

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM MINUTES
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 9th July 2014

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

In attendance: 6 members of the public

Public Participation:

A range of serious concerns were raised by the members of the public re the Outline Planning Application for land at the Rear of Farmcote. These were also discussed and agreed by Councillors in Item 6.

1. Apologies for absence: NONE

2. Declarations of interest: NONE

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

The minutes of 11th June 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 Sept Meeting.

4. Clerk's Report

- All allotment rents now paid
- Annual Insurance Premium sent
- Confirmation of Annual Return received by Grant Thornton

5. Correspondence received

- SDC – Lights Out 4th August. **It was suggested that a candle should be placed on the War Memorial**
- SDC – Merrywalks Car Park Consultation
- SDC – Dispensations Guide – **filed by the Parish Clerk**
- SDC – Working together – feedback request
- SDC – Youth Grant Funding Programme 14/15
- GCC – Local Transport Review – Questionnaire
- GCC - Minerals Local Plan Site Options and Draft Policy Framework Start date: 20/06/14 16:00 End date: 18/08/14 23:59
- GCC – Parish & Town Council Newsletter
- GCC – Highways Information Meeting
- GAPTC – AGM 16th July – numbers of attendees needed - **NONE**
- GAPTC – New Governance & Accountability Guide 2014 – **filed by the Parish Clerk**
- GAPTC – Constitutional changes
- GAPTC – Plain English Guide
- GAPTC – New Financial Regulations – **filed by the Parish Clerk**
- Rural Services Network – seeking views on affordable housing
- Local Works - Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity
- Family Lives Charity - free one to one support to ex-service families for up to 3 months.
- GRCC – Membership Renewal – **cheque prepared as accounted for in budget**
- GRCC – Newsletter
- GRCC – Grants for Neighbourhood Plans
- Clocking Off Campaign – Request for Grant
- NHS Gloucestershire - Gloucestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – **passed to Cllr D Darlow**

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received:

S.14/1379/AGR - Agricultural open sided barn Lower Kilcott Farm, Kilcot Road, Hillesley. **Permission**

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers:

S.14/1078/HHOLD Hillesley Mill, Alderley Road. Alter reversed pitched roof to mono pitch to lobby. Install metal railing to verandah. Render & colour **brick panel to front elevations. Neither Support nor Object**

c. Consultation on new applications:

S.14/1271/FUL Land At Pleasant View, High Street, Hillesley. Erection of 2 dwellings and garages. Demolition of and erection of new stable building. Revised access and associated works. **OBJECT.**

Action Point: The Parish Clerk will submit comments on the Planning website and send a letter with full details of the objections to the Planning Department

S.14/1346/OUT Land At The Rear Of Farmcote Hillesley. Erection of 3 dwellings. **OBJECT**

Action Point: The Parish Clerk will submit comments on the Planning website and send a letter with full details of the objections to the Planning Department

S.14/1294/HHOLD Graceland, Kilcot Road, Hillesley Two storey rear extension. **Neither Support nor Object**

S.14/1319/HHOLD Box Tree Cottage, Kingswood Road, Hillesley. Two and a half story extension and replacement porch. **Neither Support nor Object**
It was noted that a previous application had been made some time ago but the work was never done.

Action Point: The Clerk to find the response to the original application.

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

Cheques signed as below: **NONE**

8. Parish Plan:

Nothing to report

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

Accidents: It was noted that there had been 2 serious accidents involving bicycles. As the police had attended, these accidents will receive the appropriate attention of GCC Highways in due course

Action Point: The Clerk to report the pothole outside no 4 St Giles Barton on the High Street

Well Hill: Cllr R Graham reported that there was no evidence that residents of Tresham were prepare to undertake regular maintenance of Well Hill. It was agreed that John Dansie should be thanked for his clearance work and asked if it was possible to clear the steps once a year, without undertaking a full clearance of the area.

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

Condition of Footpaths: At the County Council meeting last month the Cabinet Member was asked about the overgrown condition of footpaths (PROWs) in the county.

Active Together Grants: Application forms are on the County Council website:
<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/activetogether>. Applications are welcomed from those who are trying to get people of all and any ages becoming more physically active.

LED Street Lighting: The decision to tender for the award of a contract will be made by Cabinet on 23rd July.

Funding for Roads: Recently the Government announced a national £168M fund for pothole repairs. Gloucestershire has been awarded £3.38M from this which must be spent by next March, but the backlog in road repairs is estimated at £86M and the county needs to spend £19M per year for the condition of the network just to stand still of which between £4M and £6M is spent on potholes.

Paul Hemming:

Nothing of any relevance to the Parish Council to report this month

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

The Report produced by Cllr D Darlow was reviewed and the Parish Council awaits a response from Karen Phimister re her conversations with landowners and the Planning Department

12. Memorial Green

Action Point: signed contract to be sent to Tara Stein by The Clerk

13. Discuss & agree actions re request for more grit bins on the road between Alderley & Tresham

Concerns had been raised that the installation of blue bins might be problematic as they could be unstable on the sloping terrain.

Action Point: Cllr R Graham to agree with Cllr D Darlow on the exact nature of a fit for purpose grit bin and order this, even though the road was outside the Parish boundary, as it would benefit the residents of the Parish.

14. Agree next steps re the purchase of a new noticeboard for Tresham

The noticeboard has been ordered – with a delivery of circa 6 weeks .

Action Point: Cllr Graham to update the Parish Council when received.

15. Agree response to request from Smith Gore to lay new water piping at Alderley Farms

Action Point: Clerk to contact Smith Gore to request that they arrange a site visit with Cllr R Graham

Meeting closed at 9. 15pm

Next Meeting Wed 10th September 2014 at 7.30 at Tresham

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2014 WILL BE: Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10