

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 8th October 2014

Present: Cllr D Darlow,, Cllr A Clark, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr S Butcher, Cllr J Cordwell, Cllr P Hemming and the Parish Clerk

In attendance: No Members of the public

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr G Finn, Cllr A Doughty and Cllr R Graham

2. Declarations of interest: None

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

The minutes of 10th September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Any Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the Nov Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- Confirmation of receipt of 2nd Half Year Precept of £4,000

5. Correspondence received

- GRCC – Healthwatch Gloucestershire – invitation to join
- GRCC – Free In Touch Activity Events – Christine Sweet – Village Agent
- GAPTC – new Chief Officer Mrs Jacquie Webster – ex Clerk to Quedgeley Parish Council
- GAPTC – Big Community Switch
- GCC Parish & Town Council Newsletter
- GCC – Consultation - Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule for examination.
- GCC – Cllr Andrew Gravells – new responsibility for public health and communities (including Parish & Town Councils)
- Accessible Britain Challenge
- SDC – Consultation - draft Housing Strategy 2014-1019
- SDC - Warm and Well is Stroud District Council's approved home energy efficiency scheme.
- GAPTC – Data Protection Act.

Action Point: It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should register with the Information Commissioner to ensure compliance with the Data Protection Act. There will be a one-off fee of £35.00. **COMPLETED – awaiting cheque to be signed**

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

S.14/1878/AGR Upgrade existing manure storage yard. Permitted Development

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.

Action Point: It was agreed that an informal budget meeting should be held on 22nd October in The Fleece at 7.30pm and that the Parish Clerk would circulate an Agenda in advance of the Meeting. **COMPLETED**

- a. To monitor performance to date
 - Balance at Bank - £14,735.64
 - Payments to Date - £2,601.89
 - Receipts to Date - £8,239.39
- b. To approve payments:
 - Tresham Church Committee £350.00 (Grant)

8. **Parish Plan:** Nothing to report

9. **Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports:** Nothing to report

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

John Cordwell:

Clay Pigeon planning application, Kingswood

This could not be dealt with at the September County Council Planning Committee meeting.

LGA/RSN Annual Rural Conference: Points of interest:

Royal Mail are looking for possible locations for another 2000 postboxes in rural areas and in new residential developments. Contact jenny.hall@royalmail.com if you have any local requests.

Tattenhall Parish Council gave a presentation on how they reached their now adopted neighbourhood plan despite challenges from developers.

Javelin Park Planning Appeal

The Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, has delayed his decision on this appeal, previously due in September. His decision is now supposed to be made no later than 30th November 2014, although it may be held back until after the General Election. Delays are causing the County Council's costs to mount.

Children's Activity Fund

This has similarities to the Active Together Fund but with much less money available, just £5k per county councillor. The purpose of this fund is to "enhance the well-being of children and young people aged five to 18 years old who are living, studying and playing in Gloucestershire". Details can be found at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/childrensactivityfund. Details have been passed to the village school by Cllr D Darlow.

John Kay

Please note that Local Highways Manager, John Kay, is on sick leave at present.

Amey

The Highways Advisory Group, are meeting with Amey later this month to discuss issues since they have taken over the contract.

Paul Hemming:

Boundary Commission:

The Electoral Review of the Council is now out for consultation by the Boundary Commission. The Consultation lasts from 26th August until 3rd November.

Waste & Recycling Service:

The Task & Finish Group submitted its proposals for a new service from mid 2016; when the current contract with Veolia comes to an end. The contract which would cost in the region of £4m may see a Food Waste collection service, an updated Green Waste System, which will have a cost to residents associated with it and a change to Residual Waste collections becoming fortnightly. There may also be a charge for the collection of Bulky Items. The recommendation included replacing black bags wherever possible with wheelie bins. Over a ten-year period this would be cost neutral. It is also recommended that the contractor would be Ubico, which is a partnership arrangement between Cheltenham and Cotswold Councils and which Stroud would join as a third shareholder.

Stroud District Council Constitution:

Work is continuing with bringing this up to date and more understandable, especially to new councillors. There is another group looking at member development which should lead to both existing and new councillors having more and better knowledge and leaving no doubt as to what is required of them. There is currently quite a discrepancy in the amount of work taken on by individual councillors toward the successful functioning of the organisation as a unit.

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. The Council will consider this again at the November meeting.

12. Agree Actions to source a new contractor for the upkeep of Memorial Green.

Cllr D Darlow had found another possible contractor and was hoping that another quotation could be received from him by Sunday 13th October.

Action Point: It was agreed that, if this further quotation was cheaper than those received to date, the Parish Clerk should contract with this new contact. **COMPLETED**

13. Agree whether any applications are to be made for Children's Activity Fund 2014 from Gloucestershire County Council

Action Point: It was agreed that Cllr D Darlow should forward the information to the Village School. **COMPLETED**

14. Confirm whether the Hillesley & Tresham Parish Council have any issues with the Amey contract with Gloucestershire County Council.

Action Point: It was agreed that Cllr A Doughty should report to the Highways Department that the lamp post in the Field car park is lit up all day long

15. Agree relevant actions regarding entitlement of all Tresham children on school bus transport.

This issue was resolved before this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next Meeting Wed 12th November 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 2014 WILL BE: Dec 10