

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2004 at BISLEY WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE HALL

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

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming

1 member of the public was present

04.02 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr C Fellows(prior engagement), Mr P Dawes(work), Mr N Carter(prior engagement)

04.02 2. **Public Participation**

a) **Mrs Angela Barlow – Gloucestershire Rural Community Council**

The chairman welcomed Mrs Angela Barlow to the meeting who gave an informative talk on Parish Plans, followed by a question and answer session. The meeting agreed to discuss Parish Plans at ward meetings and further discuss at the next full PC meeting.

b) Item 5d) **Cycle Lane on Bisley to Eastcombe Road** was discussed at this point. After constructive comments from the public Ms Greene proposed that a way forward would be to form a small steering group to look into the feasibility of a cycle lane. This was seconded unanimously.

04.02 3. **Declaration of Interests**

Ms Greene and Mr Workman declared an interest in item 9c)

04.02 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

04.02 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Windyridge**

Ms Greene proposed that the Parish Council support an open meeting to discuss the benefits for Bisley arising from the sale of land at Windyridge. This was agreed .

Cllr Le Fleming pledged support for the wishes of Bisley residents in this and added that they were entitled to be kept informed about the plans of SDC for Windyridge.

Mr Budgeon suggested that the clerk write to SDC to ask how proceeds from the sale were to be spent, again the meeting agreed.

b) **Mobile Speed Sign**

It was proposed by Mr Bryant that the purchase of the mobile sign now go ahead. This was seconded by Mr Brooks and carried.

The clerk was asked to clarify the insurance implications of the sign being used in a neighbouring parish.

c) **Playground Inspections**

Following a letter from the insurers, the chairman suggested that each ward nominate a person to carry out a weekly visual inspection of play areas, and bring a sample pro forma that could be used for documentation, to the next full meeting.

d) **Cycle Lane Bisley to Eastcombe**

Discussed under 2b)

e) **Councillors Allowances**

The clerk was asked to verify in writing from SDC Legal Services that under the new legislation the Parish Council could continue paying a chairman's allowance as previously.

f) **Bisley Traffic Calming Gateways**

This item to be finalised at next Bisley ward meeting

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

A copy of section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act was passed to Mr Davis for comment at the next meeting.

h) **Aston Down**

After some discussion the main concerns about the developments at Aston Down were highlighted as traffic and future light pollution. The chairman suggested that a response by the Parish Council would support re-use of the Brownfield site with the desire that lighting be designed so as to minimise light pollution on roads and buildings. This was agreed. The clerk was asked to request the results of the current ongoing traffic survey, when available, from Darryl Rogers at SDC.

i) **Width restriction – Chapel Hill, Oakridge**

The clerk reported that this matter was being dealt with by GCC Highways and was awaiting a further update.

j) **Highways Meeting**

Mr Bryant gave a short report on the Highways meeting he attended on 8th January. He was positive about the new management and indicated that there would be a 3-year rolling programme of road repairs after discussion with each Parish Council concerned.

k) **SNAP Transport Grant**

Ms Greene expressed gratitude to Mrs Turner for her efforts in this. Final details of the scheme would be known in due course.

04.02 6. **District Council Matters**

Cllr Le Fleming indicated that Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council was not a statutory consultee regarding development at Aston Down but would suggest that it was consulted.

He informed the meeting that the District Council tax was to rise by 2.5%.

04.02 7. **County Council Matters**

In the absence of the county Councillor the meeting was made aware that the County Council were to set their local tax at 5.3%.

04.02 8. **Finance**

<u>Payments – February 2004</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Abbey Business Equipment	60.00	10.50	70.50
Local Council Review	12.50		12.50
RoSPA	34.50		34.50
Allotments Regeneration Initiative	25.00		25.00
Oakridge Village Hall	17.50		17.50
JNC Fire Protection (pavilion)	21.50	3.76	25.26
T Banyard (pavilion clean)	40.00		40.00
T Howes (Jan salary)	459.62		459.62
Inland Revenue	32.11		32.11
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
Total			766.99

Petty Cash Payments	£71.79
Cash Balance as at 31 st January 2004	£20,450.27
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,910.47

04.02 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Public Rights of Way**

The clerk was asked to respond to the latest letter from P Galland indicating that the design issue had still not been addressed.

The meeting indicated support for a representative from PROW to attend a PC meeting in June if possible.

b) **Thomas Keble School – Traffic Changes**

The one-way system at Thomas Keble School was now in operation. Eastcombe ward expressed concern that information concerning the proposed zig-zags was not sent to the PC by GCC highways and had only been obtained via Mr Steer.

c) **i) Frith Youth Centre**

Ms Green and Mr Workman left the room whilst the meeting agreed to purchase tables and chairs for the Frith Youth Centre not to exceed £321.00 including VAT.

ii) Eastcombe Scout & Guide Group

It was also agreed to purchase one heater for the Scout & Guide Group at £300.00 including VAT.

The clerk was asked to write to both organisations concerned to arrange this.

Ms Greene and Mr Workman rejoined the meeting.

d) **Land at Oakridge**

The solicitor's expenses in dealing with this matter were agreed.

e) **Grass Cutting Contract**

The contract for the 2004 season was agreed as per the quote from Sports Ground Maintenance and Supplies.

f) **Bathurst House Lighting**

The clerk was asked to write to Cheltenham Builders in support of Mr Brown's letter.

The continuous lighting at Berryman's was also discussed and the clerk was asked to write to SDC on this matter.

g) **Hampstead Buildings – planning approval**

This was discussed at length, Cllr Le Fleming indicating that SDC had been wrong in their decision, despite his efforts.

The meeting were concerned as to who was now responsible for replacing the windows under new occupancy and felt that if Care & Repair did not pay then the responsibility for debt would be incumbent on the present occupant. Mr Budgeon suggested that this planning decision would be a case for a judicial review.

Mr Brooks proposed that the possibility of a planning ombudsman to look into the matter be explored first. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to look into this and in the meantime write to SDC indicating the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the matter.

h) **Green Spaces Partnership**

Mr Budgeon had read the second draft on the council's behalf and it was now passed to Ms Greene for any further comment.

04.02 10. **Planning**

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

SO3/CO473/FUL – The Tangent, Bournes Green – erection of extensions. Object – the proposal is at least doubling the footprint of the existing building. The design is not consistent with the existing plot. The proposed building does not make best use of the plot, and extends a single storey extension into rising ground. In view of the ward members the design is poor and the roof pitch is too shallow for a tiled roof.

SO3/CO530/FUL – Fairview Cottage, Bismore – proposed garden room & bedroom extension – No Observations.

SO3/0066/FUL – Hilltop, Middle Hill, Eastcombe – erection of 2 storey extension and carport – no observations.

SO4/COO19/FUL – Eastcombe Primary School – construction of corridor and boiler room extension

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

04.02 11. **Correspondence**

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

GRCC	Rural Regeneration
Countryside Agency	Vital Villages Update
Glos Biodiversity Partnership	Seminar 12 th Feb at
SDC	
Glos Police	Mobile Police Station Schedule (is on notice boards & website)
D Drew	Advice surgery timetable Report from Bus Steering
Group	
Eastcombe Primary School	Governors report
GPFA	Newsletter
Sport England	Report on facilities in
rural	
GCC	Communities
Clerks & Councils Direct	Bus Service Changes
CPRE	Jan 2004
Record Play Equipment	TCG News & Planning Update
Wootton Bassett	Seminar on 17 th Feb at

04.02 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

The chairman asked the clerk to contact the relevant people regarding obtaining a Governor's report for Bisley and Oakridge schools.

The clerk was asked to contact BT regarding the outstanding raised cover.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mrs Turner asked if the Parish Council would consider paying to plough the existing allotment ground to enable the waiting list to be accommodated. She was asked to obtain a quote for agreement. The clerk was asked to contact SDC to repair the sign in Dr Crouch's Road and to ask for drains to be cleared following recent heavy rain.

c) **Oakridge**

The clerk was asked to contact GCC highways on several issues:

- i) Flooding at The New House
- ii) Road condition at Nelson's Hill
- iii) The possible provision of kerbstones opposite the school

Mr Bryant indicated that the post of Playing Fields warden had been passed to Mr Dawes.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd March at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40pm.