

**BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 pm ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Apologies for absence were received from Michael Garratt. Two members of the public were present, as were all other members of the Parish Council.

The Chairman Mr M Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**17.05 1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held at Bisley WI Village Hall on 15 May 2016 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

**17.05 2 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**17.05 3 Ward Chairman's Statements**

**Bisley Annual Ward Report May 2017**

Roger and Shelagh Utley and John Mulligan stood down from the Parish Council this time last year. Jane Walker remained on the Council as Ward chair and was joined by Hannah Hurst and myself. Michael Garratt was subsequently co-opted onto the Council in August. Jane resigned in October and I took on the chairmanship of the Ward. Lesley Greene was then co-opted onto the Council in December. Roger Utley remained as ex-officio Warden of the King George V Playing Fields and Sports Pavilion.

Speeding through the village and parking in the High Street have remained contentious issues. We looked into the possibility of a traffic calming measure on Cheltenham Road, but were informed by Highways that there was insufficient visibility to install a traffic calming island. The VAS sign is currently placed on Cheltenham Road and does appear to be encouraging the majority of vehicles entering the village to observe the speed limit. However many vehicles appear to exceed the speed limit as they leave the village. We plan to move the VAS sign to another location soon.

We were asked to look into the feasibility of siting a Parish Office in the Sports Pavilion. We looked into this but the Parish Council decided not to proceed with this at present.

We would like to proceed with the refurbishment of the Sports Pavilion and convened a meeting with the users of the Pavilion on 26th April to ascertain their views. The Cricket Club, Football Clubs and the School all expressed concerns about the mowing of the field.

Our allotments continue to thrive with more plots being taken on.

We have continued to give feedback on planning issues. The majority have been uncontentious until recently when a couple of more contentious applications have been made.

Hazel Saunders

## **Oakridge Ward Annual Report May 2017**

This year has been an uneventful year in the Ward apart from the disruption of the Gigaclear fibre broadband network installation in the villages and some contentious Planning issues. The fibre installation is now complete and we are in the initial stages of taking the planning process and policy implementation up with the District Planning Authority.

As parishioners will see we are continuing with the dry stone walling around the playing field, this is part of our long term plan to repair all the stone walls within the Parish Council's control. The current contractor, Adrian Montague is doing a sterling job and is set to continue.

Over the summer we replaced the bark safety surface around the play equipment on Oakridge Playing Field with a Grasslock surface, this will considerably lower the annual maintenance cost, additionally it has tidied up the area considerably.

We would like to ask for more litter-pick volunteers around the Ward. There have been problems and complaints about dogs being out of control around the Ward and lack care with "poo bags", they are found all over the ward. This seems to be an ongoing problem everywhere, the resolution is with the parishioners that own dogs.

We continue to report potholes and road damage to Highways but with little results, we will keep on with this. There has been an increase in fly tipping recently so please be vigilant and report any observations to SDC.

The Ward would like to thank the ex-officio support volunteers:-  
Footpaths Wardens - Nick Holliday and Juliet Alexander  
Playing Field in Oakridge – Phil Dawes  
Burial Ground – Bob Gardiner  
Tennis Court – Charley Crisp

Roger Budgeon

### **Report from Eastcombe Ward**

The rubber matting under the main swings on the Recreation ground was replaced after levelling the ground and the area was then re-seeded. Work has also taken place to treat the weeds on the football pitch and cricket outfield.

The lane to Manor Farm by Thomas Keble School has been completely resurfaced following a request made to County Highways. This lane is well used by pupils walking to school as well as providing access to over half a dozen properties. Various damaged and shabby street signs around the village were also replaced.

The Eastcombe Village Directory was published with the help of villagers and distributed within the Village. A tree in the middle of the village green was lost to Storm Doris and we arranged for its removal.

We would like to thank the following:

- Rex Clack for all his hard work as our Allotment Warden
- Ian Trueman for all his hard work cutting the village green, strimming our lanes and verges, and dealing with fallen trees and other issues
- Those active villagers who help to make us aware of any problems, and our litter pickers.

Bob Brooks

## **Financial Report**

The Parish ends the Financial Year 2016/2017 with an increase in its Bank Balances from £80,881 last financial year to £104,145 this financial year.

There was an underspend on projected budgets by £10,627.

Receipts of £10,063

Donations of £874

Capital Expenditure reserves have been increased by a further £1,500.

In overall terms, the expenditure of precept set by the Parish was kept within budget. Any unexpended precept in each Ward has been identified and this will be carried forward and applied in each case to the funding of future projects within that Ward.

### **17.05 4 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **17.05 5 Chairman's Closing Comments.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.