

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 11th June 2014

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

In attendance: John Dancey

Public Participation:

John Dancey asked to be informed of any current issues with footpaths and whether any decision had been taken about future maintenance of Well Hill, Tresham.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr S Butcher & Cllr R Graham and The Parish Clerk **Accepted.**
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).**

The minutes of 14th May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. All Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the June Meeting.
- 4. Clerk's Report**
 - Clerk absent
 - Annual Insurance will be with Zurich as 3 year agreement – sizeable discount achieved – see Item 7
 - 1 Allotment rent still owing – Tanner – although a cheque was sent, this has not been received.
- 5. Correspondence received**
 - Environment Agency & Flooding – Consultations
 - Affordable Housing – Tour of Rural Exception Sites (as previously advised)
 - GAPTC – New Password
 - GAPTC - Draft Openness Guide.
 - GAPTC – Financial Regulations Guide
 - Home Start – Stroud District – AGM
 - SDC – Working Together – Request for feedback
 - SDC – Dispensation Guidance
 - GCC – Questionnaire re availability of pharmaceutical services across Gloucestershire.
 - GCC – Local Transport Plan Review 2pm – 4pm, Thursday 3rd July 2014
 - GCC – Active Together – Grant opportunity
 - Frampton Fair posters
 - Clocking Off Festival
 - GRCC – Neighbourhood Plan Grants
 - GRCC – Communities Activities Grants
- 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:

S.14/1078/HHOLD Hillesley Mill, Alderley Road. Alter reversed pitched roof to mono pitch to lobby. Install metal railing to verandah. Render & colour brick panel to front elevations. **Neither Support nor Object**

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

Cheques signed as below:

- Clerk's Salary £414.24
- Tax on Clerk's Salary £103.56
- Annual Insurance Zurich Municipal £592.22 (Year 2 of 3 year agreement)
- Clerk's Expenses £36.88 (Printer cartridges)

8. Parish Plan:

Nothing to report

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

The overgrown state of some verges was raised. It was agreed that a decision on the future of Well Hill would be needed.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Ambulance Response Times

At the County Council meeting last month there was unanimous support for a Liberal Democrat motion asking for the South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust to find ways of significantly improving the response times for "Red" calls within the next three months. These are the most serious category of call and have a target response time of 8 minutes on 75% of occasions. This is currently being missed in the rural districts of the county by large margins.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

This month, a Communities and Local Government Select Committee is considering representations into the operation of the NPPF.

Active Together Grants

£40k is being allocated to each county councillor to support the prioritisation and delivery of sport and physical activity within their divisions. This is a one-off sum. From 2nd June the County Council has been inviting applications from eligible groups (not for profit organisations: parish and town councils, sports groups etc. from all age groups) for sums from £2k to the full £40k. Information and application forms are on the County Council website:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/activetogether>

Submissions must be supported and submitted by the local county councillor (i.e. me) by email on behalf of the applicant. For legal reasons the final decision has to be made by an officer but is unlikely to go against the county councillor's recommendations.

Changes to County Council Services

It is presumed that cutbacks in county funding will continue in future years with the gap increasing at £25M per year. Without further change social care for the growing ageing population would take up the entire GCC budget within a few years. The proposal is that in future there should be greater reliance on community help, as happened years ago, and that the county role will be to help this happen and to retain support for the most in need. Wide consultation on this proposed new focus will take place over the next few months including reinstating a People's Panel, a web page, an online survey, roadshows, a social media campaign and videos to help explain what the County Council is trying to achieve. The nearest planned Roadshow to us is on Saturday 12th July at the Dursley Town Festival. Recruitment details for the Panel can be found at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/peoplespanel

Paul Hemming:

Make up of District Council

The Conservative Group is still the largest single group but the Labour, Green and Lib Dem councillors are effectively the administration. PH still on Development Control and Strategy and Resources committees.

Planning Review

There will shortly be a District Planning Review body set up which will look at the Districts planning needs and wishes into the future. It will also look at applications which have historically gone to appeal and examine outcomes with a view to seeing where the deficiencies were in the decisions taken. It will also look at applications granted with a similar aim.

Licensing

The stand-alone Licensing Committee has been removed and its functions incorporated into the Community Services committee.

Size of Council

It was preferred that 51 would continue to be the preferred number and will be part of the Council's submission to the Boundary Commission for the Boundary Review.

Election Costs

Parish and Town Councils having elections in 2013, 2014 or 2015 will have a percentage of their costs reimbursed by the District Council.

Local Plan Examination

On receipt of a short Inspectors report as to how to proceed as the Inspector had pronounced that he did not necessarily disagree with the figures submitted or the sites considered but that the methodology was not in line with other councils and therefore did not match his expectations. It was agreed to Modify the Plan and a new considered response must then be submitted within 6 months.

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

Village walkabout on 12.6.14 attended by Cllrs. Doughty, Cllr D Darlow and Karen Phimister . The question of whether there was sufficient sewage capacity in Hillesley was raised.

Action Point: Cllr Darlow to contact Karen Phimister and attend the tour of rural exception sites on the 26th June if appropriate.

12. Memorial Green

The relative benefits of bedding plants and shrubs was discussed and it was agreed that the current arrangement of bedding plants should continue for now. Tara Stein hoped to be working there on Saturday from 9.30am.

Action Point: Cllr Darlow to try to meet Tara and discuss details and upkeep of the flower beds. (**Note:** No longer needed as the grass was cut by a well meaning villager on Friday)

13. Discuss & agree actions re request for more grit bins on the road between Alderley & Tresham

Cllr R Graham not present – postpone to July

14. Agree next steps re the purchase of a new noticeboard for Tresham

The council agreed to Cllr Graham's proposed design details. **Action Point:** Cllr Graham to contact the contractor.

Meeting closed at 9. 00pm

Next Meeting Wed 19th July 2014 at 7.30 Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2014 WILL BE: Aug n/a, Sept 10 (Tresham), Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10