

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 2nd OCTOBER, 2002 at BISLEY WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE HALL

Mrs P Carrick		Chairman
Mr J P L Perkins	}	
Mr N S Rogers	}	Bisley Ward
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 E F Jordan		Clerk

No members of the public were present

02.10 1. **Apologies for Absence**

District Cllr D K Le Fleming, County Cllr C Fellows, Mr M G Flint

02.10 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were none declared

02.10 3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

02.10 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 4th September having been circulated were approved and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

02.10 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Eastcombe Recreation Ground – Wayleaves Payment**

The clerk told the meeting that A E Smith, Solicitors were in contact with the County Council to expedite this matter.

b) **Standing Orders**

The Clerk asked whether the revised pages 3 and 4 had been received and if not, to request a further copy from her.

- c) **Windyridge - Progress**
The Chairman and Mr Perkins stated that no information regarding the allocation of units was forthcoming from the District Council. The Chairman agreed to make contact.
- d) **Oakridge Recreation Field – Picnic Tables/Benches**
Complaints have been received from residents living near this proposed site. A meeting has been arranged for 29th October at Oakridge Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.
- e) **Bisley W I Hall**
Mr Rogers told the meeting that this matter was progressing satisfactorily and a steering group had been formed. Trustees will be appointed to take over ownership of the hall once a charity has been formed. A further meeting will take place in early November.
- f) **Oakridge – Dog Nuisances**
Mr Bryant told the meeting that although the dog warden had approached the owners of the offending dogs, the problem persisted with barking throughout the day and also through the night. Other residents in Oakridge confirmed this. He is in contact with the warden and further steps will be taken.
- g) **GAPTC – AGM 19th October 2002**
The Chairman asked whether any member would be available to attend this meeting, as both she and the Clerk would be unavailable. No other councillor would be able to attend.

Toadsmoor Hill Traffic Lights

Mrs Russell told the meeting that drivers were still ‘jumping’ these lights and the Clerk was asked to contact the police again.

Vacancy – Clerk

Express was concerned that the advertisement did not make it clear that the position was salaried. If any further advertising is undertaken, this will be rectified.

- 02.10 6. **District Council Matters**
In the absence of the District Councillor, nothing was raised under this heading
- 02.10 7. **County Council Matters**
In the absence of the County Councillor, nothing was raised under this heading.
- 02.10 8. **Finance**
The Clerk told the Meeting that the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2002 had now been approved by the appointed auditors.

Receipts**£**

Interest

3.44**Payments**

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Severn Trent Water (Bisley Pavilion)			26.59
Nextra (e-mail and website)	80.00	14.00	94.00
GFPA (Annual subscription)			50.00
E F Jordan (September Salary)			441.14
Inland Revenue			24.10
npower (Bisley Pavilion)	9.31	.46	9.77
Moore Stephens (Audit)	250.00	43.75	293.75
Butterfield Tolley (New edition of Arnold Baker)			41.10
Stroud District Council (Elections)			899.00
Electronic Imaging Solutions (photocopies)	10.21	1.79	12.00
JNC (Fire Protection) Ltd (Oakridge Pavilion)	20.50	3.59	24.09
The Charity of the Ancient Parish of Bisley (Allotments)			50.00
L Martin (Cleaning Bisley Pavilion)			97.61
Petty Cash			<u>50.00</u>
			<u>£2113.15</u>

Petty Cash Payments

£70.80Cash Balance as at 30th September 2002**£7,339.24**02.10 9. **Matters for Discussion**a) **Precept 2003/04**

The Wards were asked to consider their budget for the next financial year, which should be available for the December meeting at the latest.

b) **Housing Appraisal**

A letter together with a questionnaire has been or will shortly be distributed to every house in the Parish. Completed questionnaires will be collected at the shop in each village. Analysis should take place during the third week of October. Mrs Carrick expressed the thanks of the council to Mr and Mrs Brooks for their hard work in getting this document completed.

c) **Thomas Keble School – Recreation Field Wall**

The Chairman attended a site meeting with Ward members to consider the matter of the gap in the wall. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the headmaster of Thomas Keble to discuss this matter.

d) **Oakridge Graveyard and adjoining plot**

This matter is progressing satisfactorily.

- e) **Eastcombe Community Notice Board**
The Ward members considered that a suitable place for this board would be on Dr Crouch's Road, on the grass by the bungalows at Bracelands and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to the likelihood of planning permission being required and the costs involved.
- f) **Civic Trust Awards**
There were no suitable buildings or projects in the area to apply for this award.
- g) **Highways Maintenance and Traffic Management Seminar – 28th October 2002**
Mr Bryant volunteered to represent the Council at this Seminar.
- h) **Rural Grants and Core Grants**
Each Ward were given application forms and leaflets for distribution where required. The closing date for applications to be received at Stroud District Council is 11th November 2002.

Stroud Cluster Meeting

Mr Carter reported on a meeting he had attended with the police, Community Safety Partnership and other parish representatives. As the minutes had not been received he did not feel that he could give a full report of the meeting but will do so at the next meeting.

He said that the meeting discussed the possibility of reduced funding to the police in rural areas in favour of additional funding for the police in urban areas. The clerk was asked by the meeting to write and put on record the parish concern at this move.

Transport Plan

Mrs Carrick told the meeting that the first draft had just been received with details of the proposed community bus. The Clerk was asked to circulate this to all members for consideration at the next meeting. Mrs Russell expressed the thanks of the council to the Chairman and Mrs Turner for their hard work.

02.10 10.

Planning

These application had been received and the following were the Council's responses during the last month;

Greenacre, Back Lane, Bisley – Replacement of barn with stable : Support.

Greystones, Stroud Road, Bisley – Erection of stable : Support

Battlescombe Farm, Hay Hedge Lane, Bisley – Insertion of 2 windows etc : Support.

Througham Slad Manor, Bisley – New road bypassing The Manor and associated works – Object – The Parish Council has always been totally opposed to the re-routing of this road and would like to reinforce our opposition to these new proposals. The existing road is an ancient stretch of highway running through a particularly beautiful Cotswold landscape. By diverting the road it will deny future generations the opportunity of enjoying and appreciating this all too rare feature.

Winsley Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – Replacement of flat roof to pitched roof and erection of carport. : Support – The pitched roof will be an improvement. We have no feelings about the carport.

The Old Post Office, Oakridge Lynch – Extension to provide summerhouse : Support – This extension is not visually ‘in keeping’ with what is probably the oldest house in the village, but its construction does not change the cottage. We would like to make sure the yew tree is retained, as there is a yew tree in the garden of all the older houses in the village. It is a feature of the village.

Village Hall, Oakridge Lynch – Extension to village hall : Support – We support the plan as it will enable the uses of the village hall to be more flexible and make it more of an asset to the community. We would like to see all the windows and doors made of wood, a mixture of wood and uPVC is inconsistent. The uPVC is not ‘in keeping’ with a building that has wooden shingles on the roof and a timber west (road front) elevation.

Greenacre, Back Lane, Bisley – Replacement of barn with stable : Support

Greystones, Stroud Road, Bisley – Erection of stable : Support

Battlescombe Farm, Hay Hedge Lane, Bisley – Listed Building consent for insertion of 2 windows etc : Support

Former Stancombe Garage, Stroud Road – Revised consultation to erect dwelling and office : Object – Our previous comments remain unaltered. We are totally opposed to residential development on this site for all the reasons previously stated.

Stancombe Farm, Stancombe – Conversion of barn etc. : Support

Jones Slad Farm, Througham, Bisley – Support

The Old Farmhouse, Lower Nashend, Bisley – Extension to kitchen: Support

Mr Brooks told the meeting that the Chairmen of the Planning Sub-committees had met to discuss alterations to the policy for handling planning applications and handed out copies of the new arrangements.

He confirmed that a Parish Plan should be produced as a matter of urgency.

02.10 11.

Correspondence

Gloucestershire County Council
Commission for Racial Equality
British Telecom

Civic Trust Awards 2003
Guides
Letter re Oakridge Telegraph Pole

Highway Maintenance and Traffic Management (e-mail)	Invitation to Seminar 6.00 p.m. 28 th October
Gloucestershire County Council	Proposed Modifications to the Revised Deposit Plan
Gloucestershire Playing Fields	Invitation to AGM – 15 th October at 3.30 p.m.
SDC	Pastoral Reorganisation
Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution	Environmental Planning
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council	Annual Report 2002
“	Invitation to AGM – 9 th October – 1.30 p.m.
GAPTC	19 TH October meeting – details
Crimestoppers	Newsletter
Information Commissioner	Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Publication Schemes
Rural Transport Partnership	Leaflets
Gloucestershire Chest Fund	Letter and leaflet
Stroud & District Volunteer Bureau	Annual Review 2001/2002

A letter has been received from the Governors of the Blue Coat School, Bisley, regarding the school building. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

02.10 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Rogers said that no adverse comments had been received in connection with the moving of the Saxon Cross to Stancombe Triangle and therefore the matter should be further investigated and experts approached.

A wall by the playing fields has been damaged by a motorist who telephoned the Warden to confirm that he intends to have this mended shortly.

The Chairman thanked Mr Workman for his hard work in getting Bisley Pavilion ready for an unexpected booking at the end of September.

Mr Brooks asked that the Bisley Ward consider purchasing a bench in memory of Mr Les Restall who recently died. This will be discussed at Ward level.

Mr Budgeon expressed concern at the state of the wall on the London Road/Back Lane. The clerk will speak to the Highways Department.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter told of vandalism to the swings on the Recreation Ground two weeks ago when four rubber safety mats had been stolen and wished to put on record the council's gratitude to local builders, Mr Gardiner and Mr Pulley for their prompt action in ensuring that the swings were made safe until the mats could be replaced.

Mrs Russell expressed concern at the number of parked cars on the Bisley Road during a recent Open Day. It was agreed that the situation be brought to the Headmaster's attention during the forthcoming meeting.

Mr Brooks said that it had been agreed at Ward level that the conifers at the side of the football field should be trimmed to 12 ft. The Clerk was asked to get two quotes for this work.

c) **Oakridge**

A letter has been received from the County Council in respect of grass cutting on footpaths. As its contents were unclear Mrs Carrick will make contact and clarify.

Mr Bryant was concerned at the state of the roads around Lilyhorn/Moons Lane after the recent resurfacing and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority.

It would appear that Kennedys have still not cleared up after their work. The Clerk will contact them again.

Mr Davis told the meeting that the Oakridge Society wished to donate a grant they had received from the District Council to the Parish Council on the condition that the Parish Council paid for repairs to the War Memorial. It was agreed that this would be acceptable.

The Chairman said that she had had a telephone call from the owner of Holloway Cottage at the junction of the Pike on the Bisley Eastcombe Road. There have been six accidents there in a very short time and her wall had been severely damaged. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority and ask for reflectors to be placed on her wall and the white line in the middle of the road to be reinstated.

Sycamore trees were growing within the walls around the recreation ground that could possibly cause damage therefore a quote had been requested to remove these. Mr Budgeon has kindly agreed to remove the wood.

Mrs Carrick said that an e-mail had been received regarding the safety of the play equipment. This work will be considered for next year's budget.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6th November at Bisley W I Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.