

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

Mrs P Carrick		Chairman
Mr J P L Perkins	}	
Mr N S Rogers	}	Bisley Ward
Mr R K Brooks	}	
Mrs J W Russell	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs O M Turner	}	
Mr R S Bryant	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr A E Davis	}	
Mrs E F Jordan		Clerk

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

One member of the public was present

02.09 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr MG Flint (holiday), Mr T G Carter (illness), Mr D W Workman (business)

02.09 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were none declared.

02.09 3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

02.09 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2002 having been circulated were approved and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

02.09 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Saxon Cross**

The Ward reported that there had been no progress on this matter during the last month.

b) **Blue Cross School**

Mr Perkins reported that planning approval had been granted for the replacement of the Terrapin classroom. However, there was a condition that this was to be for only two years.

c) **Stancombe Speed Limit**

The clerk reported that a letter had been received from the highways authority indicating that a speed check would be made by the police during school term time.

Mr Budgeon pointed out to the meeting that a speed check had taken place in Bisley on the Cheltenham Road approximately three weeks ago and asked the clerk to contact the police for feedback, suggesting that perhaps school term time was a more realistic period in which to conduct such an activity.

d) **Highways Policy on Weed Killing**

The Clerk told the meeting that any weed killing taking place on country roads was not done by the Highways Authority who only undertook this in urban areas.

e) **Eastcombe Village Green 'Re-turfing**

The Clerk reported that Morrisons had agreed to re-turf the village green in Eastcombe, as their previous efforts had proved unsatisfactory.

f) **Eastcombe Recreation Ground – Wayleaves payment**

The Clerk reported that the solicitor, Mr Bridges was in contact with the County Council regarding this payment.

Revitalising the English Regions

The Chairman thanked members for considering this document and, in particular Mr Davis for his very useful comments, which had been forwarded to the Regional Policy Unit.

Drainage at Mannesty Lane

Mr Bryant asked for progress and was informed that the Highways Authority had stated at a recent meeting that the new drainage in place was to their satisfaction. Mr Bryant expressed doubt as to whether it would be sufficient during heavy storms but would monitor this.

02.09 6. **District Council Matters**

i) Dist. Cllr. Le Fleming asked whether the Parish Council wished him to support the proposed cycle path between Bisley and Eastcombe. It was considered by the entire Council that if funds were available for such a project, they would be better used to provide a footpath in Cheltenham Road, Bisley.

ii) He asked if Councillors had any points of significance for him to bring up during his discussions with the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council shortly. Mr Brooks stated he was concerned with certain planning matters and will pass his comments on to Mr Le Fleming next week.

It was agreed that any other matters should be passed to Mr Le Fleming via the Clerk.

02.09 7. **County Council Matters**

- i) County Cllr. Fellows told the meeting that the Boundary Commission are to draw up new boundaries for certain parishes. He did not feel that this would affect Bisley-with-Lypiatt.
- ii) He said that negotiations were underway in respect of the Interchange at Stroud and it was anticipated that work at Cheapside would be completed by January/February 2005.
- ii) Mr Fellows stated that a new waste disposal project was being considered which would be in place for 20 years and further funding would be made available for the safe storage and disposal of fridges.

02.09 8. **Finance**

Standing Orders

The Clerk told the meeting that there had been an occasion last month in which it had been necessary to raise a cheque, as a matter of urgency, to meet deadlines and if such an occurrence should take place in the future, the Standing Orders should be changed to accommodate this situation. Also in view of the fact that auditing procedures had now been changed, it was necessary to make further slight changes. The councillors had had a chance to study the proposed changes and agreed with these with one amendment and the Clerk was asked to incorporate these changes into the document.

Receipts

	£
Oakridge Village Hall Trust	220.00
Interest	<u>4.33</u>
	<u>224.33</u>

Payments

	£	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stroud District Council (Planning on behalf of Oakridge Village Hall Trust)			220.00
Russell Dutton (Oakridge Walls)			1,377.00
Oliver Newbold (Internal/External Audit)			50.00
Woodchester Kitchens (Eastcombe Notice Board)	195.00	34.13	229.13
William Davis (Eastcombe Walls)			448.00
British Telecom	71.53	12.51	84.04
T W Hawkins (Grass Cutting)	550.00	96.25	646.25
E F Jordan (August Salary)			441.14
Inland Revenue			24.10
E F Jordan (Petty Cash)			75.00
Post Office Ltd (Mail re-direction)			<u>12.60</u>
			£3,607.26
Petty Cash Payments		£59.00	
Cash Balance as at 31 st August 2002		£10,718.86	

02.09 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Windyridge**

i) **Housing Appraisal – Draft Letter**

Due to holiday commitments, it had not been possible to finalise this letter and a further meeting will therefore take place shortly.

ii) **Progress**

The Chairman told the meeting that demand for this housing has outstripped the availability showing the definite need for social housing in the parish. The District Council are investigating the question of cost of the houses at present and final allocations should be made shortly.

b) **Appointment of New Clerk**

An advertisement for the vacancy has been put on the notice boards, on the web site and in the September issue of the Eastcombe Newsletter and it was agreed that further advertisements be placed in both the Bisley and Oakridge Newsletters due out in October. So far there has been very little response and it is hoped that now the holiday season is over there will be more interest.

c) **Thomas Keble School/Recreation Field Wall**

A letter has been received from the Head Master of Thomas Keble School on the question of the gap in the wall between the school's playing field and the recreation ground. A lively discussion ensued and Ward members felt that the school playing field was totally accessible to the general public as the fence owned by the school, which was also a boundary, had both an open gate and was damaged in places and the gap in the wall did not invite further trespassers. Other members of the council felt strongly that the gap in the wall could invite trespassers onto the school playing field by creating an unofficial footpath.

The Ward felt that blocking the gap would only invite residents to continue the practice of climbing and damaging the wall.

It was decided that in Mr Carter's absence from the meeting, the ward members would contact him with a view to arranging a meeting with the Head Master to discuss this matter.

d) **Allotment Tenancy Agreement**

The Allotment Wardens had received a draft Agreement and agreed to its use, by new allotment holders, with certain amendments. The Clerk will forward copies to Wardens.

- e) **Oakridge Recreation Field – Picnic Table/Benches**
This matter will be discussed further at ward level.
- f) **Transfer of Oakridge Graveyard and adjoining plot**
The Clerk told the meeting that Mr Bridges, of A E Smith, solicitors was handling this as a matter of urgency and was arranging a meeting with Mr and Mrs Gardiner.
- g) **GPFA Membership**
It was proposed by Mr Brooks and seconded by Mrs Russell that the Parish Council becomes members of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association at an annual cost of £50.

02.09 10.

Planning

Mr Brooks told the meeting that he had called a meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee Chairmen on Thursday, 12th September in The Bear, Bisley at 7.30 in order to discuss changes in procedures.

Mr Budgeon asked that the Clerk copy relevant extracts from the weekly planning list forwarded by Stroud District Council and forward them to the Wards.

These application had been received and the following were the Council's responses during the last month;

Bisley Blue Coat Primary School – Temporary Classroom - Support: Comment – Although we support the need for additional classrooms on this site, we would reinforce our previous comments regarding these temporary structures and trust that they will be temporary as it has been promised that funding would be made available to provide permanent buildings, which are in sympathy with the Conservation Area and the surrounding high profile listed buildings. This funding is well overdue.

Homelands, Holbrook Garage – Certificate of lawful development – continued use of ‘Homelands’ for commercial and residential : Support

Frampton Place, Frampton Mansell – Insertion of skylight - Support

02.09 11.

Correspondence during the month of August

Gloucestershire County Council	Report – Waste Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft 2002-2012
DEFRA	Parish Councils/Planning
NPFA – Trophy Trust	E-mail re: Torch Trophy Trust Award
Geoffrey Beckerleg Architect	Correspondence re Oakridge Village Hall Planning Application
The Boundary Committee	Periodic Electoral Review
Gloucestershire CC	Local Transport Plan leaflets
SDC	Confirmation of Statutory Order

02.09 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Perkins asked whether Kennedys had yet completed the snagging list forwarded to them. The Clerk said that she had been told that this was the case. Members disagreed and said that nothing had been done. The Clerk will chase Kennedys.

Mr Rogers told the meeting that progress was being made with the transfer of the freehold of the W I Hall to a new charity.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Brooks told the meeting that the positioning of the new public notice board for the village had not yet been finalised but this should happen shortly.

Mrs Russell expressed concern with motorists 'jumping' the lights on Toadsmoor Hill. The Clerk will contact the police on this subject.

Parking around the village green is still unsatisfactory. The Clerk will contact both the police and Highways Authority again.

c) **Oakridge**

There have been complains of dogs running wild and causing a nuisance in the village. The clerk was asked to write to the dog warden and ask for assistance.

Mr Bryant asked that the Highways Authority be contacted in connection with the unacceptable road surface and potholes in the road at Tunley.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2nd October at Bisley W I Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.