

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY 2002 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
HALL**

Mrs P Carrick		Chairman
Mr M G Flint	}	
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
Mrs E F Jordan		Clerk

In attendance: County Cllr Mr C Fellows

No members of the public were present

- 02.07 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Mr A E Davis (holiday), Mr J P Perkins, (overriding appointment),
District Cllr D le Fleming
- 02.07 2. **Declaration of Interests**
It was decided that these would be declared at the commencement of
the item.
- 02.07. 3. **Public Participation**
There was no public participation.
- 02.07 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2002 having been
circulated were approved with the alteration of the cost of the
subscription to CPRE on page 45 being changed from £17.50 to
£25.00 and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
- 02.07 5. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Saxon Cross**
It was confirmed that as discussed at the June Meeting, notices
indicating the possible movement of the Cross to the
Stancombe Triangle should be placed in the village newsletters
with replies to be sent to the clerk for consideration.

b) **Windyridge – Affordable Housing**

The Chairman told the meeting that she had contacted Stroud District Council and Sovereign Housing for clarification as to the allocation of the units. It is now clear that these will be allocated on a points system with residents in the Stroud District Council Area as a whole being considered, rather than Bisley or Parish residents taking precedence.

As this was not the original understanding or wishes of the Parish Council, the clerk was asked to arrange an urgent meeting to clarify the situation in respect of the housing available for rent.

c) **Gloucestershire County Council Highways Maintenance – Best Value**

A letter from the Head of Service, Highways Maintenance was read to the meeting apologising for the short consultation period.

d) **Kennedy’s Repairs – Snagging Lists**

Eastcombe and Bisley Ward were asked to let the clerk have a list of work still outstanding as soon as possible.

e) **Eastcombe Ward Matters**

i) Notice Board

The clerk was asked to request that coping be added to the board on order.

ii) Telephone Box

This work is still outstanding. British Telecom have agreed to send a supervisor to inspect it.

iii) Village Green – Reinstatement of Damage

The clerk was asked to get a second quotation for the work near the shop and chase Transco in respect of the damage they caused.

iv) Village Green Parking

The Highways Authority have agreed to look at this problem and report back.

Housing Appraisal

Mr Flint asked for the state of play regarding this and as Mr Budgeon was presently unable to devote any time to it, Mrs Carrick kindly agreed to take charge with the assistance of both Messrs Flint and Perkins.

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6. **District Council Matters**

In Mr le Fleming’s absence the clerk told the meeting that he had e-mailed to let the council know that he was now on the Development Control Committee and would be pleased to be of assistance to Planning Sub-Committees if required.

He had been following up the complaints in respect of recycling and suggested that all cases of malfunction are reported to the District Council. If there was no improvement, he would be happy to follow this up.

02.07 7. **County Council Matters**

Mr Fellows passed over copies of both the Members Briefing Sheet for the County and details of the Community Strategy and Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership, a list of the main service providers and wealth creators in the county.

The Bluecoats School Terrapin class room should be in situ at the end of this term

02.07 8. **Finance**

Receipts

Interest

£
6.44
£

Payments

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bisley Newsletter			50.00
Eastcombe Newsletter			50.00
Oakridge Newsletter			50.00
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council			15.00
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Assn			25.00
CAB Stroud			75.00
CPRE Annual Subscription			25.00
Cotswold Canals Trust			20.00
Stroud Area Victim Support			30.00
Stroud District Volunteer Bureau			50.00
Cotswold Care Hospice			50.00
Women's Royal Voluntary Service			50.00
Stroud Valley Open Studios			10.00
County Air Ambulance			50.00
Oakridge Methodist Church			100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care – Gloucestershire			25.00
Annual donation to St Bartholomew's			
Churchyard, Oakridge (Richard Mackie)			500.00
Oakridge Village Hall Trust			1000.00
Frith Youth Centre			500.00
Electronic Imaging Solutions Ltd (P-copies)	15.80	2.77	18.57
CelticFlag Services (Oakridge Flag)	33.00	5.78	38.78
T W Hawkins & Sons S G M S (Grass cut'g)	585.00	102.38	687.38
Robert Newbold (Eastcombe Grass Cutting)			12.22
E F Jordan (June Salary)			441.14
Inland Revenue			24.10
E F Jordan (Petty Cash)			75.00
Severn Trent (Allots./ Oakridge Village Hall)			<u>77.44</u>
			£4049.63

Petty Cash Payments
Cash Balance as at 30th June 2002

£41.05
£16,967.34

- i **Chairman's Allowance**
The Chairman left the room and this was discussed. It was unanimously agreed to award £350 allowance this financial year.
- ii **Appointment of Internal/External Auditor**
It was agreed that the clerk find an auditor for this new appointment and the sum of £50 would be available for expenses.
- iii **Approval of 2001/2002 Accounts**
The accounts were put before the committee and approved.
- iv **Mileage Allowance**
The new rate from GAPTC is 39.9p. per mile. It was agreed that the clerk could claim this amount from petty cash.

02.07 9. **Matters for Discussion**

- a) **Stancombe Speed Limit**
After the meeting with the Highways Authority, Council and some residents, it had been agreed to use a speed gun as well as marking the road for traffic counting. The Highways Authority had suggested that a 40 mph might be more appropriate.
- b) **Windyridge – Commemorative Sculpture**
This will be discussed further when building is nearer completion.
- c) **Bisley W I Hall**
Mr Rogers reported that he had attended a meeting and a group of volunteers had been appointed. It is hoped that the transfer of ownership to the village will be straightforward and he asked whether the council would agree, in principle, to a small financial contribution. The council were in agreement and any other financial assistance could be precepted for next year.
- d) **Golden Jubilee Grants**
The projects must be completed by the end of December 2002 and payment will be made on the completion of the project with receipted invoices.
- e) **Grass Cutting – Stancombe Triangle**
Bisley Ward will arrange this.
- f) **Bisley Roads - Kerbing**

The heritage kerbing for the High Street has been agreed with the Highways Authority and this is now on order.

The Chairman told the meeting that it is her understanding that the Highways Authority intend to kerb the London Road by the wall to try and eliminate potholing.

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02.07 10. **Planning**

Mr Flint suggested that the consideration of planning applications should be uniform throughout the parish with the same consideration being given to a parish councillor's applications as to those of parishioners.

It was also felt that the subject of benefit of interest should be clarified and Mr Brooks agreed to call a meeting of the Planning Sub-committee chairmen to give these subjects due consideration in conjunction with the Standing Orders and report back at the next meeting. Any other member who wishes to attend would be very welcome.

The following applications had been received and the following were the Council's responses during the last month;

Abbey Wood House, Lypiatt Park – Erection of replacement house amended design : Our previous comments remain unaltered.

Lower Nashend Cottage, Nashend, Bisley – Extension, alterations and repairs to dwelling : Support

Lower Nashend Farm, Nashend, Bisley – Extension, alteration and repairs to dwelling : Support

Larkrise, Van der Breen Street, Bisley – Erection of Conservatory : Support

Former Stancombe Garage, Stroud Road, Bisley – Erection of a dwelling and office building – Object : Comment : We are strongly opposed to any residential development on this site. It is outside the settlement area and would set a serious precedent. We have always maintained that this site should be retained for commercial use only. We are very supportive of rural employment initiatives.

5 Bearsfield, Bisley – Erection of a porch - Support

Honeycombe House, Honeycombe, Nr Miserden – Conversion of dairy & demolition of modern barn : Support

Honeycombe House, Honeycombe, Nr Miserden – Insertion of windows and doors to dairy etc (Listed Building) : Support

Butchers Arms, Oakridge Lynch – Support – Comments: We support the building to provide extra accommodation for the Butchers Arms. We support the application for the dwelling but we have a number of comments:-

1. We would only like to see a small, perhaps cottage type, dwelling. We would not like to see another 'executive home'. We would like to see a small 'footprint'.

2. We would like to see the vehicle access on to the road on the Waterlane/school road because the other road carries both vehicle and pedestrian traffic to the shop. Pedestrian access is OK on to this road.
3. The consent for the dwelling should only be allowed as a condition of the accommodation.

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Watercombe House, Waterlane – Restoration and extension of house and rebuilding of adjacent buildings – Support – Comments – We believe that a lot of thought and trouble have been put into this plan to conscientiously renovate and reconstruct this old building to make it suitable for 21st century living. Interest declared – Mrs P J Carrick

Watercombe House, Waterlane – Renovation works to main house and rebuild adjacent outbuildings – Listed Building application – Support – Comments as above. Interest declared – Mrs P J Carrick

Cair Paravel, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe – Revised Plans – No observations

Thomas Keble School – Extension to design/technology block – No observations,

Cherry Cottage, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe – Erection of extension – Comments : Our only concern about this application concerns the north-east and north-west elevations. (Please note that the north-west elevation is incorrectly described as ‘south west’ on some of the plans submitted). These are the elevations adjacent to Fidges Lane. The plans state that these highly visible elevations would be largely in natural stone. It is most important that the stone used is of the same colour and character as the existing stone work, and most importantly that proper quoin stones are used for the northern corner of the building or the existing character will be lost. Walls built with same-sized ‘bricks’ even if the ‘bricks’ are made of natural stone, will not look like the existing rubble stone wall. See our comments on the associated application for demolition consent.

Cherry Cottage, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe – Conservation area consent – Comments : We have no objection to the demolition of the existing modern extension. However, the existing wall forming the northern corner of the property is old and visually important to the character of the area. This corner stonework is much older than the stonework on the north-eastern elevation of the existing extension. Rather than demolition of this corner stonework, a better solution would be to incorporate it into the new building as the corner of the new extension if this is at all possible.

02.07 11. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received during June and is available for reading

Gloucestershire Community
Health Council
Meningitis Trust

Speaking for Patients

5 Valleys Walk – Sunday 22nd
September

SDC	List of new Councillors
Gloucestershire County Council	Letter re Minerals Local Plan revised
SDC – Community Safety Partnership	Crime & Disorder minutes
CPRE	Annual Report
Cotswold & Vale NHS	Letter of Introduction
Children with Leukaemia	Request for support
Care Direct	Press release
GAPT	Amendments to AGM Proposals
SDC	Cotswold Canals Restoration Meeting – 19.00 hrs, 10 th July

02.07 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

The clerk was asked to chase the Highways Authority regarding the placement of the arrow approaching Stancombe Triangle.

b) **Eastcombe**

Fly-posting – it was suggested that an item be put in the village magazines asking those placing notices on telegraph posts, etc, remove them once the event has taken place.

Work should commence shortly on the repairs to the walls at the Recreation Ground. Mr Davis will be requested to leave a gap in the wall at the bottom of the ground.

The clerk was asked to chase the erection of the ‘No Tipping’ sign opposite Fourways Garage.

Work is still outstanding on the children’s play area. The clerk was asked to obtain the name of the sub-contractor to deal direct.

The council had considered the provision of a crossing outside Thomas Keble School previously. The subject is now being discussed at school meetings and the school are to be asked to include the parish council in any discussions it may have on the subject.

Four saplings have been damaged on Stonecote Ridge. Mr Carter asked for and was given the council’s agreement to have these removed.

The Secretary of the British Legion has requested financial assistance in renovating the War Memorial in the Baptist Church Graveyard. The clerk will make contact and ask for details of works required to be done.

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority regarding the clearing of blocked drains on Bismore Hill.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Bryant told the meeting that cones have now been delivered to his home and are available for blocking off areas in the parish if required.

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The road at Far Oakridge – Tunley at Mannesty Farm will be closed for drainage work from 22nd July to 2nd August

It has been agreed to buy £50 worth of plants from Ashers Nursery for the planning of the Headwell.

Work on the recreation ground has still not commenced and the clerk was requested to chase this.

The clerk was requested to enquire as to when drain emptying will commence.

Accounts have been requested from the Jubilee Committee.

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Date and Place of Next Meeting

7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th August 2002 at Bisley W I Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

