

**PARISH COUNCIL OF HILLESLEY AND TRESHAM**  
**Hopkins Hall, Hillesley on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Present:** Cllr G Finn, Cllr J Knowles, Cllr R Graham

**In attendance:** Cllr P Hemming and the Parish Clerk

**Public Participation:** None

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Clark, Cllr A Doughty, Cllr D Darlow and Cllr J Cordwell (accepted)

**2. Declarations of interest: None**

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

The minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were approved and are pending signature by the Chairman Cllr D Darlow. Previous Action Points were reviewed and any still outstanding will be reviewed at the October Meeting.

**4. Clerk's Report**

- Winter Resilience Salt Order sent
- Hillesley Noticeboard requires maintenance. **Action Point:** Cllr G Finn kindly agreed to review the maintenance required and to take the appropriate action.
- Need for a new person to mow grass. **Action Point:** Cllr J Knowles kindly agreed to ensure the Memorial Green was appropriately tidy for Remembrance Day and to see if volunteers could be found to take on mowing duties next year..

**5. Correspondence received**

- Gloucestershire Constabulary Invitation to 27<sup>th</sup> Panel Meeting 6.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September in Bradley Room Wotton Civic Centre
- Citizens Advice AGM 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015
- SDC Neighbourhood Plan – revised dates
- SDC Stroud Youth Grant Funding Programme now available
- Local Transport Plan Consultation active
- Armed Forces Covenant
- Healthwatch – offer to speak at PC Meeting
- GRCC offer of funding and advice for local activity
- GCC – Introduction from Rebecca Jelf Local Engagement Officer
- Commons Management – Training Courses available
- Co-Op Bank – Compensation arrangements
- Young Gloucestershire – Annual Review

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

### a. Decisions received:

- 13/0042/STMAJW Importation of soils and subsoil's to create noise attenuation bunds associated with clay pigeon shooting and associated landscape works. **Permission**
- S.14/1562/FUL Day House Farm, Day House Lane, Hillesley. Demolition of existing chicken shed and the erection of new build holiday lets (resubmission S.14/0365/FUL). **Permission**

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

### c. Consultation on new Applications:

- S.15/1755/FUL Oakfield House, Hawkesbury Road, Hillesley. To install a 20m x 40m riding arena for private use only. The land is currently registered as agricultural and would need to be changed to equestrian. **Neither Support nor Object**

## 7. Finance

All financial transactions checked & confirmed by Cllr J Knowles.

### a. To monitor performance to date

- Balance at Bank - £ 14,910.20
- Payments to Date - £1,336.55
- Receipts to Date - £4,361.71

### b. To approve payments:

- LR Spratling - Salary Parish Clerk – £426.72
- HMRC - Tax on Salary of Parish Clerk £106.68
- Kevin Wright – Annual Maintenance of Memorial Green - £300.00
- Grant for Tresham Church £350.00 (as last Financial Year)

## 8. Parish Plan: No updates

## 9. Highways, footpaths & waterways - To consider reports: None

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

### John Cordwell:

#### County Council

At its annual meeting the council elected a Labour chair and a Lib Dem vice-chair.

Motions debated included a need for better mobile phone coverage in the county and supported a council investigation into how this can be achieved.

Unanimous support was also given to a motion expressing concern over highway repairs in the county and the poor performance of Amey and its poor communication with county councillors, parish councils and the wider community.

Cllr Cordwell confirmed that he is now a member of the Climate Change task group.

#### County Council Planning Committee

Councillor Cordwell was elected vice-chairman

#### Street Lighting

Skanska has been awarded a 4 year contract to convert around 55,000 street lights to LED lighting and for the general maintenance of the council's street lighting, lit signs and bollards SSE will continue to deliver the street lighting maintenance contract until March 2016 when this will pass to Skanska.

### **Highways Local**

The state of Cllr Cordwell's proposed schemes in Hillesley & Tresham is:

Dark Lane: carriageway repairs – patching. In development.

Tresham: water run-off drainage works. In development.

Kingswood Road, Hillesley: carriageway patching. In development.

### **Rural Services Network, Rural Conference 2015**

Cllr Cordwell is attending this conference which meets in Cheltenham on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

### **Paul Hemming:**

#### **Electoral Roll:**

Reminders to register for the Electoral Roll have been sent to 20,000 households still to complete registration of the approximately 52,000 total. The normal response is usually around 97% completion and there is still time.

#### **Bulk Waste Collection**

£15 for up to three items from 14<sup>th</sup> September – additional items charged at £5 per item. This is in line with other councils, some of whom have not offered a free service in the past.

#### **Garden Waste Collection**

This will begin at some point next year. It had been hoped to begin this service before the new contract begins in July 2016 with the current contractor. This will not now happen because of logistical problems and increased cost.

#### **Local Plan**

Consultation has ended with the increased figure of 11,400 new dwellings by 2031.

#### **Refugee Crisis**

There have been statements already with reference to Syrian refugees and people in the district wishing to offer accommodation and help to those wishing to come here out of the 20,000 projected total. There is expected to be guidance from the LGA on what agreement there can be between authorities and what assistance councils can give.

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

Cllr R Graham reported that the plan was still being prepared

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

The Councillors plan to meet Karen Phiminster on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Action Point:** Cllr D Darlow to book the hall if not already booked.

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

Cllr R Graham is still in on-going communication with BT and is planning to write to the local Member of Parliament.

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

Cllr R Graham remains in discussion with Alderley Farms as there are still issues to clarify and resolve before permission is granted by the Parish Council.

#### **15. Discuss & agree next steps for proposed change in street lighting in Tresham.**

This is now resolved and should not be included as an agenda item in October

**16. Discuss & agree next steps re the planning permission for bunds at Folly Farm Clay Shoot.**  
After discussing the current situation, no actions were agreed subsequent to the planning permission being granted.  
**Action Point:** Clerk to add this item to the October Agenda.

**17. Review & agree Grant Request for Tresham Church.**  
It was agreed that the same grant should be awarded at the\ same level as the last Financial Year (see item 7b)

**Outstanding Action Point:** Parish Clerk to clarify transparency status (this will be added to the October Agenda).

**Meeting closed at 20.35pm**

**Next Meeting Wed October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Tresham Court Farm Barn, Tresham**

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

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

**FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR 2015 WILL BE:  
Nov 11, Dec 9**