

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 10th December 2014

Present: Cllr D Darlow,, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr R Gordon, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr P Hemming and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: No Members of the public

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr G Finn & Cllr J Cordwell

2. Declarations of interest: Cllr J Knowles & Cllr D Darlow (Allotment tenants)

3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).

The minutes of 12th November 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the January Meeting.

Cllr R Graham confirmed that the 6 half size blue agricultural supplies bins had been placed in the agreed sites.

Action Point: Cllr R Graham to contact Highways to request they are filled with salt/grit.

4. Clerk's Report

- VAT Refund of £120.00 applied for & received
- Confirmation of receipt of JFMC Grant (with thanks)
- Fink allotments re-allocated
- Registration process with Information Commissioner completed
- Budget Summary agreed with Cllr D Darlow & placed on noticeboards

5. Correspondence received

- Third Sector Services and Arriva Transport Solutions working together to provide hospital transport
- Victim Support – Recruitment of additional volunteers
- GAPTC Pay Award
- GAPTC – New Financial Regulations - Training Opportunities
- Receipt of GRCC survey
- GAPTC – New Financial Regulations Workshop
- Local Council Tax Support Funding
- SDC – Invitation to a Meeting with PCs 19th Feb 2015. **Action Point:** Clerk to place on Jan 2015 Agenda
- Wotton under Edge Parish Council – Request for £50 Grant Support for Young Driver Awareness Day at KLB. Agreed in principle. **Action Point:** Clerk to contact Sue Bailey for more details. **COMPLETED**

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

Hillesley Mill, Alderley Road, Hillesley. S.14/2116/DISCON - Discharge of condition 3 (sample of colour render) in relation to S.14/1078/HHOLD. **Permission**

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: **None**

c. Consultation on new applications:

S.14/2432/FUL Land at Withymoor Wood. Construction of a Duck Pond.

It was agreed that when the complete submission of this application was made, the Parish Council would one again review the details and agree their response.

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £13,443.59
- Payments to Date - £8362.34
- Receipts to Date - £4016.89

b. To approve payments:

- Clerk's Salary - £426.72
- HMRC – Tax on Clerk's Salary - £106.68
- K Wright - Memorial Green Grass Cutting £50.00
- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £30.00
- Jubilee Fields Management Committee – Grant £1,000.00

8. Parish Plan: Nothing to report

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports:

It was agreed that the Memorial Green should be monitored to prevent any more wheel marks across the grass being made.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council Budget

The Cabinet have now published their draft budget for 2015/16 and will approve this for consultation until an as yet unspecified date in January. They intend to continue the freeze on council tax for a fifth year. The draft budget requires a decrease in expenditure in cash terms of £13.065M. This is composed of cost reductions – “cuts” - of £27.643M and unavoidable increased costs of £14.578M. In the case of highways, £1.3M of minor road works will be paid for out of the council's capital budget, meaning there will be less to be spent on road improvements. For the first time it will not be possible to protect the adult care budget from cuts.

Active Together and Children's Activity Grants

5 Requests have been received and three more being prepared.

Get Healthy Together

This grant is now being advertised to parish councils and others by the County Council.

Amey's Highway Contract

There is continuing dissatisfaction with Amey's performance and the County Council Liberal Democrat group tabled a motion to the full County Council meeting on 26th November saying that after 9 months into the contract the teething problems ought to have been sorted and asking for continued monitoring of the contract and for financial penalties to continue to be imposed if performance targets are not being achieved.

Paul Hemming:

Local Plan:

The District Council's Extraordinary meeting on the Local Plan has taken place. The recommendations put forward included increasing the new dwelling requirement to 11,200. This figure was agreed together with the recommendation to increase the allocation in the Stroud Valleys from 300 to 450. A number of policy changes within the plan were also updated to include the increase and specifically the area West of Stonehouse. The plan can now go forward and the Inspector will be requested to resume work. There will be further periods for public consultation and comment and indeed some of the comment could still lead to further modification if the Inspector sees fit.

It was agreed to move forward with work on Flood Alleviation in the Stroud Valleys which is well overdue and will assist in achieving 450 additional homes.

The first new Council House in the District for many years is completed and due to be handed over to the new occupiers before Christmas. It coincides with the 100th anniversary of the first in the district being handed over.

11. Discuss & agree Next Steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley

Karen Phiminster is not expecting any further responses from the landowners and therefore 3 out of the 8 potential sites are being considered awaiting any interest shown from Housing Associations.

Action Points:

- Cllr A Doughty to find out which Housing Association built the affordable housing in Hawkesbury. **COMPLETED**
- Parish Clerk to contact Mary Leonard to discover who built the Affordable Housing in Kingswood and to search for the names of additional Housing Associations in South Gloucestershire.
- Parish Clerk to keep this item on the Jan Agenda.

12. Discuss & agree changes to the documentation of Allotment Agreements

New letter & agreement signed off

Cllr S Butcher tendered her resignation from the Parish Council due to increasing home & family commitments. Cllr D Darlow expressed the Parish Council's grateful thanks for her contribution to the work of the Council over the last few years. The Parish Council are now actively seeking a new Councillor.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Meeting Wed 14th January 2015 at 7.30 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2015 WILL BE:

Dates for 2015:

Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, June 10, Jul 8, Aug na, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9th