

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY 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

6 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from District Councillor D Le Fleming (prior meeting) and Mr N Carter (illness)

2. Alison Ensor – Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust – a short presentation on Community Composting

The chairman welcomed Alison Ensor to the meeting. She gave an informative talk on what could be achieved through the community composting scheme planned for Bisley and supported by Stroud District Council.

Such a scheme would be only the second in the Cotswolds and could result in a saving of 100 tonnes per annum of waste going to landfill from Bisley alone. A question and answer session took place involving members of the public and the councillors and the chairman thanked Alison Ensor and the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for their involvement and advice in getting this scheme started.

3. Public Participation

2 members of the public had come to discuss item 6b) Bisley Sewers which was brought forward in the agenda. Mr and Mrs S informed the meeting that they had problems with blockages in their sewers at the top end Bisley that had been ongoing for approximately a year. The most recent incident was on the 1st February. The chairman indicated that the PC were currently in correspondence with Severn Trent Water, Stroud District Council, The Environment Agency, David Drew MP and Westbury Homes concerning the problems in the Wells area and thanked Mr S for bringing to the attention of the PC these further problems. The clerk was asked to write again to all parties as mentioned indicating that blockages in the sewers were occurring in other parts of the village and again questioning the capacity of the system.

Mr and Mrs S were asked if they could keep a log of events (as others in the village were doing) and let the clerk have a copy in order to assist in putting forward complaints to Severn Trent.

4. Declaration of interests

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th January were amended as follows: 5b) replace “..being the sawmill” with “..next to the sawmill”. The minutes were then approved and the chairman signed the book.

6. Matters arising

a) Job description for representatives of the PC on other bodies.

This was carried forward to the next meeting to allow members to make comments to the draft.

b) Bisley Sewers

This was discussed under Public Participation

c) Parish Plan – grant update

Mr Brooks gave a brief report on the Eastcombe focus group meeting attended by Dr T Crouch concerning health matters. The next Public Meeting was set for 14th February.

The clerk was asked to clarify with the Countryside Agency that the transfer of the grant to Defra on 31st March would not affect the completion date of the Parish Plan. The clerk asked the Steering Group members to complete the Grant Update form required by the countryside Agency by 25th February.

7. District Council Matters

In the absence of the District Councillor his notes were presented as follows: I am conscious that there have been queries about the hold-up at Windyridge. I have been in touch with David Curtis at Westbury, who says the delay is due to having to finalise the sec 106 agreement relating to the revised application. I know the legal dept at SDC is very short-handed, which is probably contributing. But there aren't apparently any problems with it so far as he knows. Incidentally, Mr Curtis some time back offered a meeting with residents if that would be helpful, and repeated this offer when I spoke to him.

So far as Westbury are concerned, they are apparently unaware of any drainage problems. Their drainage scheme has been accepted by Severn-Trent.

But I believe there are problems lower in the village. Presumably Severn-Trent has been made aware of these?

So far as District Council news is concerned, the Council meeting on 27 Jan confirmed the proposed Budget plans including the 2.5% increase in the District Council council tax charge.

At Cabinet on 20 Jan the Council adopted a protocol for managing unauthorised travellers' encampments, which sets up a co-ordinated approach throughout the County and involves the various councils, police and Primary Care Trusts. Maria Hickman at SDC will be able to answer any questions on this.

8. County Council Matters

In the absence of the County Councillor nothing was raised under this heading.

9. Matters for Discussion

a) Local Transport Plan

A copy was distributed to each ward for comment at the next meeting.

b) Second Homes – evaluation of empty houses

The clerk had been in contact with SDC and the Rural Studies Department at the University of Gloucestershire who had provided some useful information on ways forward. Ms Greene was happy to

look further into any research papers available and report back as necessary.

c) Aston Down – report on revised transport assessment

Mr Davis had examined this document at SDC and reported that the probable outcome would be to route HGV vehicles from Aston Down onto the A419 at Cowcombe, which could necessitate a roundabout or traffic lights being installed. The preferred option for the PC causing minimal light pollution would be peak time traffic lights. The clerk was asked to write to SDC indicating this. Mr Davis also reported on a debate at Minchinhampton where there was a question concerning the legal basis for the change of use application currently being considered.

d) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill

The clerk was asked to write to David Drew commenting on this bill to say that the PC welcomed the inclusion of light pollution but would like it to have a higher profile than its current position in the miscellaneous section, and would like to see planning laws on light pollution strengthened. Also the councillors wished it made known that they have no plans to exercise any powers that may be granted in relation to issuing fixed penalty notices, indicating that they were not the correct body to do this.

e) Litter

The clerk reported that SDC would look at the roads where a litter pick had been requested by the PC and report back.

f) Gloucestershire Rural Transport Partnership

The information received concerning the availability of a multi use mini bus for hire was discussed but thought not to be a feasible project at this time.

10. Finance

Receipts January 2005

	£
Bank Interest	56.98
Wayleaves	44.77
Co Agency Grant	<u>1600.00</u>
	1701.75

Payments – February 2005	£	VAT	Total
Valleys & Vale Neighbourhood Watch	72.00		72.00
James & Owen	4.13	0.72	4.85
T Howes (January salary)	493.29		493.29
Inland Revenue	32.06		32.06
Petty Cash	75.00		75.00
Local Council Review	13.00		13.00
TOTAL			690.20

Petty Cash Payments	£92.57
Cash Balance as at 31 st January 2005	£27,897.77
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,943.12

A motion to accept the quotation from Sports Ground Maintenance and Supplies for the grass cutting 2005 was proposed by Mr Bryant and seconded by Mrs Turner.

11. Planning Applications

The following planning applications had been received during the last month:

S04/2658/LBC – Waterlane House – Alterations to coach house, removal of first floor over sitting room & alterations to staircase – Comment – We are not qualified to comment in detail, but we think the alterations to be of a quality consistent with Waterlane House

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 – Comment – we are unclear as to the use of this new access. There has always been agricultural access in this position, so we cannot see a reason for the application. If the application is for access to the dwelling we object, as there is a perfectly good access in a much wider part of the road, with better visibility. This access comes out at a narrow part of the road not far from a corner. Please could the application be clarified, and could we be informed.

S05/0036/FUL/0037/LBC – Penn House, Oakridge Lynch – erection of extension – Object – The proposed extension is too big & not in keeping with the small original cottage

S05/2648/FUL – Buckhorn House, Bisley – erection of extensions & conservatory - Support

S05/0090/FUL/0091/LBC – The Coach House, The Old Vicarage, Oakridge Lynch – erection of extension following refusal of 04/1800

S05/0103/FUL – Lower Barn Farmhouse, Bisley – 2 storey extension & single storey garage – Comment – the flat roof is not in keeping with surroundings

S05/0146/FUL – Yew Tree Cottage, far Oakridge – erection of storage shed

S05/0149/FUL/0150/LBC – Frampton Place, Frampton Mansell, conversion of donkey byre to studio/gym

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

12. Correspondence

Correspondence received during the last month was on the table for inspection.

SDC	The News January 2005
GPFA	The Playing Field
SDC	Meetings schedule
Meningitis Trust	Coffee Break Events 4-18 th March
GRCC	Rural Transport Partnership meeting 4 th February

Ms Greene had received a letter from “Arts in Rural Gloucestershire” promoting the possible availability of the rural cinema scheme should enough village halls indicate an interest. The clerk was asked to copy this letter to village halls in the parish.

13. Ward Matters

a) Bisley

Ms Greene reported that repairs to the pavilion would start soon and that the nameplate for Van Der Breen Street would be erected soon. The clerk was asked to query whether GCC highways had looked into the turning area at the end of Van Der Breen Street. There had been no request for an election to fill the Bisley ward vacancy so co-option was

the next step. The clerk was asked to publicise the vacancy in the Stroud News and Journal before co-option took place.

b) Eastcombe

Mrs Turner reported on further “near misses” at the Fidges Lane junction. GCC Highways had previously indicated that the junction could not be altered. The clerk was asked to approach them again on this matter.

c) Oakridge

Mr Bryant commented that several villagers had complained about damage to the verges being caused by building works in Far Oakridge and the clerk was asked to discuss with GCC Highways.

The whole council had discussed the latest letter from Mr Meyer and a suitable reply had been agreed.

The clerk was asked to request road sweeping through Tunley woods and enquire about road repairs in the same area.

The clerk was also asked to contact Mr Gahan of the Cotswold AONB stone wall project to ask if the parish had been included in the catchment area for grant aid yet.

Mr Davis produced some notes made concerning the Oakridge burial ground. It had been agreed by Ward members and Mr Gardiner that a charge should be made. The clerk was also asked to inform the insurance company that the PC was now responsible for the burial ground.

14. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 2nd March 2005 at 7.30pm at Bisley WI Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.45