

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 5th March 2003 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
HALL**

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| Mrs P Carrick | | Chairman |
| Mr M G Flint | } | |
| Mr J P L Perkins | } | Bisley Ward |
| Mr T G Carter | } | |
| Mr R K Brooks | } | Eastcombe Ward |
| Mrs J W Russell | } | |
| 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
members of the public were present

03.03 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr C Fellowes (previous meeting), N Rogers (illness), D Workman (holiday), O Turner (family)

03.03 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

03.03 3. **Public Participation**

No members of the public were present

03.03 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February having been circulated were amended as follows: 03.02 12a – substitute LEA for SDC; Inclusion of the query concerning Crooked Mustard Footpath under 03.02 12c. They were then approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

03.03 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Planning**

The clerk reported that the list of questions on planning issues had been sent to Mr J Longmuir and was subsequently asked to contact him regarding the reply which had not yet been received. The meeting agreed that in future a separate meeting with the planning sub-committee would be more appropriate. Regarding two issues – 3 Hampstead Buildings & Former Stancombe Garage, Cllr Le Fleming agreed to follow these up with SDC planning and report his findings. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Davis regarding the Community Notice Board for Eastcombe which is awaiting approval by SDC.

b) **Jubilee Grant**

This has now been completed and monies awaited from SDC.

- c) **Street Cleaning**
The clerk reported that SDC were in the Bisley /Oakridge area today and if the council were not satisfied by the weekend then L Samak (environmental contracts SDC) would gladly meet with a representative to patrol & discuss the roads in the Parish.
- d) **Eastcombe Playground**
It was noted that the swing seats had been replaced, but there was still work outstanding. The clerk was asked to ring Mr Pulley.
- e) **Road Signs**
The clerk reported that the two signs requested for Oakridge had been ordered. SDC would not agree to pay for the reinstatement of the old School & Church sign. The clerk was asked to contact them again with respect to this matter. Mr Flint expressed concern at the arrow at Stancombe triangle and the clerk was asked to contact GCC Highways concerning this.
- f) **Skip Dates**
The clerk apologised for the confusion over skip dates. The March dates are extras from last year. SDC are willing to change the April dates in view of this to later in the year.

03.03 6. **District Council Matters**

Mr Le Fleming presented a plaque to the Chairman in respect of the Jubilee Grant for the piano at Oakridge Village Hall.

Mr Le Fleming indicated that the results of the housing survey were needed to enable him to present the case at the next Cabinet meeting. Mr Brooks will send the results to the clerk as soon as possible, which will then be forwarded to Mr Le Fleming.

The footpath diversion (MBL 80 & 81) at Limbrick's Farm was highlighted and Mr Le Fleming asked for any comments.

Mr Brooks indicated that a new tree officer had been employed by SDC on a full time basis and this was welcomed.

03.03 7. **County Council Matters**

In the absence of the County Councillor nothing was discussed under this heading.

03.03 8. **Finance**

| <u>Payments</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Consortium (stationary) | 28.75 | 5.03 | 33.78 |
| British Telecomm | 65.61 | 11.48 | 77.09 |
| Severn Trent | | | |
| Water Rates Bisley Pav | | | 56.04 |
| Severn Trent | | | |
| (Oakridge Allotments) | | | 13.97 |
| Severn Trent | | | |
| (Windyridge) | | | 0.89 |
| James & Owen | 12.37 | 2.15 | 14.52 |
| Severn Trent | | | |
| (Eastcombe) | | | 35.28 |
| T A Howes (Feb salary) | | | 449.04 |
| Inland Revenue | | | 15.26 |
| Barry Hunt Sales | | | |
| (Oakridge village hall) | 3850.50 | 673.85 | |
| 4524.35 | | | |
| H Brown & Son | | | |
| (Oakridge village hall) | 5700.00 | | 997.00 |
| 6697.50 | | | |
| Petty Cash | | | 50.00 |
| | | | <u>£ 11,967.72</u> |
| Petty Cash Payments | £42.08 | | |
| Cash balance as at 28 th February 2003 | £ 15,507.69 | | |

03.03 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Windyridge**

The clerk indicated that she had been contacted concerning the play area at Windyridge. It had previously been agreed with Sovereign Housing that The Parish Council would take over responsibility of this as soon as the houses were finished.

The clerk will contact RoSPA to include this play area in the annual inspections.

b) **Thomas Keble School – proposed one way system**

Eastcombe ward reported no objections in principle but were concerned that the signs be kept low key so as not to look unsightly. Some concern was expressed that the recycle bins are located at the proposed exit and should drivers be made to go around the one way loop if merely recycling waste. Mr Bryant thought it safer that if a one way system was in operation then it would be safer for all drivers to observe it. The clerk was asked to write to GCC with these comments.

c) **Eastcombe Millenium Committee**

Eastcombe ward indicated that they would be in favour of using the money to purchase some play equipment. The council agreed to support the ward on the decision made. The clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs B Freebury.

- d) **SDC – Spring Cleaning**
All wards had a copy of a letter from SDC asking for volunteers for spring cleaning of litter in the district. Although too late for advertising in Parish magazines for April they would be posted on notice boards.
- e) **Defra Licensing Bill**
A copy of a letter was circulated from Defra including a statement from The Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport indicating that village halls, community halls and church halls would be exempted from fees associated with provision of entertainment.
- f) **Bisley Gateways**
Mr Perkins reported that the Bisley Gateways would likely be funded in 2004/5. The residents directly affected were being informed.
Mr Perkins welcomed any ideas for the village signs in Bisley.
- g) **Road flooding – Solomons Court– Daisy Court**
The clerk was asked to contact GCC highways about their plans for this stretch of road and to write to Mrs Cox-Johnson with an update.
- h) **Roads- Update**
Mr Perkins reported that the kerbing at Back Road Bisley was not now going ahead as a trench had been dug & tarmaced instead.
The clerk reported on progress of other road issues.
Mr Brooks reported that the drainage at Bismore Hill had been completed satisfactorily but the output had subsequently been blocked and GCC were dealing with this.
Mr Brooks also commented on a leak in the sewer which was being pursued by Environmental Health. He thought that due to unco-operation by Severn Trent Water it may be necessary to contact our MP.
- i) **Eastcombe Crossroads**
The chairman raised an issue concerning a request from GCC to move the wall bordering the allotments at Eastcombe crossroads to improve visibility.
It was discussed and agreed that the main obstacles were plant growth, the telephone junction box and the pole and the wall could only be considered when these items had been rectified. The clerk was asked to write to GCC Highways as such and also to ascertain who would pay for the moving & rebuilding of the wall if necessary.
The Road junction altered last year at the Eastcombe/Bisley junction leading to Chalford Hill was still giving cause for concern. The chairman indicated that the Parish Council had agreed to the alterations on 7th August 2002.
- j) **Proposed Ward Projects**

Mr Carter indicated that £1,500 of the £3,000 application for a rural grant had been granted and could the Parish Council pay the remainder needed to upgrade the Eastcombe Pavillion against vandalism. The council agreed and Mr Carter said he would obtain two more estimates for the work necessary before proceeding.

Mr Bryant questioned why a donation for £1,000 towards wall rebuilding had not appeared on the payments/receipts statement for 2002/3. The clerk said she would check the payments book.

The chairman declared an interest as Chairman of the Oakridge Village Hall Trust before requesting a donation towards refitting the kitchen at the hall.

Mr Bryant left the meeting after this item at 21.20.

Wards were asked to provide the meeting with any requests for projects which would be considered again at the next meeting.

k) **Painswick Parish Council meeting 6th March**

Mr Brooks indicated that he would attend if possible.

l) **Parish Meeting**

The meeting was reminded that the Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 19.30 at Oakridge Village Hall followed immediately by the Parish Council Meeting.

m) **Parish Plan**

Mr Budgeon informed the meeting of a Parish Plan seminar was taking place on 2nd April in the Forest of Dean and so would be unable to attend.

03.03 10. **Planning**

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

SO3/129 **Land adjacent Dr Crouch's Rd**

Erection of community noticeboard –Support

SO3/113 **6 The Row, Mount Pleasant, Bisley**

Change of use & renovation of outbuildings for home office – Support

SO3/171 **Bear House, George St, Bisley**

Listed Building Consent –alterations to utility to form study, new external door & replacement roof light –

Support/Comment –Important to ensure all materials used are appropriate for such an important building

SO3/188 **Bear House, Bisley**

Planning Application – as above – Support

SO3/210 **Brackenfields, High Wood, Bisley**

New shed to provide 6 dog kennels & storage space

SO3/265 **Land at Mount Pleasant, Bisley**

Demolition of existing garage & erection of one dwelling

SO3/269 **Well Close, Oakridge Lynch**

Conversion & alteration of existing outbuildings

SO3/268 **Glenview, Dr Crouch's Rd**

Alteration & extension to existing garage to provide parking with office over

03.03 11. **Correspondence**

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

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| Woodside Services | Tree Surgery |
| CPRE discounted entry | |
| To houses & gardens | See Teresa for use of card |
| SDC | Transfer of Council housing |
| GCC | Roads bulletin |
| SDC | Recycling sites removal |
| Chalford Parish Council | Bus Route to Cirencester |
| CVS | Meeting on 12 th March |
| CVS | Annual review |
| GCC | Glos. Medal for Courage 2002 |
| GCC | Glos Local Transport Plan |
| | Annual Progress Report |
| SDC | Meetings March/April |
| NALC | Quality Parish Status – seminar 18 th March |
| Police Authority | Consutative meetings |

03.03 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Flint asked or a formal resolution expressing the Parish Council's involvement in the administration of the 15K gift. The meeting agreed to this resolution.

The clerk was asked to reply to Mr McGill with respect to land at Windyridge.

The clerk was given a letter requesting a NO BALL GAMES sign in the childrens play area at the recreation ground and was asked to respond.

Mr Flint asked if the clerk could remind GCC about the resurfacing of Sinegar Square.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mrs Russell reported on a meeting she had attended of The Ancient Parishes of Bisley. She said that the money usually gifted at Christmas for needy causes had become an expected donation and would now be distributed differently. The details would be published shortly in Parish magazines and newsletters.

c) **Oakridge**

The clerk was asked to write a letter supporting a grant application to the Countryside Agency for refurbishment of the village hall kitchen.

Mr Davis asked the clerk to contact GCC regarding resurfacing of Sammels footpath which is in a poor state of repair.

Mr Budgeon was accepted as the delegate to make comments on the Gloucestershire Structure Plan, but asked to raise points on light pollution, stone walls and hedgerows.

Mr Budgeon then informed the meeting that he had been asked to attend Miserden Parish Council as an electoral representative because they were not quorate. No objections were raised.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at Oakridge Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.00hrs