

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 11th February 2015

Present: Cllr D Darlow,, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr G Finn, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr P Hemming, Cllr J Cordwell and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: None

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr R Graham (accepted)

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

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

The minutes of 14th January 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 March Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- No important issues
- Meeting date agreed with Richard Goodenough for Annual Audit
- Litter Clean Up Poster prepared **Action Point:** Cllr A Doughty to post up in the Fleece and Cllr D Darlow to place on Hillesley noticeboard
- Grit bins still need filling with salt/grit
- Missing road sign still not replaced

5. Correspondence received

- SDC – Community Planning Grant Scheme
- SDC – Changes to Local Plan - consultation
- Street Cleaning
- Community Volunteer Poster
- GRCC – Healthwatch Glos GP Patient Experience and Patient Transport Surveys
- GRCC – Neighbourhood Development Plans
- Golden Valley Classic MCC Event 1st March
- Glos Clinical Commissioning Group – Musculoskeletal Services
- Insight – Update Spring/Summer
- Glos Police – New PCSO
- GCC – Minerals Local Plan consultation
- Area Highways Reps

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

- a. **Decisions received:** Hillesley Mill, Alderley Road, Hillesley. S.14/2706/DISCON - Proposed new roughcast render. **Permission**
- 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 - £12,845.09
 - Payments to Date - £4,668.87
 - Receipts to Date - £8,365.82

b. To approve payments:

- Clerk's Expenses £5.00
- Hillesley Allotment Association – Grant £100.00
- Wotton Swimming Pool £75.00
- Hillesley Baptist Church £75.00
- Hillesley Church £100.00
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8. Parish Plan: Oil Buying Group purchased 21,000 litres @ 31.74p per litre

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

Cllr D Darlow had considered the pothole on Kingswood Road, but it did not meet the minimum depth/width for action

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Waste incinerator at Javelin Park:- The County Council Labour Group has proposed a motion which at their request will be heard at an Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council meeting on 18th February, immediately before the scheduled County Council meeting which amongst other things will determine the council's budget. The motion calls on the Council to cancel the incinerator contract with immediate effect. Information received from the Chief Executive is that the total cancellation costs would approach £100M with £60M payable immediately.

Action Point: Clerk to add to March Agenda.

County Council Budget: -The budget will be determined at a county council meeting on 18th February. The recommended budget for 2015 is now £420.03M, a decrease in cash terms of just over £8M from last year. However the council has suffered a £17.5M reduction in central government funding. For the fifth year the Cabinet is proposing a council tax freeze, meaning the total amount to be found from council tax payers is £231.116M and Band D council tax remains at £1090.50.

Importing of soils in connection with clay pigeon shooting: -The applicant has supplied additional information. The County Council is asking for any further representations by 26th February so that they can be included within the committee report.

Action Point: Clerk to add to March Agenda.

Highways work: -Further complaints about the performance of Amey and its subcontractors. A former county council officer has been brought out of retirement to help sort things out.

Local Transport Plan:- A review of the 2011 Local Transport Plan is currently in progress.

Consultation on the plan starts on 16th February and ends on 27th March via www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltp3.

Paul Hemming:

Building Control Service: -On the 29th January it was agreed that the District Council would enter into an agreement with the County Council to provide a building control service. It is intended that by doing this a better shared service can be provided in the future and be beneficial to both organisations.

Council Tax: - The 0% change in Council Tax for the year 2015/16 was also agreed together with a 3% increase in dwelling rents. Band D rate will be £186.93 for SDC services. The budget for the forthcoming year was agreed which includes £3.3m for depot acquisition for the new multi-service refuse and recycling contract due to start in 2016. Purchase is still the preferred option since whatever should happen in the refuse and recycling arena the council would have an increasingly valuable asset. The one other large capital proposal in the budget is £1m for further new affordable homes in the district followed by £1m in 2016/17.

Boundary Review:- Progress has been held up by the Boundary Commission.

It is not envisaged that this will delay a final decision unnecessarily.

The Local Plan examination in Public is delayed by sickness (flu).

Javelin Park The Leader of the Council and the four Group Leaders at SDC have submitted a letter to the Leader of the County Council requesting a further look at realistic options for Javelin Park, as reported in the Press. It is still felt by SDC as a whole that an incinerator is the wrong solution.

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

Further information had been received from Karen Phiminster re English Rural Housing Association. **Action Point:** Clerk to add to March agenda. **COMPLETED**

12. Discuss & agree who should attend Planning Meeting with SDC on 19th February 2015. Cllr D Darlow will attend.

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

Action Points:

- Clerk to add to the March meeting as Cllr R Graham not present. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr P Hemming to forward E Mail re excess Broadband capacity at Hillesley School to the Parish Clerk. **COMPLETED**

14. Agree Next Steps for proposed Tresham Spring Clean date. Cllr R Graham had reported that Tresham village will arrange this amongst their own parishioners on an informal basis.

15. Discuss & agree possible Grant to Hillesley Allotment Association and other budgeted grants. Grants agreed as Item 7b

16. Re-confirm Standing Orders - Confirmed

17. Review and re-confirm Risk Register - Confirmed. Health & Safety policy not considered of critical importance. **Action Point:** Clerk to check whether current public liability cover will protect the Parish Council if there is an accident on Well Hill which is a designated Village Green. **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next Meeting Wed 11th March 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:

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