

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 12th November 2014

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

In attendance: No Members of the public

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: None

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

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

The minutes of 8th October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the December Meeting.

Cllr R Graham confirmed that 6 half size blue agricultural supplies bins had been promised to the Parish Council.

Action Points: Cllr R Graham to:

- arrange to have the new grit bins filled by either supplies from Gloucestershire Highways or by existing winter supplies in stock.
- Prepare an item re Bonfire (????) - can't remember what this was !

4. Clerk's Report

- New Contractor has completed initial maintenance on Memorial Green
- Parish Clerk has registered with the Information Commissioner
- A refund for the VAT paid on the new Tresham Noticeboard has been requested from HMRC

5. Correspondence received

- Stroud Valleys Project – Request for financial support
- Gloucestershire Constabulary - operational report

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

Woodbine Cottage, Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley. Permission
S.14/1949/HHOLD - Single storey side extension

Tresham Church, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge. Refusal
S.14/1992/TPO - T1 Sycamore - Fell.

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 - £14,385.64
- Payments to Date - £2,951.89
- Receipts to Date - £8,239.39

b. To approve payments:

- Information Commissioner 's Office- £35.00

8. **Parish Plan:** Nothing to report
9. **Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports:** Dark Lane Bridleway is reported to be almost impassable and dangerous due to the stream being blocked and a telegraph pole obstructing the bridleway. **Action Point:** Clerk to prepare some text for John Lane (PROW representative at GCC) and send to Cllr D Darlow

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

John Cordwell:

Javelin Park Planning Appeal:- The decision by the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, has been delayed yet again (until possibly not later than 22nd December).

County Council Budget:- The Cabinet have not yet revealed their plans to cut the budget by a further £75M in the next few years. Formal public consultation should follow the 10th December Cabinet meeting and end mid January.

Active Together Grants: Cllr J Cordwell now has just under £10k left.

Paul Hemming:

The Boundary Review submission is now with the Boundary Commission. Draft recommendations from the commission will go to public consultation from 3rd February 2015 until 30th March 2015. Final recommendations will then be made on 30th June 2015. Following Parliamentary scrutiny in September the final format will be implemented for the local elections in 2016.

The new Multi Services Contract review was agreed. This includes a new strategy for Refuse & Recycling, Garden Waste, Bulky Waste, Street Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance and Building Cleaning (Municipal Buildings). The council will join the local authority company Ubico Ltd, as a shareholder.

The level of Council Tax discount for Class C empty properties will be set at 25% for the 6 months' period, from April 2015. The first month is currently a 100% discount.

The local Council Tax Support Scheme adopted for the coming year April 2015 – March 2016 will be the same as for this year.

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

It was agreed that the Parish Council had insufficient new information at this time to justify arranging a further Public Event. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to approach Karen Phimister to enquire whether any further progress had been made

12. **Agree whether any feedback is appropriate for the Kingswood Village Design Statement**

All the Councillors agreed that it was a most impressive & professional piece of work with excellent photographic content. There was no material feedback on the actual content.

13. **Agree Budget for 2015-16 (as informally agreed on 22nd October 2014).**

Agreed and filed. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to prepare a short piece for Hillesley Happenings and the Clerk to prepare a short summary for the Parish Council noticeboards.

14. **Agree actions to improve the quality of maintenance of some of the allotment plots.**

Various options were discussed and agreed.

Action Points:

Parish Clerk to amend the communication re annual rent request to re-inforce the forfeit of plot clause.

Parish Clerk to contact Sue Bailey of Wotton Parish Council to understand their processes & communication re keeping the allotments well-maintained.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next Meeting Wed 10th December 2014 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:

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