

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 3rd December 2003 at OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

Mr N S Rogers		Chairman
Ms L Greene	}	
Mr J P L Perkins	}	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 P Dawes		
Mrs T A Howes		Clerk

8 members of the public were present

03.12 1. **Apologies for Absence**

County Cllr Chas Fellowes (prior meeting), District Cllr D Le Fleming (prior meeting), Mr A Davis (holiday).

03.12 2. **a) Mr A Turner – GCC Highways**

The chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Turner, Divisional Manager for the Southern Region of the Highways Department. Mr Turner gave an interesting and informative talk on the work he is involved with and provided statistical analysis on the organisation and maintenance of the highways.

A worthwhile discussion followed on particular concerns within this parish.

Public Participation

- b) 8 residents from Stancombe attended the meeting to discuss the implementation of a speed limit through Stancombe. The chairman read a letter received recently indicating that the police and GCC Highways would be in favour of a 40mph limit extending from the 30mph zone out of Bisley to just beyond Stancombe. The residents indicated that a 30mph limit was necessary for the safety of children and all residents. The Parish Council supported this view and advised each resident to write individually with their concerns to Inspector Pickersgill and to John Lindsay at GCC. The clerk was also asked to write in an effort to gain support for a 30mph limit.

The position of the bus stop was a matter for concern and the clerk was asked to write to the bus company to discuss a possible alternative location. The residents of Stancombe were asked for input on this.

03.12 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

03.12 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th November having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

03.12 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Mobile Speed Sign**

The clerk had recently been advised by the chairman of Painswick Parish Council that they were unwilling to participate in the purchase of a mobile speed sign at this time. The clerk was asked to contact Chalford and Thrupp Parish Councils to offer part ownership.

The chairman indicated that in the absence of any support then Bisley-with-Lypiatt should consider the purchase of the speed sign if funds allow. This was agreed.

b) **Playground Inspections**

The clerk had indicated the cost of interim playground inspections by SDC and the meeting thought this prohibitive. Mr Brooks thought that annual inspections with very few reported accidents in the last eight years indicated that the Parish Council could be seen as carrying out their duty of care. The clerk was asked to write to GAPTC for legal advice on what is a reasonable frequency for inspections and what should be done to meet the duty of care.

c) **Highways Parish Partnership**

It was agreed to discuss this at ward meetings to produce a list of jobs that need to be done in relation to highways. The clerk was asked to set up a meeting between ward chairmen and Mr Mulla and Mr Boyes to discuss further.

03.12 6. **District Council Matters**

In the absence of District Councillor Mr Le Fleming the chairman read a letter on his behalf indicating his best efforts regarding the land at Windyridge.

Matter 9a) was brought forward and discussed at this point. Ms Greene gave a report on the recent Scrutiny Committee Meeting attended by herself and Mr Budgeon on the Parish Councils behalf. She said it seemed obvious that SDC were merely targeting Windyridge as a financial asset and had not worried about the long term implications.

In view of the disposal of land at Windyridge being advertised in the Stroud News and Journal the chairman proposed forwarding a press release urgently making clear the Parish Council's annoyance and indicating that SDC did not have the best interests of Bisley at heart.

It was agreed that Ms Greene draft the release for approval before the deadline of the next publication of the SNJ.

Particular concern was expressed that future housing needs in 6-10 years time could result in extending the village envelope.

Mr Budgeon though it useful to start work on a Parish Plan which could link to Windyridge with its inclusion of a Village Design Statement. He indicated that grant aid from The Countryside Agency and the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council would run out by March 2005. The clerk was asked to include this on the next agenda.

The chairman thanked Ms Greene and Mr Budgeon for their attendance at the Committee meeting and subsequent report. The meeting agreed that the Parish Council would want to be engaged with the District Council in any planning consultations regarding Windyridge with respect to the planning gain anticipated for Bisley.

03.12 7. **County Council Matters**

In the absence of the County Councillor nothing was discussed under this heading

03.12 8. **Finance****Receipts November 2003****£**

Long Distance Walkers Assn.	20.00
VAT Refund	4175.79
Bank Interest	33.05
Oakridge Village Hall Trust	<u>1205.64</u>
	5434.48

NB: VAT refund of £2228.83 to Bisley Gift

Payments – December 2003**£****VAT****Total**

British Telecomm		93.44
		16.35
		109.79
R Churchill (Oak Vill Hall)	220.00	
		38.50
		258.50
Hempsted Domestic (Oak Vill Hall)		765.96
		134.04
		900.00
Focus DIY (Oak Vill Hall)		48.05
		8.41
		56.46
Oakridge Lunch Club		150.00
		150.00
Charity of Ancient Parish of Bisley		50.00
		50.00
G S Carrick (P Carrick retirement)		100.00
		100.00
James & Owen (stationary)		43.30
		7.57
		50.87

03.12 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Windyridge**

Discussed under item 6.

b) **Highways Maintenance Meeting**

Mr Bryant was accepted as representative for the Council at a meeting to be held on 8th January 2003.

03.12 10. **Planning**

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

C0152/FUL- The Farthings, Bournes Green – erection of extensions to garage and dwelling – Support

C0086/LBC – Daneway House, Daneway – Erection of new weather vane to replace existing on SW gable – Support

C0169/VAR – Well Close, Oakridge Lynch – variation of condition 2 of existing S03/269 for outbuilding to be used in connection with dwelling – Support – we would recommend that the outbuilding be used as ancillary to the dwelling

The clerk reported that the matter of lighting at Bathurst House was still being looked into by SDC.

03.12 11. **Correspondence**

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

Community Safety Partnership
Glos Rural Community Council
Jan 2004

CPRE

SDC

update

SDCVS

SDCVS

review

National Playing Fields Assc'n

SDC

meeting 15th June 2004
Annual conference 18th

Rural Matters Oct Issue
Merrywalks Bus Station

Agenda meeting 3rd Dec
Newsletter & Annual

Fields Focus
The News Nov 2003

03.12 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Nothing was raised

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter indicated that concerns were again being expressed about parking problems around Thomas Keble School. The number of cars was increasing not just during school hours but also in the evening due to the many activities taking place in the school. Mr Bryant in his capacity of school governor said it was a worry to the school but it had no immediate solutions. The possibility of increasing parking areas had been looked into but there was no suitable space. He also added that as TK School was now oversubscribed, in future years the pupils on the role should be made up of a higher proportion of local children which could alleviate matters slightly.

Mr Budgeon expressed concern that green transport systems had not been fully considered.

Mr Brooks asked about a locked gate on a footpath leading into the Manor Estate. The clerk indicated that she had been in contact with Chalford Parish Council on this matter previously and they had assumed responsibility, as the gate occurs virtually on the Parish boundary.

c) **Oakridge**

The clerk was given a draft of what is to be written on a plaque for the Oakridge cemetery.

The clerk was asked to contact GCC PROW to obtain a grit bin at the top of MBL68.

Mr Bryant indicated that the resurfacing of the road alongside the shop and post office was in need of resurfacing and asked the clerk to discuss this with GCC Highways.

Mr Budgeon asked if a representative from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council could be invited to a future meeting to discuss a Parish Plan.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th January 2004 at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10