

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES**  
**Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Cllr D Darlow, Cllr A Clark, Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr R Graham, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr P Hemming & the Parish Clerk.

**In attendance:** John Dansie (Cotswold Warden) and 14 members of the public

**Public Participation:**

All those members of the public who attended expressed concerns over the Planning Application for the creation of bunds at Land Adjacent to Folly Farm. There were many concerns and issues raised over the recent Report entitled Assessment of the Attenuation of Shooting Noise Level commissioned by Bristol Clay Shooting. All these concerns were further discussed during Agenda Item 6c.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Cordwell **Accepted.**

**2. Declarations of interest:** All the Councillors expressed an interest in Item 6c as they were residents of Hillesley & Tresham Parish and were potentially affected by Item 6c

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

The minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> February 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 April Meeting.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- SDC LCTS Funding of £213.00 received into Bank Account
- Village Event Calendar has been updated by the Clerk to reflect PC Meetings etc
- Well Hill Site Visit with John Dansie required. **Action Point:** John Dansie will contact the Parish Clerk at a future date to arrange.
- Cllr G Finn had received a key to Hopkins Hall. **Action point:** Clerk to thank Jim Mason by E Mail. **COMPLETED**

**5. Correspondence received**

- SDC – Consultation on waste, recycling & Street Cleaning Services
- SDC – Local Plan Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation. **Action Point** : Clerk to forward to Cllr D Darlow. **COMPLETED**
- SDC – Building Communities Courses
- GAPTC - Elections 2014 information
- GAPTC – British Red Cross Update on Healthy Homes
- GAPTC – Policy Consultation – Audit & Accountability
- Police – update from Ben Rollins

**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.14/0425/TPO** Tresham Church. Tree Preservation Order. Fell Sycamore.

**SUPPORT** (on Safety Reasons)

**13/0042/STMAJW** Land Adjacent to Folly Farm

**Action Point:** Clerk to register specific comments relating to previous issues which have either:

- not been addressed by the four new documents from the applicant particularly, Transport and Environmental Issues and Safety Concerns
- or relate particularly to the content of the 'attenuation of noise' report.

## 7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

Cheques signed as below:

- Clerk's Salary £408.00
- HMRC Tax on Clerk's Salary £102.00
- JFMC (Grant) £1200.00
- Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground (Grant) £75.00
- Hillesley Churchyard (Grant) £200.00

## 8. Parish Plan:

No updates

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

A tree (within Hillesley House and by the phone box) is overhanging the pavement and restricting the street lighting.

A drain grating (opposite Hillesley House and by the entrance to the paddock) has become rusted and unsafe

**Action Point:** Clerk to report these to Gloucestershire Highways

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

### John Cordwell:

#### County Council Budget 2014/15

The budget is for £428.11M which represents a decrease in cash terms of £2.80 M. The council tax has been frozen for a fourth year, requiring a precept of £227.134M.

#### Public Rights of Way Issues

In order to address outstanding activity, two full-time posts have been advertised internally and have drawn considerable interest.

#### Residual Waste Disposal (Javelin Park)

The inspector will submit his report and recommendations to the Secretary of State, supposedly not later than 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014. The Secretary of State's decision is timetabled to be made by 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Application Associated with Clay Pigeon Shooting

It is now expected that the planning application will go to the County Council's Planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May. There will probably be a site visit by the committee which would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Paul Hemming:

#### Council Tax

The increases are small for 1014/15 with the County and District maintaining precepts at the 2013/14 figure. The Police precept saw an increase by 1.99% and Parish and Town Councils having the biggest increase with an average of 3.04%. It is also now possible to receive Council Tax Bills online rather than by post.

#### Financial Transaction Tax (the so called Robin Hood Tax)

At the February 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting there was a motion to support this, which was approved. This seeks to work with other Councils to persuade the Government to extend the FTT.

#### Local Government Association's Rewiring Public Services campaign.

This seeks to ask Stroud's MP to support the campaign to improve local voters' influence over services, tax and spending and to make the Council's position clear to the Secretary of State.

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

Parish Clerk has prepared posters advertising the Consultation Event. Letters have been prepared by Karen Phiminster.

**Action Points:**

- Clerk to send poster by E Mail to all Councillors who will display in prominent sites around the village including The Fleece, Hillesley School, St Giles Church etc. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr G Finn to prepare text for envelope labels and send to all Councillors requesting feedback & approval. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr A Doughty to arrange distribution of letters to all parishioners by March 22nd.
- Clerk to pass the letters to Cllr D Darlow.

**12. Discuss and agree relevant actions re request for more grit bins on road between Alderley & Tresham, which lies in the Parish of Alderley.**

Awaiting a response from Dr Rowland . **Action Point:** Add to March Agenda

**13. Review & discuss options for the purchase of a new noticeboard for Tresham and agree next steps.**

It was agreed to purchase a new noticeboard. **Action Point:** Cllr R Graham to order a suitable noticeboard

**14. Review potential plans for WW1 Commemoration & agree whether to pursue the addition of a further name on the War Memorial**

Cllr R Graham gave an update. The school would like to work in partnership with the Parish Council and plan to create a display/presentation commemorating WW1 during the Summer term. This may be connected with the names on the War Memorial if it is possible to research these appropriately.

**15. Agree Actions re introduction and adoption of the SDC Pre-Application Community Involvement Protocol**

The Council agreed that the draft Protocol should now be adopted and notified to SDC

**Action Points:**

- Parish Clerk to send protocol adoption confirmation and Hillesley & Tresham addendum to SDC. **COMPLETED**

**16. Agree correct level of Parish Clerk's Salary**

The Council agreed that the Clerk's salary should be increased in line with the NALC recommendation.

**17. Discuss & agree resulting actions in preparation for Annual Parish Assembly**

**Action Points:**

- Parish Clerk to send out invitations to those on the on-going master-list used in previous years. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr D Darlow to prepare some text for Hillesley Happenings.

**Meeting closed at 10.00pm**

**Next Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly:** Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April 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:**

**May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug n/a, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10**