

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 10th February 2016

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

In attendance: Cllr J Cordwell, Cllr P Hemming, the Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public

Public Participation:

The subject of additional parking, which may form part of the proposed development on Hawkesbury Road, and the location of any development in Hillesley were discussed. Cllr D Darlow explained that, to date, there had been no planning permission sought by any developer and a new site plan for the possible Hawkesbury Road development was being prepared by the builder (Piper Homes). Any proposed development will need further consultation with the Highways Department and it will be the decision of the Planning Department in SDC whether any planning permission is given on any proposed site in the village. It is understood that planning consultants have been asked to advise the owner of another potential site in the village, which some parishioners may prefer to the site above.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr A Clark (accepted)

2. Declarations of interest: None

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

The minutes of 13th January 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the March Meeting including the maintenance needed on the Hillesley Parish Noticeboard.

4. Clerk's Report

Bus Shelter – the Parish Clerk is waiting for DA Hill to supply a date for the work and the Council's Insurers have agreed the work should commence.

Village Website (hosted by Stroud DC) will not be supported from Dec 2016. Clerk has obtained 2 quotes for design, development & support of a new site.

Action Points: Clerk to apply for a Grant to design, develop and support a new site. This issue to be discussed again in March meeting.

5. Correspondence received

- GCC/Amey – Highways Guide and Parish News
- G Clifton-Brown MP – Street Lighting Response
- GAPTC – Training – Empowering P&T Councils to negotiate effectively within the planning system. 11 March 9.15am Kingsholme
- Stroud DC
 - Light a Beacon for the Queen's 90th Birthday
 - Framework Contract for Tree Work (handed to S Thompson)
 - Information on Council Tax Bills
 - Garden Waste Information
- Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments – Information to be clarified
- Community Police Meeting 9th March
- GCC – Bus Consultation Response

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

- a. **Decisions received:** Day House Farm, Day House Lane, Hillesley. S.16/0028/MINAM - Minor amendment to S.14/1562/FUL. Revision to roof construction and elevations.
Approval
- 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 - £17,052.84
 - Payments to Date - £3,193.91
 - Receipts to Date - £ 8,361.71
- b. To approve payments: **None**

8. Parish Plan: None

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways

Reports of dog fouling have been received. **Action Point:** Clerk to find out if notices can be obtained from the Dog Warden (Rachel Pratt)

It was noted that bark chippings from the Horse Gallops at Woodmans Farm have been washed down the Hawkesbury Road and into the car park of the playing fields.

Action Point: Clerk to contact Pete Ponting (and son Jo) to ask for this to be cleared and to construct a barrier to prevent this happening again.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council budget 2016/2017 Following a public consultation the Cabinet recommended a final revenue budget for 2016/17 of £417.98M, a reduction of £2M on the current year due to the significant reduction in Government grant funding. This leads to an increase in Band D council tax of £43.51 to £1134.01, as previously indicated. The final decision on the budget will be made on 17th February.

Bus services 84 and 86 These are being revised by South Gloucestershire Council. But as yet there are no details of the proposed timetables.

Adverse Weather Plan 2015/16 Parish snow wardens and plough operators have not been properly informed of what is expected of them.

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:

Council duly approved an increase in Council Tax by just under 2%; together with the rent and service charge changes. The rent changes are dependent on a bill going through Parliament. Final setting of Council Tax is scheduled for 25th February.

Garden Waste collections began on Monday 2nd February with nearly 2000 residents having taken up the offer.

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

Cllr D Darlow summarised the discussions held at a meeting with the Planning Dept on 29th Jan 2016 at Stroud DC. Minutes are held in the Parish Council records.

The planners accepted that the land offered for car parking by Piper Homes would not support 9 car spaces and maintained that the outer perimeter of the proposed development should not extend further into the field to create more parking. It was suggested that a survey should be undertaken to calculate the need for additional parking for existing Hawkesbury Road residents to ensure a safer environment.

Action Points: By the 8th March the following information is to be sent to the Clerk:

- Lucy Luddington Reeves - the numbers of cars parking on Hawkesbury Road and in the car park of the playing fields at the busiest times.
- Sophie Butcher - supporting photographs
- Josie Spencer – count vehicles as above

There are still outstanding questions re the 'Right of Way' which crosses the proposed development.

Action Point: Clerk to contact Neil Troughton at GCC to clarify route.

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

Cllr R Graham reported that he had attended the recent meeting with Mt Clifton Brown, and representatives from BT and Fastershire at North Nibley. Hillesley & Tresham will not be upgraded in FY 15/16 and a commercial decision is awaited for broadband to be upgraded in FY16/17 in Hillesley & Tresham. Cllr Graham now has the contact details of key project managers involved in this process and will maintain pressure to get some action as quickly as possible. It was suggested that a Broadband Action Group might be set up. The council will discuss again in March.

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

Cllr R Graham reported that the water pipe has been laid and the surface of the path down Well Hill has been improved. He is awaiting word from Highways re the establishing of a new kerb to divert surface water away from the path.

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

The Parish Council confirmed that they are happy in principle with the latest proposed design and would be prepared to pay for this subject to receiving an acceptable quote from the supplier. It would be fixed (by the friends/parents of the school) under the Parish Noticeboard

15. Review budgeted grants and confirm payment if appropriate.

The following grants were agreed and should be paid at the March meeting:

- JFMC £1200
- Wotton Pool £100
- Baptist Churchyard £75
- St Giles Churchyard Maintenance £200
- Friends of Hillesley School £250 (to assist in developing outside facilities)
- The grant to Cotswold Wardens should be left unspent on the current budget pending any specific works which prove necessary..

16. Agree actions needed for Parish Council Elections on May 5th 2016

All Councillors now aware of impending elections in May and this will be discussed again at March meeting

17. Agree cost of maintenance contract for Well Hill

It was agreed that a grant of £280.00 would be provided to go some way to ensuring that grass mowing at Well Hill (in partnership with residents) is regularly undertaken.

Action Point: Cllr R Graham to arrange for the necessary quote and contractual words to be supplied to the Clerk so that payment can be formally arranged.

18. Agree whether annual Litter Pick should be aligned to 'Clean for the Queen'.

Agreed. **Action Point:** Date to be agreed at March meeting.

19. Agree contents of Risk Register.

Agreed – no amendments necessary

Meeting closed at 21.15pm

Next Meeting Wed March 9th 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 2016: April 13th, May 11th (Tresham), June 8th, July 13th, Aug na, Sept 14th (Tresham), Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th