

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 at BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Mr R S Bryant		Chairman
Ms L Greene	}	
Mrs L Hemming	}	Bisley Ward
Mr P Thorp	}	
Mr S Trinder		
Mrs J Russell	}	
Mr R K Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mr M Hopkins	}	
Mrs R Roberts	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr A E Davis	}	
Mr N M MacLeod		Clerk

In attendance: County Councillor J Nash  
District Councillor P Carrick

4 Members of the Public were present

06.07 1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr P Dawes – holiday.

06.07 2 **Public Participation**

Mr Kingdom and Mrs Mitchell from Pangolin Editions and Mr Handley from Stroud District Council concerning proposed Lypiatt Park Development and Mr Jackson concerning road safety in Bisley.

06.07 3 **Proposed Development at Lypiatt Park**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Kingdom and Mrs Mitchell to the meeting to give a short presentation on the proposed development of Lypiatt Park. The proposal for which planning approval would be sought was to open an area of the park containing the sculptures of Mr Lynn Chadwick to the general public.

Mr Kingdom gave a brief history of the park and its development by Mr Chadwick. He highlighted the growing prominence of the Stroud area as a centre of artistic excellence and said that providing access to the public to view the magnificent sculptures of Lynn Chadwick in a setting of outstanding natural beauty and habitat would considerably enhance the artistic reputation of the area. He emphasised that the proposal would exclude access to the historic house in the grounds.

He estimated that initial annual attendance at the facility, based on the experience of similar attractions elsewhere could be in the region of 10,000 visitors. He accepted that such an influx of visitors could place significant

pressure on the rural road network servicing the location, but believed that with careful signage and co-operation with County, District and Parish Councils, most of the anticipated difficulties could be overcome.

Mr Kingdom then invited Councillors to view a display of maps and pictures illustrating the scope of the proposed development and highlighted the preferred main access routes to the site, including the likelihood that a significant number of visitors could arrive by rail or coach. He added that the facility would bring prominence, employment and income to the surrounding community and would contribute greatly to artistic awareness through talks and seminars and inclusion in a national network of art destinations. Finally, Mr Kingdom said that he fully realised that there were obstacles yet to be overcome before the detailed proposal could be submitted for approval and he thanked the Parish for the opportunity to present the general outline of his plans for the artistic development of Lypiatt Park.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kingdom and Mrs Mitchell for an enlightening presentation which greatly assisted the Parish Council's understanding of the proposals and the potential benefits that could accrue.

06.07 4 **Declaration of Interests**

Mr L Greene – Frith Youth Club; Mr R Bryant – Payment of an invoice.

06.07 5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

06.07 6 **Matters Arising**

a) **Parish Plan**

Implementation of the action points contained in the Parish Plan was now underway. Ms Greene reported that Bisley Ward had received an offer from a local resident to assist in moving forward actions and recommendations and in co-ordinating events in support of implementation. Mr R Brooks confirmed that Eastcombe Ward was content with the division of responsibilities between Wards but recommended that issues dealing with the local economy should be dealt with on a parish-wide basis. Oakridge Ward supported this recommendation

b) **Village Post Offices**

The Chairman said that correspondence had been received from David Drew MP confirming his willingness to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the future direction of Post Office presence in rural villages. Mr Drew had said that the matter was currently under discussion between the Government and the Post Office and that he could be more informative a parish meeting if he awaited the outcome of these discussions. It was agreed that the parish should keep in touch with Mr Drew to arrange a date for the meeting.

c) **Rural and Community Scheme Investment Grants**

Ms L Greene said that she had prepared applications for grants in aid of providing a shredder for the Bisley Community Composting Scheme and for artistic support in the production of the forthcoming Village Design Statement. The Clerk said that he had received confirmation from Stroud District Council that both submissions had been received and would be considered for funding in October 2006

d) **Attendance by Councillors at Training and Update Meetings**

Mrs R Roberts reported that she had attended the Mandatory Code of Conduct Training Session held recently at Ebley Mill. As a new councillor, she said she had found the training to have been of particular value and she would arrange with the Clerk to distribute copies of the most recent Code of Conduct Document to all other councillors.

Mr S Trinder said he had attended the Annual Updating Conference held at the University of Gloucestershire. He said that he had attended sessions dealing with the Registration of Parish Council Land, Funding and The Future of Local Government, followed by a Discussion Section. Mr Trinder distributed a Summary of the Conference he had prepared to other councillors.

06.07 7 **District Council Matters**

In answer to a question raised at the previous PC Meeting, District Councillor Mrs P Carrick confirmed that whilst European Funding for Climate Change work had been received by Stroud District Council (SDC), none of this funding would be devolved to Parish Councils. Nevertheless SDC would be seeking broad involvement and consultation with parishes to determine the work on which funding can be most effectively spent. Climate Control issues would be addressed by the Planning Department. Work would be carried out over a 2-year period, with the first meetings to be held shortly.

Mrs Carrick detailed the meetings she had attended during the past month from her participation on the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She gave details of the Gloucestershire 'Warm and Well' Scheme aimed at providing assistance to residents to insulate their homes. The Scheme had received a first prize for a Green Energy initiative, with presentation being made at the Royal Geographic Society in London. She said that the 'Warm and Well' Scheme reaches out to local communities across seven Local Authorities and includes three Primary Care Trusts, a fuel supplier and insulation installers.

Mrs Carrick gave details of the Water Safety Training Day for Neighbourhood Wardens held at South Cerney under the auspices of the Gloucester Fire and Rescue Service. She offered to assist in supporting Neighbourhood Warden initiatives in the Parish.

Mrs Carrick advised the meeting of the SDC initiative to re-cycle the maximum amount of cans and bottles generated by the increased consumption of drinks during the Soccer World Cup Tournament

Finally, she advised the meeting that she would soon be holding 'Surgeries' in Wards – details of venues and dates would follow.

06.07 8 **County Council Matters**

County Councillor J Nash said she was pleased that the meeting she had attended in Eastcombe had proved productive and asked to be kept up-to-date with developments.

Mrs Nash reported that invoices for Home Care and Day Charges - increased in April 2006 for those who do not qualify for relief – were now being issued. She asked Parish Councillors to refer any parishioner worried about these invoices to the Helpline on 01452-425554.

Mrs Nash advised the new Schedules for the Mobile Library were being issued to users, notifying of any changes to the service.

County Councillor Nash said she was pleased to report that the County had re-cycled 15,500 tons of refuse, albeit just missing out on the 30% target set for 2004/2005.

Mrs Nash advised of the Decriminalisation of Parking which would involve the switch of executive powers from the Police to the Highway Authority. She said it would take time for County-wide implementation because District Councils would also be involved in charging for off-street parking.

On the Regeneration of Cotswold Canals Mrs Nash reported that work on the Dudbridge to Ryeford stretch should begin at the end of this summer. – Phase11 (Saul to Stonehouse) had reached the ‘Long List’ for projects seeking ‘Big Lottery’ support.

Finally, County Councillor Nash advised that the ‘Trading Standards purge’ on the selling of alcohol to under-age persons during the Soccer World Cup had involved the testing of 42 Licensed Premises, 9 of which were guilty of breaching legal requirements. Offenders were issued with £80.00 Fixed Penalties and face further action to be taken by Trading Standards. Further trials will be conducted in conjunction with Police and District Council Licensing Teams to reduce the incidence of illegal sales to youngsters.

06.07 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Roads Maintenance**

The Chairman announced that an on-site meeting in the Parish had been arranged with County Highways for 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006 to discuss the poor condition of road surfaces and to formulate proposals for effective communication and dialogue in the future.

The Chairman asked Traffic & Transport Wardens in each Ward to identify the main problem areas within the Ward so that these can be viewed by the representatives from County Highways. It was proposed that the meeting should commence with a discussion session in Bisley Village Hall, followed by a drive around the Parish to problem locations.

b) **Road Safety Meetings**

The Chairman advised the meeting that a generally productive meeting had been held in the Parish with representatives of the Parish Council, Bisley Residents' Action Group, Gloucestershire Highways, Road Safety, Police and Eastcombe School. County Councillor J Nash and District Councillor P Carrick were also present. The Chairman invited the Traffic and Transport Councillors for h

Mr P Thorp for Bisley Ward described the route walked by meeting delegates and the specific points to which attention was drawn, including roads surfaces, speeding issues, transit of heavy/long/wide vehicles, damage occasioned to walls and buildings and safety issues, particularly for pedestrian traffic within the village. A meeting was held in the Village Hall after the 'walkabout' at which all of the above matters were covered. Following lively representation of the concerns of Bisley Ward, and possible solutions to the problems, it was agreed that the many issues arising would be put forward in writing for more detailed consideration by Departments within Gloucestershire County Council.

Mr M Hopkins for Eastcombe Ward said that the issues arising in Eastcombe were less complex and focused essentially on safety in Dr Crouch's Road and a footpath from the entrance to the Bussage Estate up the hill to Thomas Keble School. At the outset of the meeting delegates were delighted to learn that the provision of the pavement was already in the programme of works for 2007/08. As far as road safety in Dr Crouch's Road was concerned, it was agreed that a speed limit of 20mph would be introduced, with an interim provision of road signs advertising a 'Twenty is plenty' indication to drivers in the vicinity of Eastcombe School. Mr J Lindsay for Gloucestershire Highways said that introduction of the full 20mph road signage would be put forward for funding and indicated that if the Parish was prepared to contribute to the anticipated cost the work could achieve an enhanced priority listing.

c) **Security Fencing at Eastcombe School**

A further request had been received from Thomas Keble School for an increased contribution from Parish Funds towards the cost of the new security fence to be erected along the perimeter of the Recreation Ground in Eastcombe. The Council had previously agreed to contribute a sum of £500.00. Following a discussion by councillors it was agreed that the sum of £500.00 represented an entirely reasonable grant from limited Parish Funds and represented a substantial proportion of the Annual Precept of Eastcombe. The Clerk was asked to write to Thomas Keble School to convey this information.

- d) **Consultation on Changes to Mental Services**  
Correspondence concerning the proposed changes to the provision of Mental Services in the County had been circulated to councillors and Mr P Thorp confirmed that he had sent a letter of response to Gloucestershire County Council, with assistance from Mr P Dawes. Mr R K Brook said he had also written to County Council as a private citizen. No reply to either letter had been received. Mr A Davis said that the only reasonable solution to the deficits accumulated by the Health Authority was to carry them forward until new or alternative sources of funding had been identified.
- e) **Consultation with the Parish Tree Warden**  
The Chairman said that Mr R Mackie had generously continued his services as Tree Warden for the Parish. In the past, there had been regular consultation with an Arboreal Officer at SDC but this contact had become increasingly infrequent. The Chairman asked District Councillor Carrick to investigate the current arrangements at SDC for arboreal consultation with parishes.

06.07 10 **Finance**  
**Receipts June 2006**

Bank Interest	£74.35
Allotments Rent	£27.00
VAT Refund	£3,347.52
Cotswold Conservation – Walling Grant (O)	£1,590.64
RDS Football Fees (B)	£300.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£5,339.51</b>

<b>Payments – July 2006</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
P Hayward-Berry (O)	45.00		45.00
Severn Trent Water (B)	37.28		37.28
Severn Trent Water (E)	12.83		12.83
OVHT Hall Hire	31.40		31.40
Electronic Imaging – Copier Hire	10.56	1.85	12.41
Cheltenham Insurance Brokers (E)	594.20		594.20
Edward & Co – Bisley Pavilion (B)	55.80	9.77	65.57
Hailey Wood Sawmill (O)	281.00	49.18	330.18
Colors Maintenance (B)	77.41	3.05	80.46
T W Bryant – Maintenance (O)	36.00		36.00
T W Hawkins – Contract Mowing	667.80	116.87	784.67
N M MacLeod – June Salary	511.78		511.78
Revenue & Customs – Tax/NI	221.19		221.19
N M MacLeod – Refund Phone	34.98		34.98
CPRE – Annual Subscription	26.00		26.00
I Trueman – Maintenance (E)	34.00		34.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,677.23</b>	<b>£180.72</b>	<b>£2,857.95</b>

**Petty Cash Payments – June 2006** **£20.00**

<b>Cash Balance as at 30th June 2006</b>	<b>£32,463.81</b>
<b>Bisley Gift Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b>	<b>£2,427.49</b>
<b>Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b>	<b>£2,001.67</b>
<b>Westbury Gift Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>

06.07 11 **Planning**

**Planning Applications – June 2006**

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

**S.06/1098/LBC** – Kimberley Cottage, High Street, Bisley – Reconstruction of existing dormer window and insertion of three rooflights – **Support**.

**S.06/1208/FUL** – 20 Bearsfield, Bisley – Erection of two-storey extension – **Support**.

**S.06//1362/FUL** – The Brow, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe – Removal of existing garage, construction of replacement garage and single-storey extension – **Comments only** – The postcode given in Section A1.1 of the application is incorrect; it should be GL6 7DW. Also, the answer given in Section 6 is probably incorrect: if not, details are required of the Public Right(s) of Way that would be altered or diverted.

**S.06/1323/FUL** – 39 Windyridge, Bisley – Alterations and extension – **Support**.

**S.06/1316/AGR** – Stancombe Beech Farm, Cheltenham Road, Bisley – Remove existing buildings and animal food tank and replace with general purpose steel framed barn and relocate animal food tank – **Support**.

**S.06/1298/FUL** – Little Pepworth, Fidges lane, Eastcombe – Proposed alterations and extension – **No Observations**.

**S.06/1370/FUL** – Tunley Cottage, Sapperton – Single-storey workshop – **Support/Comment** – We support this application but we would like to see its use linked to occupancy of the house.

**S.06/1421/FUL** – Holcombe Cottage, Holloway Road, Bisley – Erection of double garage and store-room – **Support**.

**S.06/1356/COU** – Bakers Piece, Oakridge Lynch – Change of use of land and erection of stables and hay store – **Support**.

**S.06/1441/FUL** – Sycamore Cottage, Far Wells Road, Bisley – Retrospective application for re-roofing of older parts of property – **Support/Comment** – The tiles match areas that have been re-roofed in the past and that the colour will 'bed in' and age harmoniously.

All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the whole meeting



06.07 12 **Correspondence**  
The following correspondence has been received during the last month and was on the table for inspection.

Campaign to Protect Rural England (Gloucestershire Branch)	Annual Report
Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum	Regeneration and Sustainability Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2006 in Memorial Hall, Lechlade
Gloucestershire Health Community	Future of Healthcare in Gloucestershire
VCA (Stroud District)	Issue 22 Newsletter
Age partnership Group	Practical Information for Employers
Clerks and Councils Direct	July 2002 News Magazine

06.07 13 **Ward Matters**

- a) **Bisley**  
Mrs L Hemming reported that she would be meeting with a contractor shortly to consider the work and cost involved in the restoration of the Bisley War Memorial and was also actively engaged in developing a restoration programme for the Pavilion at King George V Playing Fields.  
Mr P Thorp said that the Bisley WI Village Hall Committee had requested that a new Notice Board be provided in the village at a prominent location. He said that alternative sites were being considered.
- b) **Eastcombe**  
Eastcombe Ward had no issues to present that had not been dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
- c) **Oakridge**  
Mr A Davis said that he wished the minutes to record congratulations and thanks to the Open Gardens Committee and participants for the generous donation of £1000.00 for the benefit of Oakridge Burial Ground. This had followed an extremely successful Open Gardens event in the village. Mr Davis said he would prepare a letter to the Graveyard Group concerning proposals for expenditure of this donation.

06.07 14 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2006 at Bisley WI Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130 hours.