

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2005 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Mr N S Rogers Chairman
Ms L Greene) Bisley ward

Mr R K Brooks)
Mrs J W Russell) Eastcombe Ward
Mrs O M Turner)

Mr R Bryant)
Mr R N Budgeon)
Mr A E Davis) Oakridge Ward
Mr P Dawes)

Mrs T A Howes Clerk

Also in attendance: District Councillor D Le Fleming, County Councillor C Fellows
1 member of the public was present

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr N Carter (illness) and Mr D Workman (illness)

2. Public participation

One member of the public was present (AO) who did not wish to address the meeting.

3. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st December were amended as follows: item 8b) delete “the swings had been repaired” and item 8c) add to end “under phase I of the Community Building Scheme”. The minutes were then approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

5. Matters arising

a) Local Plan – Inspector’s recommendations

Mr Brooks had examined the document carefully and noted that 2 small areas had been included within the building line in Eastcombe, which were previously excluded. One area may make 1 more home and the other, being the sawmill, should be included. The clerk was advised to contact SDC for a map showing the settlement boundaries when it becomes available.

b) War memorials – grant scheme

The clerk had distributed some information regarding grants for restoration of the war memorials, but was asked to make further inquiries from the Countryside agency. The members all agreed to pursue the listing of the memorials for future posterity.

c) Job description for representatives of the PC on other bodies

Ms Greene passed around a draft job description for Parish Council representatives on other bodies. It was agreed that members should make any comments and amendments to be agreed at the next meeting

6. District Council Matters

Cllr Le Fleming reported on the cabinet meeting at SDC and indicated that should planning be approved for the erection of 2 bungalows on the Windyridge site then 1 of these would be an affordable dwelling bringing the total to 8 affordable dwellings for the whole development.

He said that the Rural Community and Investment Scheme Grants had been offered and Mr Brooks indicated that Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish grants had been published on the website.

7. County Council Matters

Cllr Fellows gave a report as follows:

County Matters

1. Tax rise kept to 3.9%. This has been done partially by using the County Councils element from the tax raised from 2nd homes. Primarily Cotswold DC and Stroud DC provide most of this income. The 2nd homes tax was permitted by government in order to address the problem of affordable & social housing. The 2 authorities that raise by far the majority of the tax are not happy, that instead of pass porting that tax back to the authority which raised the money in order for them to address the affordable homes issue, as has been done by other county councils, GCC has decided to use the money to keep down the tax rise for the whole of Gloucestershire.
2. Supporting People funding is causing great concern through out the County. The District Councils are particularly worried about the potential effect on that service and the apparent lack of input that they have. A letter has been sent very recently to Lord Rooker stressing County Councils concern of the reduction of approximately £6 million.
3. The review of education within Gloucestershire is well under way and a number of seminars have already been held on this subject.
4. The Great Gloucestershire Debate will start soon and the first theme will be the Gloucestershire strategic partnerships top priority “Transport and access to Services”

District Matters

1. SDC element of local tax will rise by only 2.5% and include over £600,000 worth of growth over the 4 years of the medium term financial plan.
2. I have launched a new service today on SDC website – Questions to the Leader.

8. Matters for Discussion

a) Bisley Ward vacancy

The clerk had advertised the vacancy on the notice board and website and would display a notice in the Bisley shop, the closing date for calling an election being 25th January.

b) Local Transport Plan – draft for consultation

This was carried over to the next meeting as the clerk was still awaiting copies of the draft plan form SDC.

c) Parish Plan

Mr Budgeon reported that the Parish Plan meetings were continuing and the plan was currently on schedule.

d) Bisley Sewers

The chairman reported on the problems being experienced in the lower end of Bisley, particularly where raw sewage had been running through a resident’s garden. Mr Brooks suggested that the Environment Agency

should be involved in any case where raw sewage leaks into the water course. Another area of concern was that the new development at Windyridge would discharge into the same system. The clerk was asked to write to Severn Trent Water, The Environment Agency, David Drew MP and Westbury Homes to express all these concerns and to raise the profile of the issue. She was also asked to contact MM to indicate the steps being taken and to advise that a record be kept of events where problems occurred with the sewers.

e) Second Homes in the Parish

Mr Brookes declared an interest. Ms Greene suggested that a way to debate this issue would be as a result of independent local research, in order to discuss positive and negative aspects with facts and figures that meant something. The chairman was keen that the debate was conducted constructively and that any representation the Parish Council would wish to make to D Drew was based on facts and figures.

Many members expressed reservations on what could be done as experience dictated that there were no valid planning issues. However it was agreed to assess the number of empty houses in each ward, and the clerk was asked to seek advice at SDC and the University of Gloucestershire as a way forward.

This would be carried forward to the next meeting.

9. Finance

Receipts December 2004

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Bank Interest	<u>72.09</u>
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<u>Payments – January 2005</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
B J Leisure (bark Oakridge)	2792.30	488.65	3280.95
(ALREADY PAID)			
Electronic imaging (photocopies)	8.92	1.56	10.48
Oakridge Village Hall	26.50		26.50
I Bullimore	182.50		182.50
T Banyard (pavilion Bisley)	60.00		60.00
Severn Trent Water	54.67		54.67
“	23.92		23.92
“	28.28		28.28
“	12.42		12.42
N power	49.60	2.48	52.08
Wicksteed Leisure (Oakridge swings)	221.00	38.67	259.67
T Howes (Dec salary)	492.98		492.98
Inland Revenue	32.37		32.37
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
TOTAL			1285.87

Petty Cash Payments	£44.61
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Cash Balance as at 31 st December 2004	£27,524.46
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,939.80

10. Planning Applications

Planning Applications – December 2004/January 2005

S04/2479/FUL – Iles Green Farm, Internal alterations to changing rooms & new porch – Support

S04/2484/LBC – Iles Green House – as above - Support

S04/2515/REM – Windyridge, Bisley – Approval of reserved matters for erection of 2 x 2 bedroom dwellings – Support – we would like to confirm our support for one of these dwellings to be affordable making the total number of affordable houses 8 for the development as a whole. We would like to see the hedge maintained as the boundary between the dwellings and allotments.

S04/2658/LBC – Waterlane House – Alterations to coach house, removal of first floor over sitting room & alterations to staircase

S04/2654/COU – Fields adjoining Througham Slad Manor – renewal of S00/198 for COU of land for re-routing of road

S05/0025/FUL – Bakers Paddock, Oakridge Lynch – Provision of new access

S05/0036/FUL – Penn House, Oakridge Lynch – erection of extension

All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the full meeting.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received during the last month and was on the table for inspection

GCC	Conference on Rural Transport 4 th Feb
SDC	Telecoms Rollout Plans – meeting 28 th Jan
	Meetings January 2005
Lydbrook PC	Letter about car parking at Glos Hospital
D Drew	Minutes affordable housing conference held on 30 th Oct
SDC	Wellbeing portfolio Dec2004
GCC	Lorry advisory map for county
CoAgency	Countryside focus
NALC	Local Council Review
SDC	The News Dec 2004
SDC	Minutes of Community Safety Panel on 16 th Nov
Care & Repair	Gardening Assistance Scheme – facts
CPRE	Fieldwork magazine
GPFA	fields focus & annual report
GCC	Roadworks road closures

Mr Davis said he would represent the PC at the Telecomms Rollout Plans Meeting on 28th January.

12. Ward Matters

a) Bisley

The chairman and Ms Greene reported on damage recently sustained by the Bisley pavilion. They agreed to obtain quotations to repair the damage as soon as possible (ref section 17 Crime & Disorder Act). The chairman suggested a barrier from the car park into the playing field would stop unauthorised vehicles and help to deter vandalism.

He also suggested that perhaps a willing member of the public could undertake regular monitoring of the premises.

Following a recent incident whereby a lorry was stuck at the junction of George Street and High Street the clerk was asked to write to GCC Highways asking if the junction lines at the fork on the Stancombe side of Bisley could be altered to clarify which was the through route.

The clerk was asked to contact Lord Reading regarding the removal of branches of trees on his property, which were now overhanging the footpaths at Teeds Rise and the churchyard, and were causing concern.

b) Eastcombe

The clerk was asked to respond to letters from The Eastcombe Scout & Guide Group indicating that no further funds were available this year. The clerk was asked to respond to a letter from Thomas Keble School to indicate that the money pledged towards the security fence could not be increased at this time.

Also the ward members reported on the continued damage to the village green by heavy delivery vehicles, and the clerk was asked to contact the proprietors of The Lamb and The Village Stores to ask if they could use smaller delivery lorries.

c) Oakridge

The clerk was asked to chase up the repair of damaged signposts in the village and check on the use of wooden posts as barriers.

The clerk was asked to order 8 Neighbourhood Watch signs.

13. Date and place of next meeting

2nd February 2005 at Bisley Village WI Hall with the meeting being preceded with a short presentation by Alison Ensor of The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust on Community Composting Schemes. This will commence at 7.30pm.