

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2004 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor D Le Fleming,
0 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

Cllr C Fellows

2. Public participation

No members of the public were present

3. Declaration of interests

There were no declarations of intetrests

4. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th October 2004 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

5. Matters arising

a) Fence/Wall Thomas Keble School

Mrs Russell gave a report on the meeting at Thomas Keble School and asked for approval in principle that some money be donated to the school towards the erection of a security fence on the boundary between the school field and the recreation ground. This was supported but the amount could not be specified until quotations being sought by the school were received. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Grass Cutting Contracts 2005/6

The clerk had obtained 2 quotations for the grass cutting contracts next season, neither of which were deemed acceptable and it was agreed to stay with the current contractor who provided an excellent service.

c) Play Areas Insurance

Mr Dawes expressed some concern about the ambiguity of the latest correspondence from Allianz Cornhill and the clerk was asked to write to the insurers to clarify their position on "medium risk" items.

6. District Council Matters

Cllr Le Fleming indicated that the SDC Local Plan had now been adopted. The clerk was asked to obtain copies when published. He also reported that SDC had been assessed as a “good Council”. Some information on grants available to village shops and post offices was passed to the clerk who was asked to circulate.

7. County Council Matters

In the absence of the County Councillor nothing was raised under this heading.

8. Matters for Discussion

a) Parish Plan

Mr Budgeon reported on satisfactory progress with the Parish Plan with public meetings to be held shortly in Bisley and Oakridge. Eastcombe were still awaiting a free evening at Eastcombe village hall.

b) Cotswold AONB Conservation Board

The clerk had received the ballot paper for voting onto the Cotswold AONB. It was proposed by Mr Brooks and seconded by Mr Bryant that the vote be cast in favour of Mr Budgeon.

c) Freedom of Information Act

The Freedom of Information Act had now been circulated and reviewed. A few minor alterations were made to update this and being adopted would be posted onto the Parish Council website

d) Windyridge – Westbury Monies

The chairman expressed the view that now the money from Westbury had been settled upon, it would be necessary to make it work in the most advantageous way for Bisley village. Ms Greene indicated that the clerk had been asked to write to Bisley Feofees to discuss the possibility of allowing part of the Bisley Farm field adjacent to the Village Hall to be used as an area for ball games. If granted then some of the money could be used for maintenance of this facility.

e) Draft Code of Conduct

This document had been widely circulated and no additional comments deemed necessary.

f) Precept

The precept for the next financial year was discussed in detail, each ward contributing a breakdown of finance required to fund projects and maintenance plans.

The expenditure for the next financial year was estimated as follows: Bisley £4,300: Eastcombe £3,600: Oakridge £7,730: Admin £19,615. It was therefore proposed by the chairman to precept £34,580 on Stroud District Council which was the same amount as last year. This was agreed by the full meeting. It was also agreed that current funds could absorb the extra proposals, which included the Parish Plan and the provision of a laptop computer for the clerk's office.

Mr Brooks asked for a donation towards the Frith Youth Centre (FYC) Insurance Cover at which point Ms Greene declared an interest as Chair of the FYC.

Mr Bryant proposed that £500 be donated from present funds and the amount be reviewed next year. This was agreed by the meeting.

9. Finance

Eastcombe Allotment rent	5.00
Wayleaves	2.40
Bank Interest	<u>57.67</u>
	65.07

Payments – November 2004	£	VAT	Total
T Banyard (Bisley Pavilion)	50.00		50.00
I Bullimore (Bisley)	97.50		97.50
Bisley WI Village Hall	14.00		14.00
Ralform Products Ltd (plaque Oakridge cemetery)	85.00	14.88	99.88
Ancient Parish Of Bisley (allotment rent)	50.00		50.00
Linpac Environmental (grit bins Eastcombe)	197.82	34.62	232.44
JSM Signs (3 for Eastcombe, 1 for Oakridge)	54.00	9.45	63.45
Pipex Communications Ltd (website)	67.44	11.80	79.24
T Howes (salary Oct)	493.87		493.87
Inland Revenue	31.48		31.48
Petty Cash	30.00		30.00
Total			1241.86

Petty Cash Payments	£23.79
Cash Balance as at 30 th September 2004	£34,344.50
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,936.10

10. Planning Applications

S04/0045/46/STRE S04/1994/1999/LA – Bisley Bluecoat School- retention of 3 Elliott classrooms & construction of hall, classrooms & ancillary accommodation to replace existing temporary – Support

S04/1999/LA – Bisley Bluecoat School – Construction of hall, classrooms etc to replace temporary accommodation –Support - Reasons / Comments: The Parish Council supports the application subject to consideration being given to siting.

We feel the development should be moved away from the North and East boundaries as far as practicable to limit the impact on the neighbouring properties.

Also with regard to detail of design we feel: -

1. Pitched roofed dormers to be more appropriate and in keeping with the village style

2. The panoramic window on the East elevation of the Hall is too large and intrusive on the adjacent properties. Could rooflights be used as an alternative?

S04/1978/LBC – Througham Slad Manor, erection of garage/store/ancillary accommodation

S04/1977/FUL – Througham Slad Manor – as above

S04/2039/FUL – Fairview Cottage, Eastcombe – Erection of extension & alteration to single storey roof – No observations

S04/2076/LBC – Waterlane House – alterations to existing fenestrations -
Reasons / Comments: As an overall comment we see no reason for buildings not to change, as they have throughout history, to meet the needs of the present and to suit the latest occupants, however we do not have sufficient knowledge of the house and its detail to make a clear informed decision on this plan. We do think this proposal would be a clear improvement to the current use of the space.

S04/2033/LBC – Dove Cottage, Wells Rd, Bisley – internal alterations, external renovations, replacement of porch & dormer window – Support

S04/2174/FUL – Woodland Yard, Eastcombe – retrospective for amendment to car parking layout & inclusion of security containers – Support

S04/2124/FUL – Japonica Cottage, Oakridge Lynch- Support - Reasons / Comments: This proposal is a sensitive design that changes the overall impression and appearance of the cottage very little. The bulk of the change to the rear of the building cannot be seen from anywhere outside of the site itself. Re-siting the vehicle access makes the school playing field and building frontage less encumbered with vehicles.

S04/2190/2191/FUL/LBC – Stables & Coach House, Lypiatt Park – conversion of part of stables & coach house to form 2 dwellings

S04/2220/FUL – Hawkridge House, Eastcombe – erection of 1 dwelling & garage

All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the full meeting.

11. Correspondence

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

GPFA - The Playing Fields

Cotswold Care Hospice - Newslink

Deputy Chief Fire Officer - Memo re Fire & Rescue Control

CPRE - Countryside Voice/Newsletter

Co Agency - Countryside Focus

SDC - Public meetings list

Cotswold AONB Partnership - Cotswold Lion

Stroud Motor Club - Event 7th November

SDC - Community Wellbeing Portfolio

GCC - on Route

12. Ward Matters

a) Bisley

i. Ms Greene had received some correspondence expressing concern over the imminent felling of the Hawthorn Tree outside the Methodist Church and asked that the clerk write to Mr Land in support of this concern.

ii. Following the refusal of GCC to fill a grit bin at Windyridge until the refuse had been removed from it, Ms Greene asked the clerk to request a litter bin from SDC in the same vicinity.

b) Eastcombe

i. The clerk was asked to chase up the minor works to Fidges Lane and the notice board verge, as promised sometime ago by GCC Highways.

c) Oakridge

i. Mr Davis asked that a letter be sent to BT asking for the Parish Council to be notified before any telephone poles were erected in the village. He also suggested that each ward let the clerk have a list of signs that needed renewing in the Parish as many were in a poor state of repair.

ii. Mr Bryant indicated that P Lorenzen had attended a training session at GCC for snowplough operators and that Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council was one of only four parishes represented. As such the parish had a good chance of being provided with some new equipment.

13. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm in the Bisley WI Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30.