

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2003 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL**

Mr N S Rogers	}	
Ms L Greene	}	Bisley Ward
Mr J P L Perkins	}	
Mr D W Workman	}	
Mr T G Carter	}	
Mr R K Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs J W Russell	}	
Mrs O M Turner	}	
Mr R S Bryant	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr A E Davis	}	
Mrs T A Howes		Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming  
County Cllr Mr C Fellows

0 members of the public were present.

Due to the recent retirement of Mrs Carrick as chairman it was proposed by Mrs Russell that Mr Carter chair the meeting. This was seconded by Mr Brooks and Mr Carter took the chair.

03.10 1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies.

03.10 2. **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

03.10 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests at this point.

03.10 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

It was agreed to start with item **9a)** on the agenda –**election of chairman.**

It was proposed by Mr Perkins that Mr Rogers be nominated as chairman. This was seconded by Ms Greene. The meeting unanimously accepted the nomination and Mr Rogers accepted the office of chairman and signed the declaration witnessed by the clerk.

03.10 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Planning determinations – cost implications and judicial review**

The clerk had replied to Mr Gobey's recent letter as instructed, Mr Budgeon had not yet reported on the cost implications.

Regarding a letter pertaining to the planning application at Holbrook Garage the clerk indicated that it had not been sent and was awaiting further instruction. Mr Carter reminded the meeting that letters on behalf of the council of a contentious nature, or with a declared interest should have the full ratification of the council. This was accepted. It was agreed that the clerk should copy the letter to planning committee members to agree its content. Mr Budgeon declared an interest and Mr Bryant agreed to act as planning member for Oakridge Ward on this occasion.

b) **Employment of Handyman**

It was agreed to discuss this at each ward meeting with a view to creating a job list and an idea of cost and report back to collate information at the next full meeting, when next year's precept would be considered.

c) **GMO's - Update**

The members expressed thanks to Mr Workman for his efforts. The GMO statement was accepted in a slightly reworded style. The clerk was asked to circulate the statement to neighbouring Parish Councils.

d) **Post Office Account Card**

A letter had been circulated from David Drew who agreed in principle with the council's concerns, and agreed to follow up any specific examples if necessary.

03.10 6. **District Council Matters**

Mr Le Fleming had circulated the results of his questionnaire. The advice from SDC on duty of care with respect to playing fields was to act as a "prudent council", and that any liability notices would only refer to property.

The clerk was asked to contact GAPTC for advice on insurance matters.

In response to planning queries Mr Le Fleming reported that the 8 week notification period was a statutory requirement and that any planning objections should be made on planning grounds.

03.10 7. **County Council Matters**

Cllr Fellowes indicated that a review of secondary schools in Gloucestershire was taking place which had serious implications for the retention of some grammar schools. A consultation would be taking place shortly and the Parish Council were advised to debate the issue. Cllr Fellowes agreed to check that the Parish Councils would be notified of any consultations and correspondence.

In the GCC waste plan a motion was carried to remove the incinerator at the Sharpness site, and that targets set by government on recycling could be met by other means.

Mr Workman asked Cllr Fellowes about the metal kissing gates which had been erected in the parish without consultation and Cllr Fellowes agreed to take this up with Mr P Bungard.

Mr Bryant was concerned about some unresolved highway matters and the clerk was asked to forward copies of letters from the Highways Department to Cllr Fellowes prior to his meeting with Mr Bungard.

03.10 8. Finance

**Receipts September 2003**

Bank Interest	£	25.27
SDC ½ precept		15,800.00
		<u>15,825.27</u>

**Payments – October 2003****£****VAT****Total**

J Davis (Bisley grass)		23.00
		23.00
JNC Fire Protection	20.50	
		3.59
		24.09
GAPTC (training)		50.00
		50.00
Wicksteed Leisure (swings)		162.75
		28.48
		191.23
Earth Anchors (dog bin)		165.50
		28.96
		194.46
T Hawkins (grass)		1166.00
		204.06
		1370.06
N Power		47.42
		2.37
		49.79
Bisley pavilion (keys & cleaner)		23.06
		23.06
Bisley News (W Lander subs)		100.00
		61
		100.00

03.10 9. **Matters for Discussion**

b) **Rural Grant Applications**

The clerk reminded everybody of the closing date on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Mr Davis had attended a seminar at SDC recently and indicated that there may be funding next year for major schemes.

c) **Planning Site Visits**

The clerk was asked to write to SDC indicating that it would be against changes which would not allow a representative from the Parish Council on site visits.

d) **Burial Ground at Oakridge**

The transfer of deeds was now complete and Oakridge Ward would add maintenance of the burial ground to their schedule.

e) **Highway Matters**

Mr Brooks demonstrated a mobile speed sign and asked the council to consider purchasing one in partnership with one or two other Parish Councils. Mr Perkins thought it would be the most credible option in combating the speeding problems in the parish.

The clerk was asked to make contact with two other parishes to assess willingness to purchase.

Ms Greene requested that the Parish Council again pursue the introduction of a speed restriction in Stancombe and the clerk was asked to write to GCC on this.

The clerk was asked to write to GCC Highways indicating that the Parish Council would be interested in being included in the pilot study of running a "Parish Partnership".

f) **Water fluoridation**

Mr Workman indicated that water fluoridation depended primarily on local Health Authorities and Water Authorities. It was thought inadvisable for the Parish Council to formulate a policy at this time. The clerk was asked to write to the Area Health Authority to ask for notification on any consultations that may be planned.

Mr Le Fleming indicated that there was an awareness of the issue at District level but no regulations at present.

g) **Gloucestershire Structure Plan**

The members were all in possession of the venues for the public examination of the Structure Plan. Mr Budgeon agreed to pursue some replacement guidelines which were due.

h) **Quality Parish Status**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

i) **Parish Website**

Mr Brooks indicated that any topical news would be posted on the website as soon as received.

j) **Playground Inspections**

Mr Bryant expressed concerns about the legal implications of signing a playground inspection sheet. The clerk was asked to contact GAPTIC for advice.

The clerk was also asked to pursue SDC for advice on annual inspections being done via the District Council.

03.10 10. **Planning**

The following applications have been received during the past month and the Council's responses indicated where received:

**SO3/1559** Hill House, Wells Road, Bisley – extensions & alterations following refusal SO3/325 – Support – subject to a condition being attached to any consent ensuring the adjacent birch tree and its root system is not damaged in any way by the development. This tree is an important landscaping feature.

**SO3/1564** Cornerstones, Bisley – Replacement of sash window with front opening window - Support

**SO3/1577** 16 Windyridge, Bisley – Erection of conservatory & 2 storey extension - Support

**SO3/1613** 2 Rose Cottage, Bisley – listed building application for alterations to internal partitions

**SO3/1646** Torbank, Eastcombe – replace flat roof with tiled pitch roof – Support – this is an improvement to the visual aspect of the site

**SO3/1665** Eversley, Van Der Breen St, Bisley – Listed building internal alterations including new roof - Support

**SO3/1693** – The Nest, Bisley – Retrospective application for installation of windows - Support

**SO3/1738** The Butchers Arms, Oakridge – erection of new dwelling & garage-Support- we are pleased to see the main entrance to the plot on the top road, the road to the shop is too narrow and too busy at certain times. It would have been better to see a smaller house in the much needed more affordable price range, although in principle we support the application.

03.10 11. **Correspondence**

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

GAPTC	AGM 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2003 Northleach
GAPTC	Annual Report & financial statement
Stroud CVS	AGM 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2003
Rural Support Initiative Fund	Application Pack
Cotswold & Vale NHS	Annual Report
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS	Public Information Campaign
Bus Steering Group	Report of 9 <sup>th</sup> September
GCC	Grass Routes PROW Magazine
Defra	Sept/Oct magazine
Glos Rural Community Council	Magazine September 2003
D Drew	e-mail GMO's

03.10 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Rogers thanked the meeting for electing him as chairman and indicated that a certain sharing of workload was necessary to move forward as a Parish Council. He expressed thanks to Mrs Carrick in her absence for the dedication and effort she had given over many years.

The clerk was asked to write to GCC to open discussion on provision of a footpath on the Cheltenham Road out of Bisley.

The clerk was asked to chase the progress on the raised BT covers on the Stroud Road.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Brooks asked the meeting to agree to a letter being sent to Severn Trent concerning the sewage leak in Eastcombe. This was agreed.

c) **Oakridge**

The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of including the Oakridge Village Show on the Parish Council Insurance for next year.

Mr Bryant asked the clerk to action those items necessary on the Oakridge Ward meeting minutes.

03.10 13. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40.