

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 13th January 2016

Present: Cllr A Doughty, Cllr A Clark, Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham, and Cllr D Darlow

In attendance: Cllr j Cordwell, PCSO Charlotte King, Karen Phiminster, the Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation:

The parishioners expressed further concern about the process used for choosing one of the two potential sites for affordable housing. These comments were noted by the Parish Councillors and Karen Phiminster. Further consideration will be given to these concerns to ensure all possibilities for sites are considered appropriately.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr P Hemming (accepted)

2. **Declarations of interest:** None

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

The minutes of 10th December were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the February Meeting including the maintenance needed on the Hillesley Parish Noticeboard.

4. **Clerk's Report**

- Precept Request formally confirmed at £8k despite the withdrawal of LCTS funding.
Action Point: Clerk to sign and send to SDC. **COMPLETED (confirmed as received)**

5. **Correspondence received**

- GCC – Big Community Switch posters to be placed on noticeboard
- GCC – Re-surfacing of Kingswood Rd 1 & 2 March
- SDC – Neighbourhood Warden update
- SDC – Parish Precept Request Form
- Brodie Manning – speculative mailshot re Neighbourhood Planning
- Cotswold Conservation Board – Vacancy for Parish Member – John Dansie was interested in volunteering
- GRCC - offer of help

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

a. **Decisions received:**

S.15/2116/HHOLD 4 The Furlongs, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge. Loft conversion into bedroom with dormer. **Permission**

b. **Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None**

c. **Consultation on new Applications:**

S.15/2489/HHOLD Vine Cottage, Kilcote Road. Erection of wood-store and installation of roof window to bedroom. **Neither Support nor Object**

S.15/2835/CPE Certificate Existing Lawful Use PP-04606806 Horseshoe Hollow, Kilcote Road. **Neither Support nor Object**

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £ 17,641.80
- Payments to Date - £2,604.95
- Receipts to Date - £8,361.71

b. To approve payments: **Approved**

HMRC Tax on Clerk's Salary £106.68

Clerk's Salary £426.72

Clerk's Expenses £30.56

8. Parish Plan: None

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

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council budget 2016/2017

Last month's Cabinet meeting agreed to go out to consultation on two options for the coming year's budget. The Cabinet is proposing:

- a 1.99% council tax increase, the first rise in six years.
- a possible additional levy of up to 2% specifically for social care .

Consultation is in progress and continues until Friday 22nd January. To take part visit: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2016. The final decision on next year's precept will be taken by the full County Council on Wednesday 17th February.

Mobile Phone Coverage in Gloucestershire

Please let me know of anything you wish me to submit to the County Council on the following before 29th January:

Tresham Water Run-Off Drainage Works

The GCC work is still in the design stage, but there has been correspondence over the proposed water connection in the same location to ensure there is no conflict.

Paul Hemming:

Council Budget - proposals are recommended to Council for approval on the 28th January. An increase in Council Tax by 2%; maximum without triggering a referendum; which would increase by 7pence per week the Band D contribution. This will result in £8.036m income. There are no service improvements planned for 2016/17 due to pressure on finances and non-mandatory services will need to be carefully investigated.

Right To Buy - From April 2016 is the extension of 'Right to Buy' for tenants of Registered Providers.

11. Discuss & agree next steps for possible Affordable Housing in Hillesley.

Following the informal meeting of Councillors & Karen Phiminster on the 21st December 2015, further discussions took place regarding:

- the size, position, design, preparation and management of any proposed car park
- the proportion of total square footage between Open Market and Affordable Housing in any proposed development.

It was agreed that, before making any progress or agreement on the possible adoption of any car parking facilities on any proposed site for Affordable Housing, the Parish Councillors would need to consult with the Planning Authority (on a pre-planning basis) to be clear on what (and where) a site could be agreed upon within Hillesley. Meanwhile, it was agreed that, should The Parish Council consider additional car parking to be required in connection with any proposed development, it would be willing to accept land gifted by the developer for the purpose, subject to the developer constructing such car park to a specification agreed with the Parish Council. Concern was again expressed that Piper Homes and English Rural Housing had had an opportunity to meet with the Planning Dept, but the Parish Council had not yet been offered this opportunity.

Action Points:

- Cllr R Graham to share his research on Affordable Housing in other districts with Karen Phiminster. **COMPLETED**
- Cllr D Darlow to again contact the Head of Planning to set up a meeting without delay. **COMPLETED**
- Karen Phiminster to share the minutes of the pre-planning meeting held on 15th October 2015. **COMPLETED**

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

Cllr R Graham will attend the meeting in February at North Nibley Parish Council with the local MP (Mr Clifton Brown)

13. Discuss & agree next steps for proposed installation of water pipe by Alderley Farms at Well Hill, Tresham.

Cllr R Graham reported that there had been much correspondence and a suitable scheme had been agreed. It was hoped that the bridle path might be improved as a result of the water main works. Cllr R Graham returned the 3 archive binders to the Parish Clerk.

14. Discuss & agree next steps re theft of tiles from Hillesley Bus Shelter

It was agreed that DA Hill would be asked to complete the works according to his quotation for replacing the missing tiles.

Action Points:

- Clerk to contact the Parish Council's insurers for their agreement to go ahead with the repair. And to commit to a date for the start of the work. **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to ask DA Hill to begin work as soon as possible once agreed by the insurers. **COMPLETED**

15. Review proposal for new school sign and agree next steps. No further progress

16. Review budgeted grants and confirm payment if appropriate.

These were reviewed and it was agreed that there should be no action on the Cotswold Wardens Grant. **Action Points:** Organisations who may need the budgeted grants should be approached for confirmation as follows.

Cllr D Darlow - JFMC. **COMPLETED**

Cllr A Clark - Wotton Pool

Cllr G Finn - St Giles Churchyard

Parish Clerk - Baptist Churchyard **COMPLETED**

18. Confirm External Auditor for Financial Accounts year ending April 2017

Confirmed as Smaller Authority Audit Appointment Authority Ltd. There is no requirement to opt into this arrangement and this will proceed without any further confirmation.

Meeting closed at 21.15pm

Next Meeting Wed February 10th 2016 at 7.30pm at Hopkins Hall, Hillesley

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

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

Future Dates for 2016: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, Aug na, Sept 14th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th