

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES**  
**Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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

**In attendance:** None

**Public Participation:** None

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

**2. Declarations of interest:** None

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

The minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 April Meeting.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- Annual Audit preparation initiated pending end of financial year
- Public Liability confirmed as valid for Well Hill **Action Point:** Clerk to place the provision on Maintenance Plan on Agenda in April. **COMPLETED**
- Allotment rental requests due to be sent – awaiting some further information re Allotment Association Members

**5. Correspondence received**

- GAPTC – Bulletin - Digital Transparency Fund – exemption from new Audit Regime
- GAPTC – increase in subscription level
- GAPTC – Annual Audit training for Clerk by Grant Thornton. Agreed.
- GAPTC – AGM now 18<sup>th</sup> July – items for Resolution?
- Police & Crime Commissioner – Invitation to a meeting on 21 April
- Plantlife – invitation to participate in the National Plant Monitoring Survey
- GCC – Bus Survey
- GCC – Waterside Living leaflet
- GCC – Local Transport Plan Questionnaire
- Wotton Swimming Pool – Thanks for Grant
- Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Stroud – Draft Recommendations
- GRCC – Neighbourhood Development Plan event 25<sup>th</sup> March at Brockworth
- Streetlife Ltd – local community website for Stroud district

**6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications**

a. **Decisions received:** 1 Burden Court, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge.  
S.15/0099/LBC - Add windows and atrium/conservatory to rear and rooflights.

**Consent**

**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 - £12,668.44
- Payments to Date - £5,582.27
- Receipts to Date - £8,369.17

b. To approve payments:

- Clerk's Salary £426.72
- HRRRC Tax on Clerk's Salary £106.68
- Hillesley PCC (Grant) £100.00

**8. Parish Plan:** No updates

**9. Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports: None**

**10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors**

### **John Cordwell:**

#### **County Council Budget**

On 18<sup>th</sup> February the council agreed a budget for 2015/16 of £420.03M, a decrease in cash terms of £8.075M. However the council has suffered a £17.5M reduction in central government formula grant funding, offset by increases in the council tax base and surplus of £5.4M. Public Health funding to the council has increased by £3.1M but this is because of the transfer of responsibilities to the council for 0 to 5-year-olds. . For the fifth year running, council tax has been frozen at £1090.50 at Band D.

Last September, Liberal Democrats asked for the County Council to carry out a study to identify routes that cyclists found problematic, and successfully proposed that £100k was put in the budget to do the advanced design work needed to allow schemes identified by the study to be delivered in the future.

Around £100k is to be invested to provide free Wi-Fi in every library.

Each councillor is to be allocated £2500 that can be used on tree maintenance or tree planting and a further £100k worth of proposals.

#### **Javelin Park Planning Appeal**

After several delays in a decision, in January the Secretary of State finally allowed the appeal to build this plant to the size and environmental impact that had led to its unanimous refusal by the county Council's planning committee. At an emergency meeting of the county council called by the Labour group, a vote was taken to call on the county's cabinet to cancel the contract for this. This was narrowly lost when UKIP joined the Conservatives in voting against it.

#### **Drive for Life**

A full day of talks and practical demonstrations for Y12 and 13 students was held at KLB School. This was well received by the students, a number of whom have already passed their driving test. All the emergency services attended together with the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership.

**Paul Hemming:**

**Council Tax**

This was set on 26<sup>th</sup> February after the receipt of the County Council precept which shows no change from 2014/15. The Police and Crime Commissioners budget also shows no increase. This together with the District Council's 0% increase means except for Parish precepts there is no change for the coming year. Parish rates having risen by an average of 4.54%. This will mean that unless the local parish rate has increased significantly council tax charges in many wards will have decreased thanks to newly occupied properties.

**Boundary Review**

The District Council is waiting for Parish and Town responses to the Boundary Review since receiving the recommendations of the Boundary Commission. The task & finish group are requesting that the changes to the Kingswood Ward boundary are held off until there can be a change of Parish Boundaries. The Commission may not like this as it may take Kingswood out of range of the allowed variance of 10%. It would however be very confusing for those in the small addition having a Wotton Town Councillor, Kingswood District Councillor and Cotswold MP.

**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:** Cllr D Darlow to seek a further update from Karen Phiminster

**12. Review situation with regard to rural broadband and agree next steps.** The current & future situation is not clear. **Action Point:** Cllr R Graham to continue to seek clarity from the Fastershire Project Team.

**13. Review list of proposed invitations to Annual Assembly in April 2015.** List Agreed. **Action Point:** Clerk to send out invitations and post amended date of 1<sup>st</sup> April in Hillesley Happenings. **COMPLETED**

**14. Discuss & agree next steps for proposed installation of water pipe by Alderley Farms at Well Hill, Tresham.** Cllr R Graham gave the Parish Council an update and will continue to liaise with Alderley Farms over the provision of an easement and a potential payment to allow the pipe laying to be undertaken.

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

**Next Meeting Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7.30 at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley  
with the Annual Assembly beginning at 7.00pm**

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

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

**FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2015 WILL BE:  
May 13, June 10, Jul 8, Aug na, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**