

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 2nd July 2003 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
HALL

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

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming
0 members of the public were present

03.07 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A E Davis (holiday), Mr R Bryant (holiday), County Councillor C Fellowes (prior engagement)

03.07 2. **Public Participation**

There was nothing raised under this heading

03.07 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

03.07 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2003 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

03.07 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Public Rights of Way**

The clerk was asked to supply each ward with a map showing the RUPP's in the Parish. Mr Workman agreed to co-ordinate any comments and observations with help from Mrs Russell.

b) **Windyridge**

a) A letter from Mr J Shaw (SDC) had been circulated which indicated that a paragraph has been inserted into the Windyridge report which reflects the views of the Parish Council on retaining the land for future affordable housing.

b) Bisley Ward asked the clerk to contact Mr Bridges regarding the transfer of the play area with a view proceed as he had suggested.

c) **Good Councillor's Guide**

The clerk indicated that only postage was required for these booklets and would therefore obtain copies for all councillors

d) **Grass verges/ White lining**

A letter had been circulated from GCC Highways. At the time of the meeting the verges had now been cut. The white lining still had not been reinstated. The clerk indicated that comments received for the Highways meeting on 19th June had been sent to Cllr Hilary Fowles.

- e) Mrs Turner gave a summary of the Playground Inspection Training day run by SDC.

She indicated that RoSPA reports were inconsistent from area to area and SDC were looking to set up their own inspection team in the future. Meanwhile if the Parish Council had inspections done by RoSPA through SDC it would be cheaper. The clerk was asked to inquire for next years inspections.

Mrs Turner said that it was recommended that each playground should be inspected weekly for faults, and an accident book should be kept.

The Disability Discrimination Act (Part III) comes into effect in October 2004 and the clerk had distributed some information from Wicksteed Leisure.

Mrs Turner thought that more information and further training on this subject would be beneficial.

03.07 6. **District Council Matters**

Cllr Le Fleming indicated that the Windyridge proposals would be discussed at a meeting on 8th July before being brought to cabinet on 17th July. His feeling was that the decision would be deferred until the transfer of housing stock had been facilitated. The transfer plan involved appointing a new social landlord, which would be SDC.

Cllr Le Fleming said he was concerned that misinformation was being sent to council house owners by a left wing pressure group.

He also indicated that the SDC housing account would be insolvent in approximately three years time.

Mr Brooks asked Cllr Le Fleming what could be done about the ongoing sewer problem in Eastcombe which had still not been rectified. Cllr Le Fleming said he would investigate.

Mr Brooks also wanted information on the efficiency and effectiveness of the kerbside recycling. The council agreed this would be useful and Cllr Le Fleming agreed to investigate and report back.

03.07 7. **County Council Matters**

Nothing was raised under this heading

03.07 8. **Finance**

- a) Mrs Carrick left the room whilst the Chairman's allowance was discussed. It was unanimously agreed to award the sum of £350 for this year.

Receipts June 2003

	<u>£</u>
Bisley Gift donation	6,000
Bisley Allotment rent	<u>150.00</u>
	6,150.00

Payments – July 2003

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
I Bullimore (Eastcombe)	184.00		184.00
Electronic Imaging (photocopies)	10.65	1.86	12.51
TW Hawkins (grass)	583.00	102.03	685.03
Severn Trent Water	48.41		48.41
Severn Trent Water	11.23		11.23
Severn Trent Water	5.84		5.84
Severn Trent Water	10.41		10.41
Npower (Bisley)	146.33	7.31	153.64
GAPTC(postage)	6.91		6.91
CPRE(annual subs)	25.00		25.00
John Davis (East. Notice board & grass)	96.50		96.50
DW & VE Robbins (Oak War Memorial)	140.00		140.00
Cheltenham Insurance (Eastcombe Pavilion)	501.11		501.11
GAPTC (Clerks Course)	55.00		55.00
HAGSPLAY Ltd (Bisley Gift)	5052.77	884.24	5937.01
Oakridge Village Hall	1000.00		1000.00
Oakridge Methodist Church	100.00		100.00
St Bartholomews PCC	740.00		740.00
TA Howes (salary June)	450.77		450.77
Inland Revenue	28.17		28.17
Patty Cash	50.00		<u>50.00</u>
			10241.54

Petty Cash Payments **£93.38**

Cash Balance as at 30th June 2003 **£25,146.33**

Bisley Gift Balance **£12,673.60**

Bisley Lock Up balance **£1,898.07**

03.07 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **S137 donations**

After discussion it was agreed to make the following donations this year.

	£
Bisley Newsletter	100
Oakridge Newsletter	100
Gloucestershire Rural Community	20
Gloucester Playing Fields	25
CAB Stroud	75
CPRE	25
Cotswolds Canal Trust	20
Stroud Area Victim Support	30
Stroud District Volunteer Bureau	50
Cotswold Care Hospice	75
WRVS	50
County Air Ambulance	60
Oakridge Methodist Church	100
St Bartholomew's Church	740
Oakridge Village Hall Trust	1000

It was agreed to defer the donation to the Eastcombe Newsletter until the editor had been contacted regarding supplying Eastcombe village members with a free copy as is enjoyed by Bisley and Oakridge.

It was also agreed that a donation to the Bisley WI Hall should be made at a later date when the management committee had been set up.

b) **Ward Projects Oakridge**

All members had a copy of the proposals from Oakridge ward. After discussion it was agreed to allocate an extra £1500 to the Oakridge ward precept for either stone walls or village hall, this to be discussed at a ward meeting

c) **Footpaths**

A letter had been circulated from the PROW department at SDC indicating that they are only able to address one third of all complaints. The Parish Council were unanimous in that this was entirely unsatisfactory and the clerk was asked to write to the Chief Executive expressing this dissatisfaction.

d) **Golf on Playing Fields**

It was agreed that a note in Parish magazines would be a start in banning golf being played on the recreation grounds. Mr Workman said that Bisley Ward had agreed to erect a "No Golf" sign on the Bisley Playing Field as the problem was more urgent.

e) **Employment of Handyman**

The clerk was asked to send information to each ward for comment on the scheme employed in Yorkshire. The Council agreed that the idea was a good one in principle, but needed further analysis.

f) **SNAP –report**

Mrs Carrick reported on the SNAP meeting by saying that Gloucestershire have a new group to look at public transport. They questioned why the last bid for a transport scheme to cover our Parish was unsuccessful, and discussed that funding might be available in the future from a Parish Transport Grant.

g) **Quality Parish Status**

The clerk had a copy of the scheme explained in detail from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and indicated that more copies were on order. The meeting generally thought that it was in the Council's interests to pursue Quality Parish Status, although the chairman indicated that the majority of the criteria had already been met.

03.07 10. **Planning**

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

SO3/777 – Paulmead, Bisley – erection of tree house- SUPPORT

SO3/774 – Toddsbridge, Bisley – Construction of garage with accommodation over – OBJECT – The proposal is set within Conservation Area and is totally out of character with the local style of construction.

It involves demolition and change of a small store into a much larger self contained dwelling.

It would dominate and alter the existing well used pedestrian gateway into the village.

The development would result in the felling of two beautiful mature trees again impacting on the gateway into the village.

SO3/756 – Catswood Cottage, Stancombe – Erection of building to provide studio implement store & garage re-roofing to provide produce store- SUPPORT

SO3/836 – Jasmine Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – erection of extension to form garden room -SUPPORT

SO3/842 – Badgers Brook, Bismore – Retrospective application for erection of flat roof garden store – OBJECT – This application differs from the plans previously approved in a number of respects:

The new building is wider and higher than approved. The original plans were for a stone building with low stone wall around, the new plans have a bold black iron balustrade with a greater total height. The lintels in original plan were curved stone, in the new plan they are staright and made of concrete.

SO3/847 – Yew Tree Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – Erection of 2 storey extension- SUPPORT

SO3/866 Ntl transmitter station, Bisley Old Road – installation of 3 replacement dual polar antennae(6 to be removed) – SUPPORT

SO3/881 – Stokyes Close, Oakridge Lynch – Planning for erection of single storey extension- SUPPORT

SO3/882- as above – listed building application- SUPPORT

SO3/917 – Hill House, Far Wells Rd, Bisley – erection of new retaining wall – NO OBSERVATIONS – we are unable to assess the structural integrity. Insufficient detail and information on plans for us to understand and visualise the finished structures.

SO3/1002 – 6 The Row, Mount Pleasant – Erection of outbuilding for office use – OBJECT – Although happy with the principle of the use of the building for this purpose there is insufficient detail on the plans to make a considered judgement. Replacement building should be constructed with natural stone and be in keeping with the conservation area.

SO3/978 – Woodland Cottage, Middle Lypiatt – renewal of S98/636 for erection of two storey extension -SUPPORT

SO3/1048 – Beech Lodge, Back Lane, Bisley – Erection of carport- SUPPORT

SO3/1034 – The Studio, Eastcombe – erection of new dwelling – existing to be demolished

SO3/1035 – Brittany, Eastcombe – Erection of single storey extension

03.07 11. **Correspondence**

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

Bus Steering Group	Report of meeting 29 th May 2003
GCC	Change to bus service E32
Glos Playing Fields Assn	Newsletter
Glos Health Services	Meeting 17 th July 2003
Local Council Review	July 2003

The clerk had circulated two documents concerning GMO's. The meeting agreed to discuss the motion suggested by L Greene at the next meeting. Mr Workman agreed to attend a debate on GMO's run by GCC on July 11th and report back. The meeting were unanimous that more information needed to be analysed and understood before any comments could be passed.

03.07 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Perkins asked if the clerk could investigate the possibility of borrowing a speed check gun from the Police. The clerk agreed but added that a speed check for Bisley had been requested.

Mr Rogers suggested that the donation received from Tomboy Films could be used to plant Stancombe triangle. Mrs Flint was providing advice on suitable planting schemes. It was decided to finalise the choice at a Ward meeting.

Mr Perkins asked the clerk to find out the cost of a dog bin for Bisley.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter had been approached by the residents of Brockley Acres to request that a "Check Speed" sign be erected on a telegraph pole on the Eastcombe to Bisley Road. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibility with GCC. Mr Carter had also been asked if the overhanging trees at Bracelands bus stop could be trimmed and it was suggested that I Bullimore be asked to do this.

The clerk was also asked to request a waste bin from SDC to replace the one that had rusted through on the village green at Eastcombe.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Budgeon indicated that he considered it would cost approximately £5000 pre annum to employ a handy person in the Parish to work regularly.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th August 2003 at
Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40