

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2002 at BISLEY WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE HALL

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

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming

0 members of the public were present

02.12 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A E Davies (holiday), County Cllr C Fellows, Mr R Bryant (previous appointment).

02.12 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

02.12 3. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

02.12 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2002 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

02.12 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Golden Jubilee Grants**

The clerk reported that all invoices had now been received. Mr Le Fleming was asked to inspect the ladder at Baptist Church at Eastcombe and the flag pole at Oakridge Village Green in order that these could be approved and the plaques obtained from SDC. Mr Le Fleming will telephone the clerk to arrange an inspection.

b) **Thomas Keble School – Eastcombe Wall**

Mr Carter reported on a worthwhile meeting with Mr Steer. The gap in the wall between the school and recreation ground will stay. A security fence will be erected in due course with the education authority aiding finance.

c) **Legal Matters**

The solicitor is still waiting to hear from the County Council on the matter of Eastcombe allotments. He will contact Mr Gardiner with regard to conditions to be undertaken for the use of the graveyard.

d) **Windyridge**

The chairman reported that all the shared ownership houses had been allocated and had been oversubscribed. A letter has been received from SDC assuring the Parish Council that the houses would be offered to local people if there was demand. Mr Le Fleming was asked whether he had information on how the house prices were fixed, and if he could determine what the cost of the land to Sovereign Houses was. He agreed to report back on these issues.

Mr Brooks asked the meeting if they were aware of a campaign in Thrupp valley against the County Council selling land for development. It was agreed that the clerk would contact these campaigners.

e) **Community Notice Board (Eastcombe)**

The location has been agreed with the Highways Authority. We now await planning permission.

f) **Highways Seminar**

The chairman informed the meeting that the Bisley-Oakridge road has been included in the winter maintenance schedule although it is not highlighted on the current map. It will be highlighted when the map is reprinted.

g) **Refuse Collection**

Apologies have been received from SDC for collecting see through recycle bags with the household refuse. They have asked to be contacted if the problem recurs. Mr Carter informed the meeting that SDC will occasionally collect refuse and recycle material on the same lorry when access is difficult. Such collections will be re sorted later.

h) **Letters of Thanks**

The Chairman read a letter of thanks from Mr Lambert for the grants recently granted to Frith Youth Centre and the ladder at the Baptist Church, Eastcombe.

02.12 6. **District Council Matters**

Mr Stephen Glanfield will be attending the meeting on 8th January 2003 regarding the affordable housing in Bisley.

In view of this Mr Le Fleming asked the meeting if it would be possible to have the results of the Housing Survey available for discussion. Mr Perkins, Mr Flint and Mr Brooks have agreed to collate the results. They were confident that provisional results could be presented to Mr Glanfield at the January meeting.

Mr Le Fleming passed information on tree works at Fairview Cottage, Bismore to Eastcombe ward councillors for comment.

Mr Budgeon expressed concern about the amount of refuse in the hedgerows and trees and could asked if some money could be added to the precept to keep the areas tidy. The clerk indicated that the precept for next year had to be finalised that evening, and could therefore not proceed with that option at this time. Mr Flint felt it was the job of SDC and maximum pressure should be applied to get them to do it.

It was agreed to get a ruling and put it in next years precept if needed. The clerk will contact SDC.

02.12 7. **County Council Matters**

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

02.12 8. **Finance**

Receipts

Interest

£

7.12

Payments

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
William Davis (Eastcombe Wall Repair)			120.00
PCC of All Saints Bisley (Grass cutting contribution)			400.00
Gloucester Street Forge (Eastcombe Baptist Church Ladder – SDC Grant)	618.00	108.15	726.15
Telnor Business Solutions (e-mail dial-up fee)	67.44	11.80	79.24
Stroud District Council (Eastcombe Planning Fee)			55.00
John Davis (Maintenance works)			110.24
British Telecommunications	82.82	14.49	97.31
E F Jordan (November Salary)			441.14
Inland Revenue (Tax & NI Payments)			24.10
T Howes (3 weeks November Salary)			315.72
E F Jordan (Petty Cash)			100.00
University of Gloucestershire (Clerk's Training Course)			<u>110.00</u>
			<u>£2578.9</u>

Petty Cash Payments

£72.42

Cash Balance as at 30th November 2002

£20,520.94

Matters for Discussion

- a) **Precept**
 Following discussions at Ward meetings, expenditure for the next financial year was estimated as follows:
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| Bisley | £4,000 |
| Eastcombe | £4,000 |
| Oakridge | £5,490 |
| Admin | £18,145 |
- The meeting agreed to precept the sum of £31,600 on Stroud District Council for the financial year 2003/4.
- b) **Management Committee Member (Bisley)**
 Bisley ward were unable to name a representative for the Management Committee of the WI Hall, the matter will be considered at the next ward meeting.
- c) **Traffic Gates – Bisley (John Perkins)**
 John Perkins will meet with John Lindsay and John Roberts on January 16th 2003 at 14:00 to discuss the traffic gates around Bisley, the widening of London Road and the parking area opposite Windyridge.
- d) **Stancombe Speed Limit**
 No report has yet been received from the police with regard to the Stancombe speed check recently undertaken. The clerk was asked to chase this.
- e) **Lay-by near Windyridge Site**
 The clerk indicated that the Highways Department would only meet 30% of the cost of resurfacing the parking area. Mr Perkins will raise this issue at the January meeting with J Lindsay and J Roberts.
- f) **Social Housing – Eastcombe (Hitchens)**
 Concern was expressed by the chairman and others over the inquiries by Susan Crosby about land near Fourways which which they would like to acquire for social housing.
 It was agreed that a letter should be written to the company to inform it that the policy of the council is to oppose any development outside the existing boundaries.
- g) **GAPT Subscription**
 The new rates were agreed by the meeting.
- h) **Grass Cutting 2003/04**
 The new rate was agreed
- i) **Funding for Play Areas**
 A letter received from David Drew MP regarding funding for play areas. It was not felt to be appropriate for this area.
- j) **Dog Fouling**
 A letter had been received from a resident regarding dog fouling in Eastcombe. Mr Brooks suggested that this increasing problem needed some publicity. eg in the newsletter and possibly the erection of some temporary signs on the grass verges. It was agreed by the meeting that this was primarily a ward matter.

k) **Electoral Review**

Mr Budgeon and the Chairman had studied the Periodic Electoral Review document. Bisley-with-Lypiatt are to be included in the areas with Painswick and Upton-St-Leonards for electoral purposes only. This would bring the total number of electors nearer the target figure of 7,000 to enable the area to be covered by three District Councillors.

02.12 10.

Planning

The following applications have been received and the following are the Council's responses during the last month:

Land adjacent to Hillstones, Eastcombe – Outline application for erection of one dwelling : Comments only – This is a very small plot – it is essential that any new building leaves sufficient space for vehicles to turn round and so avoid the need to reverse out onto a bend on a very busy road with restricted visibility. To maintain the visual amenity of the area a condition should ensure the retaining of a significant number of the existing boundary trees – even though most of them are evergreen conifers.

2 Model Cottages, Eastcombe – Creation of off-road parking – Comments – This should be helpful in reducing the number of cars parked on the road in this area.

Sydenhams Farm, Bisley – Renewal of permission S97.1207 – re-routing access road : No observations

Stroud Slad Farm, The Vatch – Retrospective application for access track to field : Support

Land at Brockley Acres, Eastcombe – Erection of bungalow with double garage : Comments – We are pleased to see that the revised details show no windows in the side elevation nearest the neighbouring house. We would be concerned if any future development was proposed for the garden area of this property that lies outside the village development boundary.

02.12 11.

Correspondence

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

Mr Fern – Oakridge	Bills for Jubilee Events
SDC – Dog Warden	Letter re Dangerous Dogs – Oakridge
SGS	Invitation to Management Seminar
NALC	Legal Bulletin (Freedom of Information)
FOI Team	Public Schemes
Cotswold & Vale NHS	PCT information
SDC	Notice of Exhibition, Stratford Park
NPF	Invitation to meeting 9 th December
GCC	Members Briefing Bulletin
Macmillan Cancer Relief	Magazine
GCC	Addendum to Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft 2002-2012
David Drew /Countryside Agency	Vital Villages letter

SDC	Housing Transfer Roadshow Bus
GRCC	Letter re In Touch
GRCC	Letter re new Fieldworker
Regional Governance White Paper Team	E-mail re White Paper
GCC (Highway Maintenance)	Parish Council Newsletter
SDC Legal Department	People Profiles
V21 Association	21 Today
GCC	Letter re Best Value Winter Maintenance
Matta Products UK Ltd	Sales leaflet
BDOR	Management Plan for the Cotswold AONB
SDC Legal Department	Extracts from Queen's Speech
National Playing Fields	Invitation to meeting 9 th December 2002

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Ward Matters

a) **Bisley**

The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department regarding the re-instatement of the white lines at Wells Road/Back Lane.

There was concern that the footpath at Windyridge has been blocked by the builders. The clerk was asked to check with the County Council.

b) **Eastcombe**

The turfing has not been done at Eastcombe green. The clerk will ask Caroline Bevan to postpone it until the spring.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Pulley indicating that the council will go elsewhere to repair the children's play area.

At the meeting between the Eastcombe Ward and the head master of Thomas Keble School, the Head had expressed concern at the parking problems experienced during a firework display on Bornfire night. It was suggested that the police be contacted when any similar events took place to control the problem.

The clerk was asked to contact the County Council to clear the pine needles at St Mary's as they were blocking the gutters again.

Mr Brooks reported that Ringway had been on site today clearing the soakaway and rodding the drain on Old Hill.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Budgeon asked the clerk to write to the County Council regarding the footpaths across Upper Hill Farm, Bournes Green which are blocked by wire.

Mr Budgeon presented copies of three letters concerning incidents of dog biting in Far Oakridge. The clerk was asked to write to the owners with a copy to the police requesting their views and policies on this matter.

The meeting also thought it would be useful to write to the District Council to clarify the dog warden's duties.

The Parish plan was discussed as Mr Budgeon thought it was too large a job for one or two persons. It was suggested that it was divided into four or five relevant headings with each of these being spearheaded by a council member who could then campaign for help locally. It was agreed approach the Parish Plan after the housing appraisal has been finished.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th 2003 January at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:20