

PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM
Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 9th March 2016

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

In attendance: Cllr P Hemming, the Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public

Public Participation:

Affordable Housing:

John Dansie re-emphasised concern that insufficient consideration of the Kilcott Road site had been made by the District Housing Enabler and the SDC Planning Authority. Clarification was sought on why the Hawkesbury Road site had been established as the 'preferred option' by Karen Phiminster and SDC. Potential developers of the Kilcott Road site were also concerned that the possible value of, and financial return on, any potential development might not now justify their involvement with the Kilcott Road landowner.

Action Points:

- Cllr A Clark to express these views to Karen Phiminster. **COMPLETED**
- The Parish Clerk to obtain the criteria used to define the Hawkesbury Road site as the 'preferred option'. **COMPLETED**

The AONB Planning Officer prefers the Kilcott Road site and will be expressing this view should a Planning Application be submitted for the Hawkesbury Road site.

Action Point from February meeting. Data collected on car parking was as follows:

- Sat 20th February at 4.30pm – 31 cars parked on Hawkesbury Road
- Tuesday 8th March at 6.30pm – 25 cars parked on Hawkesbury Road

In answer to a privacy concern, Cllr P Hemming confirmed that there were general guidelines for new developments being proposed close to existing properties.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr d Darlow & Councillor J Cordwell (accepted)
2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr A Clark re Item 6c as it refers to his own property.
3. **Confirm Minutes of the last meeting(s).**
The minutes of 10th February 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the April Meeting including the maintenance needed on the Hillesley Parish Noticeboard.
4. **Clerk's Report**
Bus Shelter Repairs – now completed
Parish Council Elections on May 5th 2016 – Nomination Papers Received
Latest parishioner feedback doc loaded onto Parish website
Appointment made with Richard Goodenough for Annual Audit
Application made for a Grant to design, develop and support a new PC website
Neighbourhood Warden (Rachel Pratt) introduced herself and her role to the Council and provided posters for the Notice Boards.. **Action Point:** Clerk to request an entry re role of Neighbourhood Warden in Hillesley Happenings. **COMPLETED**

Sites of dog fouling include Chapel Lane, 4 entrances to the Playing Fields, Hawkesbury Road (opposite the proposed site for Affordable Housing), entrance to Stan Chappell's field and the 2 public footpaths to the allotments. **Action Point:** Clerk to inform Neighbourhood Warden and agree Next Steps. **COMPLETED**

5. Correspondence received

- PCSO - Neighbourhood Watch and update
- Golden Valley Classic MCC - 6th March (sent to HH)
- Pete Ponting – reply to letter confirming they will take steps to prevent further occurrence. **Action Point:** Clerk to write to Pete Ponting again to ask him to clear Dark Lane and the Playing Fields car park before the re-surfacing is undertaken. **COMPLETED**
- Everyman Theatre – 'Anything Goes'
- Tower Mint – sale of Commemorative Medals for schools. Given to Cllr R Graham for Hillesley School information.
- Gloucestershire Chest Fund – appeal for Grant. Does not meet the Parish Council criteria for grants and donations

6. Planning Applications : to note decisions and consider applications

a. Decisions received: Land At The Rear Of, Farmcote, Hillesley.

S.15/2505/REM - Approval of all reserved matters from appeal.

APP/C1625/W/15/3004810 (S.14/1346/OUT) - Erection of 3 dwellings **Approval**

b. Applications dealt with under Delegated Powers: None

c. Consultation on new Applications:

S.16/0369/HHOLD 25 Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley, Addition of balcony to rear elevation and associated elevational changes. Respond by date: 24 March 2016.

Action Point: Clerk to send planning link to all Councillors who will send any objections to the Clerk by 13th March to enable the Clerk to use delegated authority. **COMPLETED**

7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £17,052.84
- Payments to Date - £3,193.91
- Receipts to Date - £ 8,361.71

b. To approve payments:

- Jubilee Fields Management Committee £1200.00
- Wotton Swimming Pool £100.00
- Hillesley Baptist Burial Ground £75.00
- Hillesley PCC £200.00
- Friends of Hillesley School £250.00
- Clerk's Salary LR Spratling £426.72
- HMRC Tax on Clerk's Salary £106.68
- D A Hill Repair on Bus Shelter £1074.00

8. Parish Plan: None

9. Highways, footpaths & waterways

Repair of Dark Lane stiles – John Dansie kindly confirmed that this repair would soon be completed.

Concern raised over a dangerous area within the re-tarmacing of Kingswood Road. A vehicle's wheel could easily drop into the gully on the left hand side of the road (coming from Kingswood before the first house in the village).

Action Points:

- Clerk to inform Highways of the above - **COMPLETED**
- Clerk to inform Highways of the detritus washed down into the lane leading to the Playing Fields in case this impacts the scheduled re-surfacing. **COMPLETED**

10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors

John Cordwell:

County Council budget 2016/2017 The public consultation resulted in a preference for a 3.99% increase in council tax of which 2% is ring fenced for adult social care.

Bus services 84 and 86 These are being revised by South Gloucestershire Council.

The consultation website is at:

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/bus8486_2015/consultationHome

Adverse Weather Plan 2015/16 Parish snow wardens and plough operators are not properly informed of what is expected of them

EU Referendum Task Group The council agreed to set up a cross-party task group “to establish and identify the social, economic and cultural benefits and disadvantages that membership of the EU has on Gloucestershire” and to make the results available to residents before the referendum.

Paul Hemming:

Council Tax This set at the level recommended by Strategy & Resources committee at the last Council meeting. Late government updates could have meant that increases could have been 2% or £5 but SDC settled for 2%.

Garden Waste collection take-up This may reach 4000 residents by the end of the year. It needs to rise to double that figure in a reasonable time in order to make the service cost neutral. There is still a problem with collections from properties where a bin cannot be accommodated.

Charging for collection of bulky waste This has seen a larger than expected take-up and no discernible increase in fly-tipping.

Devolution - This is still a possibility in Gloucestershire although discussions appear to have slowed following Cotswold District Council’s decision to join with West Oxfordshire.

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

There will be a further meeting between Karen Phiminster, the developers and the planners on 16th March. **Action Point:** Cllr Doughty to contact Karen Phiminster to agree representation from the Parish Council. **COMPLETED**

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

No update

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

No update

14. Review proposal for new school sign and agree next steps.

No update

15. Agree actions needed for Parish Council Elections on May 5th 2016

All Councillors now aware of impending elections in May and arrangements made to complete and submit Nomination papers. **Action Point:** Clerk to request an entry in Hillesley Happenings. **COMPLETED**

16. Agree cost of maintenance contract for Well Hill

Quote prepared by Tresham residents (including Claire Halpin) agreed in principle although no formal quote received by the Parish Clerk from the contractor.

17. Agree a date for the annual Litter Pick which is to be aligned to 'Clean for the Queen'.

Agreed date is Saturday 9th April 2016. **Action Point:** Clerk to prepare posters for The Fleece, the Noticeboard and the school and ask for Hillesley Happenings entry. John Dansie kindly confirmed that he would undertake a litter pick on the lay-by on Kingswood Road. **COMPLETED**

18. Review a list of proposed invitations to the Annual Assembly in April 2016.

List Agreed **Action Point:** Clerk to send invitations. **COMPLETED**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting Wed April 13th 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: May 11th (Tresham), June 8th, July 13th, Aug na, Sept 14th (Tresham), Oct 12th, Nov 9th, Dec 14th