

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting held at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow (chair), Cllr A Clark, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr C Halpin, Cllr R Harlow, Cllr A Larrieu. H Cooke (clerk)  
**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell (County), Cllr P Hemming (District), 1 member of the public

Action

1. **Apologies for absence:** none
2. **Declarations of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**  
The minutes of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were approved, and signed by the Chair.
4. **Clerk's Report**  
Noted:
  - a. New Mills/Kilcott Rd street light, pole erected
  - b. Thanks to Cllr Harlow, the Village Directory has been printed for distribution with December Hillesley Happenings.
5. **Correspondence and documents:**  
The following correspondence and documents were noted. They can be viewed for up to a year by arrangement with the Clerk:
  - a. SDC Council meeting dates
  - b. Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association Annual Report
  - c. Volunteer & Community Action Annual Report <http://www.vcastroud.org/>
6. **Consultation on Codes of Conduct for members and Employees**  
**Resolved: Response, in line with Councillors' views, to be delegated to Clerk**
7. **Planning Applications:**
  - a. Decisions Received: none.
  - b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:
    - i. [S.08/2037/LBC](#) Yew Tree Cottage, High Street Hillesley External alterations. Council does not object or support; but wishes to comment that plans would enhance the look of the property
  - c. Consultation on New Applications: none
8. **Tresham Telephone Kiosk**
  - a. **Background.** Adoption was applied for on-line on 31<sup>st</sup> October to meet BT deadline and prevent removal of kiosk. Adoption involves the loss of phone connection but preservation of the kiosk (at Council's expense) which meets with Tresham residents' wishes. Cost is £1 plus estimated £18/year for unmetered electricity supply. Insurance costs would be £68/year for fully comprehensive cover but £0 for just public liability cover.  
**Resolved: To agree in principle to adopt Tresham telephone kiosk subject to formal**

Clerk

**notification by BT of a final decision having been made to remove the box unless it is adopted'**.

b. Clerk to investigate whether other Councils have had legal advice on BT contract.

**Resolved: To further consider implications of adoption before contract is approved for signature.**

## 9. Finance

a. Performance to date, as of 6 Nov 08:

Running cash balance: £4299.57; Bank balance £4329.57; Unspent budget £3594;

Expected income £15

b. Payments:

i. GAPTC Chairman training £60 [LGA 1972 s111]: approved

ii. RBL Poppy appeal grant £35 [S137]: approved

c. JFMC grant submission further information considered.

**Resolved to increase grant for 2009/10 to £1200 with a request to JFMC to increase promotion of facilities.**

Clerk

d. Budget for 2009/10 considered and agreed.

**Resolved: To approve 2009/2010 budget**

**Resolved: To set 2009/2010 precept at £7,000**

## 10. Highways and Footpaths

a. Footpath LHT21/5. (Dean's Close) On 23 October there was a site meeting called by SDC over a long standing dispute. This was attended by officers of GCC and SDC, Parish Council chairman and clerk, Ramblers' Association and local residents. The route of this path was obstructed when The Deans was built in 1930s but has never been officially re-routed. There is a dispute as to whether it was ever extinguished - in law, the original route still stands as it is shown on the definitive map (this was possibly approved by the then Hawkesbury Parish Council in about 1951...). The current owners of the field seem to have no objection to walkers crossing their land but want the matter officially resolved.

SDC have decided to move for 'extinguishment'. This was last tried in 1991 and was objected to by Parish Council and the problem left unresolved. However, this time, if extinguishment is objected to by anyone with an interest (eg residents, Parish Council, Ramblers) SDC will go to appeal. This will go to the Secretary of State who will appoint an inspector to hold a local public enquiry and make a decision to either extinguish or re-route.

b. Council not satisfied with response received from Gloucestershire Highways to possible road safety improvements recommended by Road safety advisers. The response recommended waiting for central white lines to wear off but no further action. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk

## 11. Volunteer & Community Action

The Chairman attended the Stroud AGM. Currently there is no use of the Voluntary Car Service by Hillesley and Tresham residents despite posters being circulated earlier in the year.

**Resolved: to monitor situation and re-consider annual grant next year.**

**12. County and District Councillor Reports**

**a. County**

*i. South West Regional Spatial Strategy*

The South West Regional Assembly (SWRA) met on 10th October to finalise its response to the Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the draft Regional Spatial Strategy.

The Assembly response says that no clear evidence has been presented to justify the Secretary of State's proposal for 29,600 dwellings per annum (dpa) in the region. The SWRA has reservations about the ability of the SW region to accommodate the scale of change proposed by the Secretary of State, without further consideration of the possible effects on sustainability, the environment and quality of life. There are also specific concerns that infrastructure and services needed to enable and support development are not adequately identified in the Proposed Changes.

*ii. Contacting Gloucestershire Highways Staff*

For a very long time there has been concern over the need for parish clerks to use the 08000 number to contact GH staff with what are often detailed requests which the call centre staff have difficulty in appreciating and which can take up an inordinate amount of a part-time clerk's time. On 15th October it was announced that frontline staff were to be relocated in divisional offices and direct access re-established by early next year.

**b. District.**

i. Community Cohesion meeting proved to be a useful forum.

ii. SDC is recruiting Community First Responders for local emergencies. Further information to be provided.

**13. Training** Nothing to report.

**14. Open Session and Other Items**

Noted:

a. War Memorial Green continues to look well cared for, and was at a high standard for the Remembrance Day service.

b. A neighbour has strimmed the unkempt verge in Hawkesbury Road. The grass contractors say this is not on their map.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Hopkins Hall Hillesley at 7.30pm

**16. Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

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

Signed: .....

Date: .....