

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Tresham Court Farm Barn, Tresham on Wednesday 10th June 2015

Present: Cllr D Darlow,, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr G Finn, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr R Graham and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: Cllr P Hemming and 8 members of the public

Public Participation:

Those parishioners who were present gave their views and ideas about how best to manage the access to, and maintenance of, Well Hill. The Council agreed that these should be considered and further progress made once the village of Tresham had agreed how best to proceed with all parishioners agreement to a potential plan. It was suggested that a rota could be set up to enable volunteers to share the proposed grass mowing and vegetation clearance. The purchase of a suitable mower would be of great assistance to these volunteers. It was agreed that any solution should be sustainable. Consultation should also take place between the parishioners as to a proposed new path to enable pushchairs to access the flat land at the bottom of this Village Green. Cllr R Graham would act as the link between the parishioners and the Parish Council with the expectation that broad concepts for a sustainable plan would be agreed by the next Parish Council Meeting on July 8th. **Action Point:** Clerk to add this to the July Agenda. **COMPLETED**

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr J Cordwell (accepted)

2. Declarations of interest: None

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

The minutes of 13th May 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the July Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- Internal Audit Report received from Richard Goodenough
- Grant Thornton have confirmed receipt of the Annual Audit
- New HMRC software to be loaded for FY 15/16
- All but one allotment rents received and 2 plots vacant (75 & 76)
- Clerk will be unable to attend July Meeting

5. Correspondence received

- Gloucestershire Police and Rural Services Network – Request to respond to public survey on rural crime (given to Cllr D Darlow)
- Rural Services Network – Invitation to Rural Conference on 8th September Cheltenham
- Gloucestershire CC – Active Together Grant Scheme
- Grant Thornton – Spring Newsletter – 2017/18 Councils will be able to appoint own auditor
- Stroud DC – Tenants Garden Competition

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 - £ 15,937.15
 - Payments to Date - £803.15
 - Receipts to Date - £4263.04
- b. To approve payments: **Approved**
 - Clerk's Salary £426.72
 - HMRC – Tax on Clerk's Salary £106.68

8. Discuss & agree next steps for provision of maintenance plan for Well Hill.

See Public Participation

9. Parish Plan: No updates

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

It was suggested that John Cordwell may be able to use his specific Highways Budget Allowance to improve the access to the Hillesley Playing Fields.

Cllr D Darlow reported that the tree branches covering the streetlight in Hillesley had not yet been trimmed by Gloucestershire Highways

11. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council

The council recently held its annual meeting. It now has a Labour chair and a Liberal Democrat vice-chair. Cllr Cordwell has retained the same responsibilities and committee memberships.

Highways Local

He has £22.5k available to be spent on highways associated work during this financial year. His list has to be finalised before 22nd July if the work is to stand a good chance of being done this year.

Street Lighting

The LED lighting contract was due to be awarded in April, but was held up to sort out variations in the tenders from the specified requirements. In addition a successful funding bid to the DfT has enabled the value of the contract to be increased by £7.6M to £41M. This will enable all lights to be individually controlled from a central location. The successful tenderer was expected to be announced on Monday 8th June. However one of the unsuccessful bidders is challenging the outcome. The service is expected to start in September. The light in Hillesley that is now obscured by branches near the telephone box is due to be attended to later this month.

Planning application for clay pigeon bunds

A planning officer is now hoping that this will actually be on the County Council Planning Committee agenda on Thursday 30th July. The site visit would be on 23rd July.

Paul Hemming:

There are a few changes at Stroud District Council for the coming year and the numbers of Councillors are Conservatives 23, Conservative No Group 1, Green 6, Labour 18, and Liberal Democrats 3. There is still a Labour / Green / Lib Dem administration with a loose agreement as per last year. June Cordwell is Vice Chair of Council. Cllr Hemming is still on Development Control and Strategy and Resources committees.

Stroud DC has received a presentation on Devolution and the effects of combined Authorities, primarily from Bassetlaw District council and Nottinghamshire County Council representatives. The District Council has yet to discuss this fully and decide on future plans.

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

Ian Gillespie had kindly given a presentation about English Rural Housing Association to the Parish Council and was currently in discussion with landowners. The Council will wait to hear back from him before any further actions are undertaken.

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

Cllr R Graham reported that he was receiving no definitive information from the BT Fastershire Project Team. **Action Point:** The Clerk to send an Audit Trail of E Mails received by Cllr R Graham to the local MP Mr Clifton Brown and seek his assistance.

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

No further update from Cllr R Graham as no further communication had been received from Alderley Farms or their agent.

Action Point: Add to July meeting as an Agenda Item **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Meeting Wed July 8th at 7.30pm 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:
Aug na, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9**