

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING HELD on Wednesday 5th May 2004 at 7.30 p.m
at BISLEY W I HALL**

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

0 members of the public were present

04.05 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr D Le Fleming (prior meeting), Cllr C Fellows

04.05 2. **Election of Chairman**
It was proposed by Ms Greene and unanimously seconded that the retiring chairman, Mr Rogers be invited to serve in that capacity for a further year. Mr Rogers thanked the members and accepted, but added that he would not therefore continue as Bisley Ward chairman. Bisley Ward invited Ms Greene to act as ward chairman, which she accepted.

04.05 3. **Ward Appointments**
These were agreed as follows:

Bisley	Ward Chairman	Ms L Greene
	Allotments Warden	Ms L Greene
	Playing Field Warden	Mr D W Workman
	Snow Warden	Mr D W Workman
	Planning Sub Committee Chairman	Mr J P L Perkins
Eastcombe	Ward Chairman	Mr T G Carter
	Allotments Warden	Mr R A Clack (non Cllr)
	Playing Fields Warden	Mrs O Turner
	Snow Warden	Mr R K Brooks

	Planning Sub Committee Chairman	Mr R K Brooks
Oakridge	Ward Chairman	Mr R S Bryant
	Allotments Warden	Mr A E Davis
	Playing Fields Warden	Mr P Dawes
	Snow Warden	Mr R S Bryant
	Planning Sub-Committee Chairman	Mr R N Budgeon

Other Appointments

School Governors	Bisley	Mrs B Brown
	Eastcombe	Miss P Gaston
	Oakridge	Mrs Salkeld
John Taylor Foundation		Mr R S Bryant
		Mr C Pulley
Oakridge Village Hall Trust		Mr A E Davis
Twinning Committee Representative		Mr R K Brooks
Neighbourhood Watch	Bisley	Mr M G Flint
	Eastcombe	Mr T G Carter
	Oakridge	Mr Andrew Edwards
Parish Transport Rep		Ms L Greene
Charities for the Ancient Parish of Bisley Trees		Mrs J W Russell
		Mr R Mackie

- 04.05 4. **Public Participation**
There was nothing raised under this heading
- 04.05 5. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests
- 04.05 6. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th April 2004**
The minutes having been circulated to all members were approved and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
- 04.05 7. **Matters Arising**
- a) **Aston Down**
Having received the available information on traffic assessment, it was agreed that no further comments could be made until the Highways Agency and SDC reported any further developments.

- b) **Mobile Speed Sign**
Mr Brooks had produced a draft agreement for perusal. Mr Perkins proposed that this be accepted and this was seconded by Mrs Russell. The clerk was asked to send this to Painswick Parish Council for comment. Mr Brooks also suggested that one member from each ward be designated as responsible for the use of the speed sign in that ward. The members were agreed as follows: Eastcombe – Mr Brooks; Oakridge – Mr Bryant; Bisley – Bisley ward members had been approached by Mr Dickens as taking a keen interest in traffic problems in Bisley and it was agreed to ask him to be responsible for the speed sign in Bisley Ward. The chairman added that the involvement of members of the public was to be encouraged as much as possible.
- c) **Bonfires/Allotments**
Due to recent complaints about bonfires on allotments it was agreed that an addendum to the tenancy agreement be made, encouraging composting and considerate practice. The members were alarmed to learn that household and garden waste had been reported as being burned on Eastcombe allotments and this should be addressed in Parish magazines.
- d) **London Road – Traffic Survey**
The clerk reported that GCC Highways would not fund a traffic survey, but had suggested via their contractors that the Parish Council could carry out a survey, which could then be forwarded to GCC Highways. Mr Rogers suggested that this was further discussed in Bisley Ward.
- e) **RoSPA - training for play area inspections**
The clerk had been in contact with SDC who indicated that they would be prepared to run the training sessions required.

District Council Matters

In the absence of the District Councillor his comments were received as follows:

Windyridge

Mrs Banyard notified me of the concerns of herself and her neighbours, and I visited her house to see the position at first hand.

I entirely understand the unhappiness of the residents that they will lose a piece of amenity land which is valued by them, but I am afraid this forms part of the land allocated for housing, so its use for that purpose at some time was inevitable.

Now that Westbury own the land, they are entitled to clear and fence it in advance of any planning consent, so long as they do not start development. I contacted Westbury, who confirmed they would willingly discuss their plans with residents and have a continuing dialogue with them, and asked if a 'contact person' could be put forward. I told Mrs Banyard of this, suggesting a local representative might be best, and understand she has herself been in touch with Westbury, but she has not come back to me. While I understand consent to removal of hedges is required, this doesn't appear to include non-tree undergrowth on a piece of vacant land.

So far as the birds' nests are concerned, I could not obtain any expert information from within the council, but was referred to Gloucester Wildlife Trust, with whom I understand Lesley and Donald have been in touch direct.

I have just heard that Westbury will be conducting a 'walkabout' on the site on Thursday at 2pm, and propose to be there for this.

Hampstead Buildings

I have now seen Ian Gobey's response to Lesley's letter. I raised the point earlier about who would carry out the work and who would have responsibility for reinstatement, if ordered. I would have thought that if Care & Repair had carried out the work, they would have had to reinstate, though I understand this is not in any event a planning consideration.

As it is, it seems that there is now no obligation on the owner to reinstate so long as she lives there; but I assume that whatever price she receives for the house when she sells will take account of the obligation to do so.

Roger mentioned a case at Oakridge some years where it was apparently held that personal circumstances were **not** relevant to a planning decision. I think it would be worth investigating this point further.

Daniel le Fleming

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The clerk added that the proposed walkabout by Westbury Homes was postponed until further notice. The clerk was asked to clarify ownership of the hedge bordering the allotments with SDC.

The clerk was also asked to pass on details of the planning case at Oakridge to the Cllr Le Fleming for investigation.

- 04.05 9. **County Council Matters**
As County Councillor Fellows was not present, nothing was raised under this heading.
- 04.05 10. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) **Handyman**
Eastcombe Ward indicated they were extremely happy with the services of Mr Bullimore, who had some spare capacity for work in Bisley if required. The clerk was asked to arrange clearing of footpath MBL148 with Mr Bullimore.
 - b) **Standing Orders Review**
An amendment to the standing orders was proposed to include the responsibilities of the Parish Council under Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Equal Opportunities. The clerk was asked to amend this for approval at the next meeting.
 - c) **Rural grant Scheme 2004/5**
The clerk had sent a covering letter to all members to indicate that the rural grant scheme for 2004/5 had a closing date of 30th June for applications. Mr Davis was to attend an information session at SDC on 11th May.
 - d) **Parish Plan - progress**
The clerk had verified the Parish Council's inclusion on the list of intent at Gloucestershire Rural Community Council. The next stage was to complete the application form including a budget. The chairman suggested that each ward chairman have a copy of the application form to discuss at ward meetings with a view to agreeing the budget and completing the form at the next PC meeting.
 - e) **Windyridge**
The planning application had been received from SDC for the erection of 26 dwellings and this was displayed at the meeting for comment. Ms Greene indicated that a meeting of near residents had been arranged for Friday 7th May to discuss the plans and any planning gain.

Receipts April 2004

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VAT Refund	2,288.23
SDC ½ Precept	17,290.00
Allotment rent	<u>82.00</u>
	19,660.23

<u>Payments – May 2004</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
T Banyard (pavilion)	40.00		40.00
James & Owen	57.01	9.97	66.98
T W Hawkin (grass cutting)	600.00	105.00	705.00
Npower (pavilion)	39.02	1.95	40.97
Wicksteed Leisure (Eastcombe)	372.00	65.10	437.10
T Howes (April salary)	461.81		461.81
Inland Revenue	28.77		28.77
Petty Cash	40.00		40.00
Total			1,820.63

Petty Cash Payments	£72.79
Cash Balance as at 30 th April 2004	£33,887.30
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,917.23

04.05 12. **Planning Applications**

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

S04/0510/FUL – Thomas Keble School – Erection of extensions to main teaching block, music dept & admin area - Comments – we are disappointed that proposed works do not include provision of toilets for disabled that are accessible from the main hall. This hall is the only building of this size in the area for hire outside school hours for private & community functions. It is not currently for hire on the grounds there are no disabled toilets. This is a loss of a valuable community facility.

S04/0513/FUL – Grey Cote Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – Erection of porch & 1st floor extension – Support

S04/0617/FUL – Mon Travail, Vatch Lane, Eastcombe – Erection of extension – No observations.

S04/0696/FUL – Dillay Farm, The Camp – creation of lake – OBJECT – The PC has serious concerns over the impact on conservation & the local environment generally. We feel research needs to be carried out by qualified professional organisations such as Glos. Wildlife Trust & Environment Agency to establish such impact before a considered view can be taken. There is insufficient detail on the plan with no construction detail of the dam at all. We would also ask what is the purpose of the lake and what is it to be used for.

S04/0702/FUL – Yew Tree Cottage, Wells Rd, Eastcombe – Erection of conservatory & replace bradstone wall – Comments – we note there is an old yew tree near the building that might be affected by proposed works and is not mentioned on the plans.

S04/0775/REM – Land at Windyridge, Bisley – Approval of reserved matters for erection of 26 dwellings with associated parking & access.

S04/0750/FUL – Head First Hair Salon, Eastcombe – erection of extension

S04/0746/FUL – Manor Corner, 1 Hampstead Buildings, Bisley – Reinstatement of window to north elevation

S04/0780/FUL – Penn House, Oakridge Lynch – 2-storey extension

S04/0781/LBC – Penn House – Listed building consent for above

S04/0787/FUL – The Frith, Far Oakridge – Erection of sheep shelter with garden room above.

04.05 13. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received during April and was on the table to read:

AONB	Cotswold Lion News
Stroud Town Council	Problem Buildings
Frith Youth Centre	AGM Report 2003/4
SDC	List of meetings May/June
GPFA	Newsletter
Local Council Review	May 2004
Stroud Volunteer Bureau	Appeal for drivers

MEETINGS

GCC	Cotswold Area Transport Forum 18 th May (Cirencester)
SLCC	Funding & Managing Community Projects 11 th June (Worcester)

- 04.05 14. **Ward Matters**
- a) **Bisley**
The clerk was asked to contact GCC highways to rectify the following:
Speed signs to be turned to face correct way approaching Bisley; returning of blue restriction sign to correct side of road; clearing of gulleys following heavy rain.
- b) **Eastcombe**
The clerk was asked by Mr Carter to write a letter of complaint to SDC with regard to the infrequent emptying of the dog waste bin on Eastcombe recreation field.
- c) **Oakridge**
Mr Davis indicated that a resident had asked permission to rent part of the allotments at Waterlane for grazing a horse, but thought that this was not applicable as using the allotments for the purposes of food provision. The meeting agreed.
The clerk was asked to obtain information on the new floodlights at Chalford Sports & social Club, in response to complaints about light pollution.
Mr Davis indicated that he would arrange a meeting with J Harris from GCC PROW department before the next full PC meeting.
The clerk was asked to contact GCC Highways to ask when the verges were due to be cut, and to again repair the pothole on the quarry bend.

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

The next meeting will be held at Bisley W I Hall on Wednesday, 2nd June at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.30.