

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 4th August 2004 at BISLEY VILLAGE W I HALL**

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

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

Esme Yuill – Green Issues Communications representing Westbury Homes.
1 member of the public was present

04.08 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mrs J Russell (illness), Ms L Greene (work), Mr R Bryant

04.08 2. **Public Participation**

a) J Gahan & J Phelps – Cotswold AONB Partnership

The chairman welcomed Mr Gahan and Mrs Phelps from the Cotswold AONB Partnership who gave an informative presentation of the work of the partnership and the way it is funded. Of particular interest was the dry stone walls grant scheme which is a 5 year project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

b) One member of the public was present who wanted to bring to the attention of the Parish Council an accident which had occurred involving his daughter at the Oakridge play ground. Mr Dawes assured JA that the equipment met current standards and had recently been inspected and passed as acceptable by RoSPA. The meeting agreed that the clerk should send a copy of the relevant part of the RoSPA report to JA. Mr Dawes indicated that replacing the safety surface with a cushion tiling type might prove prohibitively expensive and create different safety issues. He did assure JA again that quotes were already in motion to restore the surface to the quality it had upon installation 4 years ago. JA then left the meeting and indicated his satisfaction that the play surfaces were being looked into.

04.08 3. **Declaration of Interests**

Mr Budgeon declared an interest in 2 planning applications S04/1427 and S04/1528. The chairman declared an interest under 5c) as member of the Bisley Village WI Hall Committee.

04.08 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2004 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

04.08 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Planning – update from GAPTC**

The clerk indicated that she had spoken to R Bellis on this matter and he was awaiting advice from NALC. The meeting were satisfied for the present that procedures were adequate.

b) **Strategy for the identification of contaminated land**

Mrs Turner had read the report and indicated that identification of asbestos fill on public rights of way would be investigated as priority

c) **S137 payments**

The chairman indicated that the £250 payment to Bisley Village WI Hall was an annual payment under S137. He added that the village hall had an opportunity to purchase replacement chairs and staging and asked for approval to use contingency funding of £200 to purchase these. The meeting agreed.

d) **Windyridge – SITES visit**

Mr Workman attended the Sites visit as Parish Council representative. He reported that the footpath link was now included. Mr Budgeon expressed concern as to the accuracy of the calculation of the housing density by SDC and Westbury. Cllr Le Fleming was asked to report back on the £30,000, which had originally been mentioned by SDC towards recreational facilities in the village, as Windyridge had no recreational space of worth.

Mr Perkins indicated that Severn Trent Water seemed satisfied with the drainage on the site.

e) **GCC Highways – report of meeting 19th July**

Mr Perkins reported that a worthwhile meeting had taken place and a gang was to be deployed to tidy up the area around Eastcombe village notice board and the corner of Fidges Lane.

f) **Mobile Speed Sign**

The clerk reported that a signed agreement had been received from Painswick Parish Council and training was being organised by Mr Brooks.

04.08 6. **District Council Matters**

Cllr Le Fleming indicated that SDC had passed a resolution against the closure of Quedgley Fire Service Control centre.

Regarding the licensing policy which had been taken on by SDC, he said that by 2005 all magistrates licences would be converted to District licences.

Mr Brooks commented on the possible conflict between planning policy and licensing policy.

04.08 7. **County Council Matters**

Cllr Fellows said that the Structure Plan had gone back into examination in public. He also indicated that Hunt's Grove site of 1500 homes might be an alternative source of funding towards the Gloucester by-pass, as the developer at Quedgley would not produce the £6m required.

September would see the start of a review of primary school education in Gloucestershire.

The cabinet had accepted the request for use of a percentage of the second homes council tax income by SDC. Some would be allocated to rural transport and rural wealth.

Following a reply from the office of Nick Raynsford MP regarding the Fire services and the non-acceptance of local knowledge as a useful tool, the clerk was asked to write again indicating that co-operation between the Parish and the Stroud Fire Service had indeed taken place recently and was relied upon for mapping rural areas.

04.08 8. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Parish Plan**

The meeting agreed to go ahead with a Parish Plan starting in September, and finishing in May 2005. Mr Brooks thought that the Parish Council should set the programme and keep control of the process with members of the public being involved at every stage. Mr Davis expressed some concern that a parish plan could falsely raise people's expectations as to what it could achieve.

All agreed that the support of SDC was paramount and the Parish Council and District Council should work together to endorse ideas. The clerk was asked to write to GRCC indicating that the Council are ready to go ahead and appreciated the funding being offered. Also to write to K Harris to request a statistical profile of the Parish.

b) **Stone wall bordering TK School**

In response to correspondence from TK School Mr Carter explained the history of the gap in the wall bordering the school and the playground. The chairman agreed that the issues in continually repairing the wall were cost and aesthetic value, and the members endorsed the draft letter from Eastcombe Ward requesting a meeting with the Headmaster to find a way forward.

c) **Parish Skip Service**

In the light of recent correspondence from SDC indicating that funding may be available for Parish Skips if policed by volunteers, the meeting thought it feasible that a skip could be hired but only for short periods as policing 24 hrs was not viable.

d) **Clerks Salary**

In the absence of the clerk it was agreed to advance the salary to SCP 18, backdated to 1st April 2004 in accordance with the current NALC pay scales.

e) **Chairman's Allowance**

In the absence of the chairman it was agreed to raise the chair allowance to £400 to cover out of pocket expenses.

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Finance

Receipts July 2004

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Allotment Rent	180.00
Bank Interest	57.16
Eastcombe Jubilee committee	<u>993.00</u>
	1,230.16

Payments – August 2004

Total **£ 8,278.51**

Petty Cash Payments	£82.79
Cash Balance as at 31 st July 2004	£28,146.94
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,925.55

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Planning

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

S04/1420/FUL – The Cottage, Lypiatt Park – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling - Support

S04/1414/FUL – Pinfold, Van der Breen St – Erection of conservatory - Support

S01/1462/FUL – Parsons' Cottage, George St – Replace rotten dormer window with uPVC – OBJECT – uPVC is totally out of character with traditional Cotswold construction. This property is in a high profile situation in the heart of Bisley conservation area which makes it even more unacceptable. Consent would set a dangerous precedent.

S04/1427/FUL – The Green Shop – Erection of new offices, warehouse, showroom & demonstration area for rain water harvesting - Support

S04/1478/FUL – Lark Rise, Eastcombe – Erection of extensions & conservatory – comments – There is some concern that the proposed first floor terrace might overlook neighbouring properties.

S04/1517/TPO – Redwood, Dr Crouch's Rd – Tree preservation order

S04/1528/FUL – Iles Green Cottage, Far Oakridge – rebuilding of cattle shed

S04/1617/FUL – Rookwoods, Waterlane – Proposed all weather tennis court & erection of fencing to replace old court

S04/1612/LBC – Penn House, Oakridge – LBC for 2 storey extension & reproofing lean to (refusal of S04/0781)

04.08 11.

Correspondence

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

NALC	Community Newswire Launch
SDC	Anti Social Behaviour Training Day 6/8
SDC	The News July 2004
SDC	Community Safety Partnership Minutes
Commission for Integrated Transport	The Bus Industry
Cotswold AONB	Brochures
SDC	Meetings timetable Aug/Sept
Macmillan Cancer	Fund raising 24 th Sept
Glos Ass for the Blind	RE-Launch Week 26 th Sept
GPFA	The Playing Field
GRCC	Rural regeneration
Co Agency	Countryside Focus
Vision 21	The Edge
Defra	Energy & Environment July/Aug

04.08 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Regarding the fence surrounding the play area at Windyridge the clerk was asked to write to Mr Knight and indicate that the Parish Council would inspect the site with a view to providing a durable replacement.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mrs Turner indicated that concern had been expressed that there was no sign on the Eastcombe side indicating the lack of a footway between the Toadsmoor traffic lights. The clerk was asked to write to GCC highways on this.

The clerk was asked to write to thank and confirm the offer of a parishioner to replace missing chains form the Stonecote Ridge green.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Davis asked for the Council's approval to be a representative on the forum of Parish Councils discussing Aston Down. This was agreed.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st September at Bisley Village WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45