

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 14th January 2015

Present: Cllr D Darlow,, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr G Finn, Cllr A Doughty, and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: Mr J Dansie

Public Participation: None other than that related to Items 9 & 15 (see below)

- 1. Apologies for absence: Cllr R Gordon, Cllr P Hemming & Cllr J Cordwell (accepted)**
- 2. Declarations of interest: Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles & Cllr D Darlow (Allotment tenants)**
- 3. Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).**

The minutes of 10th December 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 January Meeting.

Cllr R Graham confirmed that the 6 half size blue grit bins had been placed in the agreed sites .and he was still waiting for Gloucestershire Highways to fill them. Also he will chase them to replace the broken/missing signs at the A46/Tresham junction.

4. Clerk's Report

- Nothing of importance to report

5. Correspondence received

- GAPTC – Further guidance on Housing need Assessments and 5 year Local Housing Supply. (Given to Cllr A Doughty)
- GAPTC Subscriptions increased and due in March (29.6p x 471 electorates = £139.42)
- GAPTC – nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party by 29th January
- Came & Company – Managing Seasonal Issues Guidance re clearing snow & ice and Risk Assessments. (Given to Cllr D Darlow)
- NALC – Section 137 Expenditure limit of £7.36 per elector (471) = £3467
- Rural Services Network – Action with Communities in Rural England Petition (ACRE - Network of Rural Community Councils) – DEFRA planning to reduce their budget.
- Letter re vacant allotment plots. (Given to Cllr J Knowles)
- Advice from police on avoiding burglary. (Copies given to Cllr A Doughty for The Fleece and Cllr D Darlow to post on noticeboard)
- GAPTC – information re Internal Audit. **Action Point:** Clerk to clarify the position re external audit with GAPTC.

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.14/2919/HHOLD Stile Cottage, Tresham,

Proposed rear single story extension, associated internal layout modifications and replacement windows. Proposed glazed gable to existing rear elevation and new window to western elevation

Neither object nor support

S.14/2744/HHOLD

1 Burden Court, Tresham, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

Add windows and atrium/conservatory to rear and rooflights

Neither object nor support

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £12,863.67
- Payments to Date - £4,600.29
- Receipts to Date - £8,365.82

b. To approve payments:

- Clerk's Expenses £18.58
- Hillesley Allotment Association - Application for a grant for hedge-cutting. It was agreed that the specific amount was to be confirmed when the invoice for actual work was received from the Allotments Association. This is anticipated to be on or about £100.00. **Action Point:** Clerk to inform the Allotments Association.

8. Parish Plan: Nothing to report

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

Mr J Dansie kindly outlined his preferred long term project to establish a re-routed (and disabled friendly) footpath from Wotton under Edge to Hillesley. This would need the involvement of the communities of Wotton, Kingswood, Alderley & Hillesley.

Action Points:

- Clerk to contact Cllr J Cordwell to understand the implications of this project & whether any grants might be available.
- Cllr D Darlow to report the deep and wide pothole on the Kingswood Road.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council Budget - Consultation on the draft budget ended on the 14th January

Javelin Park Planning Appeal - The third date of 22nd December 2014 passed without a decision from Mr Pickles and no new date was advised. Lib Dem members called for an emergency meeting of the County Council to press for a decision. Almost immediately afterwards Mr Pickles' decision to allow the appeal was issued. It is possible there will be a call for a judicial review of the decision.

Active Together Grants - 4 bids received and submitted four bids with my approval. All of these have now been successful. There is another bid in hand and a further one expected which, if it arrives would complete expenditure of the original £40k grant.

Children's Activity Fund - I have received and submitted two bids with my approval, both of which have been successful. There is little money left in this fund, but a further £5k should be available in the coming financial year.

Paul Hemming:

(None received)

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

Karen Phiminster is not expecting any further responses from the landowners and therefore 3 out of the 8 potential sites are being considered awaiting any interest shown from Housing Associations. There was no interest from the preferred Gloucestershire CC Housing Associations partnerships.

Action Point: Cllr D Darlow to ask Karen Phiminster to approach English Rural Housing Association to set up a meeting to ascertain whether they may show an interest and to contact the other 6 Housing Associations on the list supplied by the Parish Clerk after the December 2014 PC meeting.

12. **Review and complete Parish Precept Request Form 2015/16.** Signed. **Action Point:** Clerk to post to Stroud District Council.
13. **Discuss & agree who should attend Planning Meeting with SDC on 19th February 2015.** Cllr D Darlow may be able to attend. **Action Point:** Clerk to place on the February 2015 Agenda.
14. **Review current situation with regard to rural broadband and agree next steps.** **Action Point:** Clerk to postpone to the February meeting as Cllr R Graham not present.
15. **Agree Next Steps for proposed Tresham and Hillesley Villages Spring Clean dates.** It was agreed that Saturday 28th March (10.00am to 12.00am) should be the date for Hillesley. Mr J Dansie confirmed that a Spring clean of Tresham would not be something which the Cotswold Wardens would undertake, and it was felt more appropriate for the parishioners themselves to undertake this task.
Action Points:
Clerk to send a note of this for inclusion in Hillesley Happenings and to include this Agenda Item (for Tresham village) at the February meeting
16. **Discuss & agree possible Grant to Hillesley Allotment Association** (see Item 7 Finance).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Meeting Wed 11th February 2015 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:

Mar 11, Apr 8 (tbc), May 13, June 10, Jul 8, Aug na, Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9th