

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 10th December 2015

Present: Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham, and Cllr D Darlow

In attendance: Cllr P Hemming and the Parish Clerk and 19 members of the public

Public Participation:

The parishioners expressed many concerns about the proposed mixed affordable/market housing development including the process which had been followed by the Rural Housing Enabler and the Planning Department when considering the viability of 2 potential development sites. There appeared to be major differences in the treatment of the two landowners and what they had been offered for releasing their land for development.

Several other points (including most which the Parish Council had already registered with the Rural Housing Enabler, the developer and English Rural Housing Association) were:

- the development of AONB land and land outside the village boundary
- highways concerns including room for a pavement, proposed access(es) to development, increase in traffic, parking and accessibility by fire engines
- environmental and ecological issues
- proposed orientation of houses
- sewerage and drainage capacity
- inappropriate size, mix and density of houses
- clumsy use of 'seating' area rather than additional parking
- no service charge planned for common parts of proposed development
- incomplete details of Section 106 contribution to the community

Cllr P Hemming kindly explained some of the general planning regulations and considerations regarding exception sites and the emphasis placed on the provision of affordable housing in the district

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Clark, Cllr A Doughty, Charlotte King PCSO, and Cllr J Cordwell (accepted)
2. **Declarations of interest: None**
3. **Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).**

The minutes of 11th November 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.
4. **Clerk's Report**
 - Watters have given up allotment plots but now re-allocated to Hicks
5. **Correspondence received**
 - Stroud DC
 - probable removal of LCTS funding (see Item 15)
 - restructure of Neighbourhood Warden service
 - update on Garden Waste Service
 - Glos CC – Consultation on Local Transport Plan

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received: None

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None

c. Consultation on new Applications: None

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £ 17,641.80
- Payments to Date - £2,604.95
- Receipts to Date - £8,361.71

b. To approve payments:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £25.00

8. Parish Plan: None

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

- Cllr G Finn noted that the green litter bin in School Close had been emptied but all dog waste removed from the bin and placed on the pavement.
- Concern was noted re speed of vehicles down the Hawkesbury Road into the village. Motorists had been caught by police recently.
- Concern was expressed about a large container lorry trying to use the Hillesley/Kingswood Road. Parishioners are encouraged to note number plates and owners, take pictures and report these to the Parish Council .

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Highways Local

Work on resurfacing Dark Lane is now planned for 3rd March 2016. Resurfacing of Kingswood Road near Hillesley is planned for 26th February 2016. The Tresham water run-off issue is still in the design stage. **Action Point:** Parish Clerk to suggest it is completed the previous week when it would be half term and therefore more convenient for school buses.

COMPLETED

County Council, 2nd December 2015

The Liberal Democrats were concerned with the continuing failure of the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT) to meet their 75% target in responding to the most urgent calls within 8 minutes. The council also agreed that its Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee should explore the option of creating a county-wide ambulance service rather than the current regional one, with recommendations produced for full council at a future meeting.

EU Referendum Task Group

The council agreed to set up a cross-party task group “to establish and identify the social, economic and cultural benefits and disadvantages that membership of the EU has on Gloucestershire” and to make the results available to residents before the referendum.

Paul Hemming: Nothing to affect Hillesley

11. Discuss & agree Next Steps for provision of maintenance plan for Well Hill.

Cllr R Graham reported that this plan was now fully functioning and should be removed as an agenda item

12. Discuss & agree next steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley.

Cllr A Doughty has summarised the concerns raised at the Informal Meeting on 7th December (and some more raised afterwards) to discuss the revised development plan produced by Piper Homes. This has been completed and sent to Keith White, Karen Phiminster & Ian Gillespie and the Parish Council await their responses.

Action Points:

- Cllr P Hemming to contact Pippa Stroud at Stroud DC to review & understand the details of the consideration given to the two potential development sites and the differing responses given to the two landowners concerned. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr D Darlow & the Parish Clerk to agree a letter to Karen Phiminster to request an explanation of the different communication received by the two landowners and what had been (and had not been) communicated to the Parish Council. **COMPLETED**

13. Review situation with regard to rural broadband and agree next steps.

Cllr R Graham has contacted the Parish Clerk of North Nibley to attend the meeting in February with the local MP (Mr Clifton Brown)

14. Discuss & agree next steps for proposed installation of water pipe by Alderley Farms at Well Hill, Tresham.

Cllr R Graham reported that the Water Main services had been marked out and the design stage was progressing.

Action Point: Cllr Graham to return the 3 ring binders of Parish Council archives to the Parish Clerk at the January 2016 meeting. These contain several official maps, details of the land registration /ownership of Well Hill and the routes of bridle paths and footpaths.

15. Formally re-confirm Parish Council budget for 2016/17

Formally re-agreed in the light of the probable removal of LCTS funding

16. Discuss & agree next steps re theft of tiles from Hillesley Bus Shelter

It had been difficult to accurately compare the quotations given by the 2 builders who had submitted their details.

Action Points:

- Clerk to request quotes based on identical work, i.e. to remove the original Cotswold Stone tiles and replace completely with re-constituted roof tiles. **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to ascertain whether the Cotswold tiles can be sold for a reasonable amount. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr D Darlow to contact Matt Aitkenhead and Stan Chappell to ascertain whether the Cotswold tiles can be sold for a reasonable amount.

17. Review proposal for new school sign and agree next steps.

Cllr G Finn reported that he had E Mailed Fional Symes and Polly (Clerk to School Governors) re the Council's concerns about the proposed sign and he is awaiting an update & revised design in due course.

18. Review budgeted grants and confirm payment if appropriate.

Postponed to January 2016 meeting.

19. Confirm Internal Auditor for Financial Accounts year ending April 2017

Confirmed as Richard Goodenough

Meeting closed at 21.00pm

Next Meeting Wed January 13th 2016 at 7.30pm at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

Future Dates for 2015/2016: Feb 10th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, Aug na, Sept 14th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th