Action Points:

Cllr D Darlow to approach Steve Hayward (Jubilee Field Committee to ask him to request a grant from the Parish Council (for running expenses)

Parish Clerk to agree request if received from Steve Hayward, while asking what the Jubilee Field committee has done to raise monies this year and also what JFMC are doing to encourage use of Hopkins Hall. .

Parish Clerk to draft a 12/13 budget for agreement in December.

20. Dates of meetings in 2012 were agreed as:

- 11 January
- 8 February
- 14 March
- 11 April
- 16 May
- 13 June
- 11 July
- Aug – no meeting
- 12 September
- 10 October
- 14 November
- 12 December

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

Date of Next Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th December 2011 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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