

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH 2004
at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL

Mr N S Rogers		Chairman
Ms L Greene	}	
Mr J P L Perkins	}	Bisley Ward
Mr T G Carter	}	
Mr R K Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs J W Russell	}	
Mrs O M Turner	}	
Mr R S Bryant	}	
Mr A E Davis	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr P Dawes	}	
Mrs T A Howes		Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming
County Cllr Mr C Fellows

0 members of the public were present

04.03 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr R Budgeon (prior meeting – PC business), Mr D Workman

04.03 2. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

04.03 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

04.03 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There was one amendment to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 4th February: item 9b) should read...the one-way system at Thomas Keble School was still under consultation. The minutes were then approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

04.03 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Windyridge**

Ms Greene indicated that she had discussed planning gain with SDC and was awaiting publication of the Bisley News to advertise a public meeting about Windyridge.

b) **Mobile Speed Sign**

The clerk reported that the mobile speed sign had been ordered and that Painswick Parish Council was willing to contribute to a half share. Mr Bryant was in favour and proposed their offer was accepted, which was seconded by Mrs Russell and agreed. Mr Brooks agreed to draft a framework agreement and the clerk was asked to get confirmation in writing from Painswick PC.

c) **PROW**

The clerk was asked to invite John Parsons to speak at the June PC meeting and to arrange a daytime meeting with Mr Davis and Jaqi Harris to discuss Oakridge Ward issues.

Mr Davis agreed to complete the PROW consultation exercise with Mr Workman.

d) **Aston Down**

Mr Davis indicated he would endeavour to view the latest traffic survey results at SDC. The clerk was asked to query as to why a summary was not available by post or e-mail.

e) **Bisley-Eastcombe Cycle Lane**

Ms Greene read a letter from a concerned member of the public asking for help from the PC on safe access for pedestrians and cyclists on this route.

Ms Greene was waiting to advertise a public meeting in the next issue of Bisley News to look at feasible solutions.

Mr Brooks indicated that the current RUPP could be upgraded for use by cyclists as an alternative to a cycle lane on the road.

Members recognised the dangers for pedestrians and cyclists but agreed that the nature of the landscape made it difficult to obtain a balance for all road users.

County Councillor Fellows added that any improvements made to roads were to a standard specification usually based on urban guidelines, as set out by Government.

f) **Section 17 Crime & Disorder Act**

Mr Davis having read the leaflet on Section 17 indicated that the PC had a duty of care to look at all issues with reference to Crime & Disorder. It was agreed that current practices already cover this but minutes should highlight specifics relating to Crime & Disorder e.g. support of local youth organisations.

It was also agreed to revisit the Standing Orders with a view to addressing the PC duties at the next meeting.

g) **Councillor's Allowances**

In response to the letter indicating that co-opted members had been excluded from the new system of payments the members were happy that GAPTC should pursue this with a view to including all members.

The clerk had obtained a confirmatory letter that the PC could legally continue to pay the Chairman's allowance as before.

04.03 6. **District Council Matters**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

04.03 7. **County Council Matters**

Councillor Fellows indicated that a meeting was shortly to be held to discuss the future of the sixth forms in Gloucestershire.

He also indicated that no decision had yet been reached on the financial difficulties faced by Coverage Care.

Finally he added that the County Council had been able to reduce the local tax payable from 8% to 5.3% mainly because of the second home tax reduction changes which had provided a windfall from District.

04.03 8. **Finance**

Receipts February 2004**£**

What's On	60.00
Bisley Cricket Club	<u>120.00</u>
	180.00

Payments – March 2004	£	VAT	Total
British Telecom	86.39	15.11	101.50
Bisley WI Village Hall	240.00		240.00
Ian Ridler Electrical (OVHT)	92.09	16.12	108.21
SP Electrical Ltd (East Scout Hut)	300.00		300.00
H Brown & Son (OVHT)	110.00	19.25	129.25
M Flint (retirement)	79.99		79.99
P Lorenzen (grass cutting)	25.00	4.38	29.38
Severn Trent Water (Bill for Bisley Pav)	58.14		58.14
D Workman (sundries pavilion)	23.78		23.78
A E Smith & Son (solicitors)	292.00	43.75	335.75
Graduate Gardeners Ltd (Teeds Rise & Stancombe)	392.67	68.72	461.39
T Howes (Feb salary)	459.62		459.62
Inland Revenue	32.11		32.11
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
Total			2409.12

Petty Cash Payments	£56.79
Cash Balance as at 29 th February 2004	£19,865.28
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,912.51

04.03 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Parish Plan**

The members reported mixed feeling on this but generally agreed that a Parish Plan should be undertaken.

Ms Greene indicated willingness to actively participate from herself and Mr Workman. Mr Budgeon was attending a meeting about Parish Plans on the PC's behalf and would report back to the April meeting.

Mr Bryant suggested that the Parish Appraisal could be used and updated in conjunction with an action plan.

Mr Brooks was concerned that the Parish Council should keep control of the process, as it was likely they would be involved in most aspects of any action plan.

The chairman commented that he thought it imperative that all groups who wished to be represented, were.

It was agreed to agenda this item again at the next meeting.

b) **Playground Inspections**

Mr Bryant proposed that the weekly inspections be introduced as soon as possible. This was seconded by Mr Carter and carried. The ward members responsible for the weekly playground inspections were agreed as: Mr Workman, Bisley; Mr Carter, Eastcombe and Mr Dawes, Oakridge.

The clerk was asked to finalise the checklist to accommodate five weeks, which would then be presented at each PC meeting, with any urgent remedial action necessary to be done and the clerk informed.

c) **Rural Grant Applications**

Ms Greene reported on plans for the Bisley allotments upgrade in view of the £1,000 rural grant awarded by SDC. The meeting agreed that a higher charge was acceptable for Bisley allotment holders when the provision of standpipes and other facilities had been completed.

Mr Bryant indicated that the Parish Council were bound to provide allotments as a village amenity and should keep rents to a minimum in order to encourage uptake.

d) **Hampstead Buildings - planning**

The clerk reported that the Parish Council as an organisation set up for public service could not complain through the government ombudsman, but that each individual had a right to use this route.

Councillor Le Fleming indicated that it was not clear who employed Care & Repair to install the windows, SDC or the applicant.

Bisley ward agreed to follow this up at a ward meeting.

e) **London Road Wall – report of meeting with GCC**

In the absence of both representatives at this meeting this item was deferred until April.

f) **Parish Skip Service**

Following the decision of SDC to withdraw the Parish Skip Service Mr Bryant said that the reasons given of misuse by householders and local traders would still apply to any private hire by the Parish Council.

g) **Insurance Renewal 2004/5**

The clerk reported an increase of 14% on last year's premium. Mr Davis agreed to read the policy with a view to payment in April.

h) **Best Value Review Questionnaire**

The clerk agreed to respond to this on the PC's behalf.

i) **Parish Partnership Highways Meeting**

Mr Bryant reported on a worthwhile meeting to discuss the Parish Partnership and indicated that as a result some granite sets were to be put in around the village green in Oakridge in an effort to discourage further erosion by traffic.

He said it was hoped to have similar meetings twice yearly.

04.03 10. **Planning**

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

SO4/COO19/FUL – Eastcombe Primary School – construction of corridor and boiler room extension –No Observations

SO4/0070/OUT – Land at Windyridge – outline application for residential development – Support

S04/0163/OUT – Land at Highlands, Back Lane, Bisley – outline permission for erection of dwelling – Support in principle. Concerned that the two mature trees alongside the proposed access drive are particularly vulnerable and appear closer to drive than shown on the plan. These are integral part of landscape and should be retained. Could we ask that a TPO be applied to protect these trees.

S04/0205/FUL – 18 Bracelands, Eastcombe – Erection of extension

S04/0263/FUL – Kirklands, Calfway Farm, Bisley – Single storey extension – Support

S04/0333/FUL – Bounce Horn, Hayhedge Lane, Bisley – Erection of garage

04/0359/FUL – Butchers Arms, Oakridge Lynch – erection of dwelling & garage.

04.03 11. **Correspondence**

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

CoAgency	Countryside Focus
Allotments (ARI)	Newsletter – incl grants programme
CPRE	Bledisloe Cup 2004
	Countryside Voice
	Houses & Gardens discount card
	Raffle tickets!
GTP	Courses available update
GCC	Roadworks bulletin
SDC	Environment News – new publicaion
SDC	The News February
Glos Police	Rural Watch Scheme
SDC	Civic timetable
SDC	Community Wellbeing Feb 2004
GCC	Medal for Courage nominees
SDC	Hot topic questionnaire feedback
SDCVS	Newsletter

Feedback forms to fill in – volunteers required !!!

GCC	Glos Strategic Partnership – by 12 th March
ODPM	Consultation on Code of Conduct – by 18 th May

04.03 12.

Ward Matters

- a) **Bisley**
The clerk was asked to contact GCC highways regarding the legality of the white structures on the verges at Newcombe House.
- b) **Eastcombe**
The clerk was asked to contact GCC highways about the safety of the Fidges Lane junction near the village shop.
Mr Brooks agreed to look at the tree trimming on Toadsmoor as Mr Workman had indicated it had not been done satisfactorily.
Mr Carter agreed to contact Mr Ashworth regarding the installation of a new gas pipe to the scout hut.
- c) **Oakridge**

The clerk was asked:

a) To contact GCC highways to consider a hump in the road to divert water past The New House, Oakridge which had experienced flooding problems.

b) Contact SDC to litter pick the worst areas of the parish before too much growth ensued.

The matter of widening the gap in the wall at the village hall would be discussed at ward.

Mr Davis reported on his meeting with the representative from Cotswold AONB. He said that they had 5 sites of flower rich grasslands in Oakridge, but the parish was not in the target area for help with dry stone walls.

The chairman thought it would be beneficial to be included in the target area if possible and suggested that we invite a representative from the Cotswold AONBB to speak at a future meeting.

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

The next meeting being the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th April at The Baptist Chapel Rooms, Eastcombe. This will be immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45.