

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**Talbot Court Farm Barn, Tresham on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Present:** Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr A Clark, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr D Darlow

**In attendance:** Cllr J Cordwell , Cllr P Hemming, the Parish Clerk, Charlotte King PCSO, Fiona Symes, Chair of Governors Hillesley Primary School and 1 member of the public

**Public Participation:**

- Fiona Symes gave an overview of the request to place a Hillesley School sign on the Parish Noticeboard. **Action Point:** Fiona Symes to contact Stroud DC and Glos Highways to ensure that the proposed sign would not be considered as a distraction to passing traffic.
- A letter of objection to the planning application in Item 6c was explained by a parishioner
- Richard Goodenough expressed his thanks for the grant to Tresham Church Committee

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Graham (accepted)

**2. Declarations of interest:** None

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

The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the November Meeting.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- First half of Precept banked £4,000.00
- Transparency Code requirements reviewed
- Verbal estimates obtained for replacement of tiles on bus shelter
- The cost of mowing Memorial Green may increase to £450 with the same contractor. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to submit a piece on the availability of a gardener to those in Hillesley village.

**5. Correspondence received**

- GRCC – Community Emergency Plan – Template on CD available. **Action Point:** Clerk to request a copy
- Gloucestershire Constabulary New Phone Number for PCSO Benjamin Rollins is 07816 212447
- Stroud Valleys Project – Appeal for grant or volunteers
- Cotswold DC – Appeal for votes for Gloucestershire Visit England 'Homeofsport' competition
- GAPTC Training Course on navigating their new website 27<sup>th</sup> October
- Stroud DC Newsletter
- Wotton under Edge Police – Winter Hints & Tips. Action Point: Cllr D Darlow to place on noticeboard
- GRCC – Friends For You service. **Action Point:** Clerk to send to Hillesley Happenings
- GCC – Fire & Rescue Plan 2015/18 Operational Response Review Consultation
- Stroud DC – Funded Public Transport Consultation
- Coleford Town Council – Charities Showcase
- Stroud DC – Internal Restructure of Communities & Facilities Department

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

**a. Decisions received:**

**S.15/0868/HHOLD** Withymore Cottage, Day House Lane. Construction of a single studio annexe as additional accommodation ancillary to Withymore Cottage. **Permission**

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

**c. Consultation on new Applications:**

**S.15/2308/HHOLD** Pear Tree Cottage, Reeds Row, Hawkesbury Road. Proposed First Floor Extension. **Neither Support nor Object**

**7. Finance**

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

**a. To monitor performance to date**

- Balance at Bank - £ 18,376.80
- Payments to Date - £2,589.95
- Receipts to Date - £8,361.71

**b. To approve payments: All approved**

- Information Commissioner's Office £35.00
- GRCC Membership renewal £25.00
- LR Spratling Stationery Expenses £10.00

**8. Parish Plan:** No updates

**9. Highways, footpaths & waterways** - To consider reports: See report from Cllr John Cordwell.

**Action Points:**

Cllr Finn to inspect the weeping manhole outside Ebenezer Cottage.

Parish Clerk to report subsidence in pavement outside 21 Hawkesbury Road to Andrew Middlecote (Glos Highways)

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

**John Cordwell:**

**Highways Local**

Dark Lane is to be resurfaced from the main road to the entrance to the playing field.

**Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan review**

The consultation dates for this are from 20<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**Consultation on Public Transport, Community Transport and Concessionary Fares Review**

This is running from 6<sup>th</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> January. Full details of the consultation can be found at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fundedtransport](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fundedtransport).

**County Council Spending**

The financial monitoring report to Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> September showed a forecast overspend in the Older People and Adults with Physical Disabilities budget of £7.1M for this financial year.

**Paul Hemming:**

**Devolution** is a distraction at the moment with the County Council having submitted its plan to government.

**Council Houses**: Work has started on the construction of 51 new council homes in Leonard Stanley.

**Icelandic Bank failure**: The council was fortunate to recover 98% of the £3 million it held in investments with Icelandic banks.

**2015 Living Waterways Awards**: The restored waterway between Stonehouse and Bowbridge came top of the Restoration and Historic Environment Category

**Multi Service Contract**: The Gossington Bridge site is now purchased and the planning application for the new building is in the process of production.

**RSCPCA Awards**: The Council has been given four awards in recognition of the high quality of its animal welfare work.

**11. Discuss & agree Next Steps for provision of maintenance plan for Well Hill.**

No update in Cllr R Graham's absence

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

**Action Point:** Clerk to E Mail Karen Phiminster & ask for an update.

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

No update in Cllr R Graham's absence

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

No update in Cllr R Graham's absence. **Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to approach Michael Johnston of Loxley Solicitors re 'easement' advice.

**15. Agree Parish Council budget for 2016/17**

Proposed budget agreed with one additional grant for Hillesley School of £450.00

**Action Point:** Clerk to amend budget ready for confirmation at November Meeting.

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

Charlotte King PCSO informed the Parish Council that 'smart water' could be used on the existing & new tiles to identify those any tiles which were stolen in the future .Two verbal estimates received from local builders.

**Action Points:**

- Clerk to obtain written estimates of both actual Cotswold tiles and concrete copies and ask the Council's insurer what the effect on our annual premium might be if the Council claimed for the repair of the bus shelter.
- PCSO to obtain cost of smart water
- Cllr D Darlow to prepare a piece for Hillesley Happenings.
- Clerk to add Charlotte King to distribution List for Monthly Meetings

**17. Discuss & agree the next steps for the new Transparency Code.** Most requirements are already met. Parish Clerk to proceed on a 'best endeavour' basis.

**18. Review proposal for new school sign and agree next steps.** The Parish Council agreed to pay for the sign. **Action Points:** Fiona Symes to E Mail the final design and cost to the Parish Clerk

**Meeting closed at 21.35pm**

**Next Meeting Wed 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 2015/2016:** Dec 9th, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, Aug na, Sept 14th, Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th