

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2004 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
0 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

N Carter, J Perkins, Cllr C Fellows (all prior engagements)

2. Public participation

There were no members of the public present

3. Declaration of interests

Mr Budgeon declared an interest under planning application S04/2337

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November were amended as follows: 5a) Eastcombe Ward asked for approval of money towards the security fence at Thomas Keble School 6) Cllr Le Fleming reported that the District Auditor had given SDC a rating of “good and improving” which is a good result and reflects credit on the Chief Executive and his team, and will be beneficial to the District in terms of financial help and reduced bureaucratic controls. The minutes were then approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

5. Matters arising

a) Thomas Keble School – fence quotations.

Mrs Russell said that these had been discussed at a ward meeting and asked that £500 be approved towards the cost of the security fence when completed. This was agreed and the clerk asked to write to Mr Steer accordingly.

6. District Council Matters

Cllr le Fleming reported that the Council’s Licensing Policy under the new liquor-licensing scheme was to be adopted by Council on 2 Dec, ready for the introduction of the new regime next year, and recommended queries should be directed to Mike Lewis at SDC. On the Councils Housing Stock, he reported that, in response to government requirements encouraging transfer, a new consultation process with tenants had been launched. He also reported on attempts by Council staff to identify addition funding for Frith Youth Centre.

7. County Council Matters

In the absence of the County Councillor an e-mail (following) concerning the planning consent at Bisley Bluecoat School was read out for comment:

I am very disappointed that this is the case. When the original planning consent was given for the Elliott classroom it was stated quite clearly by the then planning committee that they did not wish to see an application for retention of the Elliott classroom come forward in two years time and that a permanent solution to the problem be sought. This permanent solution has not been sought and two years have been wasted. With that in mind I object to the extension and ask that a permanent solution be provided forthwith.

I have very little faith in the County Council fulfilling its obligation to the children attending Bisley Blue Coat School and the teachers who work there.

8. Matters for Discussion

a) Parish Plan – Update on public meetings

Mr Budgeon gave a report on the 3 public meetings that had taken place in the last month. All 3 meetings highlighted different aspects of concern in the different villages. Public participation was good and all councillors present commented on the excellence of the speaker, Mr S Wright. Mrs Goldbourne was drawing up a list of those people who had pledged help in any way.

Mr Budgeon then suggested that the next stage was to form a steering group for each village, who would follow an identical format for discussing issues separated into 4 distinct areas. Monthly meetings from February to May would be arranged.

b) Play Areas – medium risk assessments

The Clerk was still awaiting a reply from Allianz Cornhill on the medium risk issues.

Mr Davis reported that the work on the play surfaces at Oakridge had been completed to a high standard and that the swings had been repaired. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Abbott with an update.

c) RCIS Grants

Ms Greene was happy to report that the Parish Council had been granted £1,700 towards a community-composting scheme in Bisley.

Mr Davis reported that Oakridge Village Hall Trust had been successful in being granted £900 for refurbishment of the stage and the scheme for an extension to the hall had been approved.

d) Windyridge – affordable houses

Mr Rogers was concerned that the number of affordable houses seemed to be heading for 6 when it was understood that 1/3 of the houses built should be affordable ie 8. Also the question of ownership was not clear.

Mr Budgeon felt that the planning gain being offered to the Parish Council was disappointing against the original sum of money offered and that insufficient time had been allowed for consultation and to assess local opinion.

The members were also concerned about the signs indicating “Ridgeway Mews” and assurances needed to be sought that the development would be called Windyridge as agreed previously with SDC.

Cllr Le Fleming agreed to take these concerns back to SDC who were due to discuss Windyridge again on 14th December.

Mr Budgeon voiced an opinion that planning applications in general were rushed due to Government time scales and Ms Greene added that no distinction was made between “major” and “minor” applications. He proposed the matter be addressed by writing to David Drew and Mr Brooks seconded this. Ms Greene also agreed to participate in a drafting a letter on this issue. Ms Greene added that there was now written evidence that SDC owned the hedge bordering the allotments and that the Feofees had divided opinion on the use of part of the field as a play area, but would discuss further.

Mrs Russell at this point in her role as representative of The Charities for the Ancient Parish of Bisley, indicated that at the November meeting of the Charities it was suggested that the allotment field could potentially raise money should the need arise. Ms Greene and Mr Budgeon raised the point that any development of the allotment field should be included in the Parish Plan and Mrs Russell said she would be happy to be consulted on this.

The members thanked Mrs Russell for bringing this to the early attention of the meeting.

e) Litter

The clerk was asked to contact SDC to assess what would be done this year to litter pick before spring growth.

f) School Governors and other representatives

Mr Rogers voiced his concern that the role of Parish Council representatives on other bodies was unclear and that some sort of “job description” would define the duties and clarify this. Ms Greene agreed to bring a draft job description to the next meeting.

9. Finance

Receipts November 2004

£

Eastcombe Allotment rent	150.00
Bank Interest	<u>77.06</u>
	227.06

<u>Payments – December 2004</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
British Telecom	77.37	13.53	90.90
Bisley WI Hall	28.00		28.00
The Consortium (stationary)	28.35	4.96	33.31
Dike & Son (stone cutting Oakridge)	104.40	18.27	122.67
Moore Stephens (audit fee)	350.00	61.25	411.25
Eastcombe Baptist Church (hire of hall)	117.50		117.50
Eastcombe Pavilion Fund	360.00		360.00
Frith Youth Centre (S137)	500.00		500.00
T Howes (Nov salary)	493.08		493.08
Inland Revenue	32.27		32.27
Petty cash	75.00		75.00
Ian Bullimore	70.00		70.00
British Legion Poppy Appeal	50.00		50.00
TOTAL			2,383.98

Petty Cash Payments	£72.79
Cash Balance as at 30th November 2004	£33,086.91
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,939.80

A donation of £50 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal was agreed.
Ms Greene inquired as to whether the White Poppy Appeal was supported, which was not at the present time.
The clerk was pleased to report that the audit had been passed and was now closed for the year 2003/4.

10. Planning Applications

The following planning applications had been received during the last month.
All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the full meeting.

S04/1978/LBC – Througham Slad Manor, erection of garage/store/ancillary accommodation – Support subject to any conditions recommendations and suitability of materials etc attached to any consent by SDC Conservation Officer

S04/1977/FUL – Througham Slad Manor – as above - Support

S04/2190/2191/FUL/LBC – Stables & Coach House, Lypiatt Park – conversion of part of stables & coach house to form 2 dwellings - Support

S04/2220/FUL – Hawkridge House, Eastcombe – erection of 1 dwelling & garage – Comment only – Some concern has been expressed about the proposed access onto Fidges Lane and increased traffic.

S04/2311/FUL – 2 The Row, Mount Pleasant, Bisley – retrospective to replace front door – Support

S04/2295/FUL – Tunley Barn House, Sapperton – Erection of oak framed cart shed & equipment store – Support

S04/2348/FUL – Bramleys, Bournes Green – erection of extension – Support

S04/2337/FUL – The Green Shop/ Holbrook Garage – erection of new offices, showroom & warehouse – Support

S04/2219/FUL – Little Pepworth, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe – erection of 1 dwelling & detached garage. Alteration of access onto Fidges Lane. – Comment only – Some concern has been expressed about the proposed access onto Fidges Lane and increased traffic.

11. Correspondence

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

SDC	Licensing Act - public presentations
NALC	Local Council Review
GCC	Road closure 15 th Dec Waterlane
Stroud Motor Club	Trial Event 6 th Feb
Stroud CVS	Newsletter
Allotments	Regeneration Initiative News
Cotswold Life	Village of the Year Competition
ODPM	Regionalisation of Fire & Rescue Services

12. Ward Matters

a) Bisley

The clerk had spoken to the compliance officer at SDC and reported that the turning space at the end of Van Der Breen Street was still under investigation.

The clerk was asked to write to David Taylor indicating that the Parish Council had agreed to getting costing for the restoration of the war memorials throughout the parish.

b) Eastcombe

Eastcombe ward reported that GCC highways had agreed to install kerbs by the notice board near the green, and that the road signs in the village had been cleaned, both of these items dealt with under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

Mr Brooks had drafted a letter disagreeing with appeal reference CROW/7/M/04/3329 and asked that the council support this. A majority, Mrs Russell being in disagreement, agreed this.

c) Oakridge

Mr Davis indicated that a policy on management of the Oakridge cemetery needed to be drawn up and formalised and that information to this end was being gathered.

Mr Rogers passed around an e-mail just received regarding refusal of the Parish Council to allow the Far Oakridge allotments use as a temporary car park for a local event. The members reiterated that the field was not suitable and the chairman said he would reply on the council's behalf.

13. Date and place of next meeting

The chairman indicated that he would support the clerks request that the January meeting be held on the 2nd Wednesday ie 12th January at 7.30pm.