

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7th September 2005 at BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Mr N S Rogers		Chairman
Mrs L Hemming	}	Bisley Ward
Mr P Thorp	}	
Mr T G Carter	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mr R K Brooks	}	
Mrs O M Turner	}	
Mrs J Russell	}	
Mr R Bryant	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr R N Budgeon	}	
Mr A E Davis	}	
Mr P Dawes	}	
Mr N M MacLeod		Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming
County Cllr Joan Nash
Bisley Bluecoat School Governor Mrs B Brown

No members of the public were present

- 05.09 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Ms L Greene – Summer holiday.
- 05.09 2. **Public Participation**
There was no public participation at the meeting.
- 05.09 3. **Declaration of Interests**
Mr R Budgeon as interested party to the Private Members Bill on Climate Change and Management of energy. Mr R Bryant in respect of cheque for signature.
- 05.09 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2005 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.
- 05.09 5. **Matters Arising**
a) **Van Der Breen Street**
Mrs Hemming advised that their had been an exchange of correspondence with Mr Taper concerning the turning area in Van Der Breen Street and that a Ward Meeting with Mr Taper had been arranged for 27th September 2005 in the Village Hall.

- b) **Parish Playgrounds**
The Clerk provided an update on the progress with repairs to play equipment in the Parish Play Areas. The Chairman stressed the importance of carrying out regular safety inspections of play equipment and the Clerk was to ensure that this responsibility was contained in Parish Standing Orders.
- c) **Public Phone Box in Eastcombe**
Mr Brooks advised that a reply had been received from BT to our objections to the conversion of the pay-phone at Eastcombe to a cashless facility. Whilst the reply indicated that objections remained under consideration, Mr Brooks said that the phone at Eastcombe had already been converted and in the process was out of action for some 2 weeks – much to the dismay of local residents. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mr Brooks and write to BT to determine why this precipitate action was taken and to ask that the cash pay-phone be re-instated.
- d) **Winter Pre-Salting of Stancombe Lane**
The Chairman advised that Gloucestershire County Council Roads Department had written to confirm that Stancombe Lane would in future be included in the pre-salting programme.
- e) **Registration of Common Land**
The Chairman advised the meeting that a National Seminar on Common Land and Village Greens was to be held at The University of Gloucestershire on 13th September 2005. The Clerk was asked to attend this Seminar to gain guidance on the procedures to be followed to confirm ownership of Common Land in the Parish.
- e) **Windyridge Development**
The Clerk advised that a reply was awaited from Stroud District Council to our concerns about open space and safe access to the village for the residents of the new development at Windyridge.

05.09 6. **District Council Matters**

District Councillor Daniel le Fleming referred to the Rural Grant applications to SDC on which he was required to comment, and asked if there were any particular points he should mention in his letter of support. He also gave information about the new electronic development control procedures, the proposed £2000.00 Arts Prize for a work of art to be installed at the Subscription Rooms in Stroud, the new Cotswold Conservation Board Sustainable development Fund which has funds available for projects within the AONB and the proposed 40mph speed limit to be imposed at Toadsmoor Lane, Eastcombe. The Clerk was asked to obtain and circulate information about the Arts Prize and to contact Thrupp Parish Council for its views on the proposed 40mph speed limit at Toadsmoor Lane.

05.09 7. **County Council Matters**

County Councillor Joan Nash briefed the meeting on a broad range of issues. These included:

- a) The new Directorate of Children's Services which was now coming together and whose remit would include the retention and further provision of Special Schools.
- b) The Regional Spatial Strategy, including the promoting of vibrant market towns and provision of affordable housing.
- c) The County Fire Service, which had been considered the best in the country by the Audit Commission, although there was still Government insistence that the Regional Control should be based in Taunton.
- d) The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee enquiry into suggestions that would involve the amalgamation of the Avon, Wilts and Gloucestershire Ambulance Services.
- e) The difficulties in the management of Supporting People contracts affecting some 12,000 users and the reduction in Government Funding for this service.
- f) The extension of the present Waste Plan to August 2006 and the need for better working with District Councils to increase recycling against tight Government targets on recycling, landfill and biodegradable waste.
- g) Mr R Bryant asked County Councillor Joan Nash to investigate the policy for tree felling alongside roads. Vegetation alongside the road from Daneway Hill to Sapperton had been extensively cleared and there was a suggestion that defoliant may have been used. Councillor Nash agreed to investigate this matter.
- h) Mr R Brook said that there were still concerns about the alterations at Eastcombe Primary School which still included velux windows on the front elevation. Councillor Nash undertook to support the Parish Council view that dormer windows would be more appropriate.

05.09 8. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Parish Plan**

Mr R Budgeon advised the Parish Plan Meeting held at the end of August had ratified the draft Action Plan. It was intended that copies of this, including a Questionnaire will be issued to each household in the Parish by the end of September 2005.

b) **Parish Council Office**

Mr P Thorp distributed a Scoping Proposal designed to examine the feasibility of establishing a dedicated Parish Office sometime in the future. The Chairman asked Ward Councillors to consider the outline proposal and to submit views at the next Parish Council Meeting.

- c) **Private Members Bill – Climate Change/Management of Energy**
The Chairman said that he considered that the Parish Council should support this Early Day Motion. Following discussion it was evident that there were differing views between Councillors as to whether this motion should be supported on a Parish Council or individual basis. Mr T G Carter said that Eastcombe Ward had not yet had the opportunity to consider the proposal on a full Ward basis.
The Chairman said that the issue still needed further consideration by Wards and that Councillors should be prepared to vote on the matter at the next Parish Council Meeting on 5th October 2005.
- d) **Retention/Disposal of Town and Parish Council Records**
The Chairman advised that a document giving guidance on retention or disposal of Parish Council Documents had been received from Gloucestershire County Council Community Services Directorate. This included guidance as to whether records should be preserved permanently, destroyed when no longer needed or reviewed by the County Archivist for possible preservation when no longer needed.
The Chairman asked Councillors to consider the recommendations and to present views at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- e) **Eastcombe Allotments**
Mr T G Carter said that there was a waiting list for allotments at Eastcombe and it was proposed to increase the number of allotments by reclamation of some overgrown areas on the periphery of the allotment area. In the absence of Mr R Clack – the Allotments Warden (holiday) – The Chairman asked Mrs O M Russell to send a list of current allotment holders to the Clerk so that a letter could be sent to all allotment holders publicising the proposed change.
- f) **Proposal for a Parish ‘Welcome Pack’ for new Arrivals**
Mr P Thorp had circulated to Councillors his proposal for a Parish ‘Welcome Pack’ for individuals and families taking-up residence in the Parish. Mrs J Russell said that the important information needed by new arrivals to Eastcombe Ward was already contained in the Ward Magazine and Mr P Dawes said that similar information was contained in the ‘Village Phonebook’ publication. The Chairman said that it was good practice to formalise within the Parish how information to new arrivals is put together and distributed. The Chairman asked that Wards present their views on the merits and/or demerits of a Parish-wide ‘Welcome Pack’.

g) **Report on Bisley Bluecoat School 2004-2005**

Mrs B Brown advised the Meeting that the school had an excellent first year under the new Head – Samantha Porter – with 74 pupils on the roll and names for the next 3 years. SATS results had been most satisfactory, the School had received the Investors in Children Award, much had been done to improve PE provision and 10 children on the Special Needs Register were receiving one-to-one assistance.

Highlights for the year had included Ascension Day, the PTA Ball and Class 3 had attended a week's course at the UK Sailing Association on the Isle of Wight.

Planning Permissions had been obtained for new-build facilities but GCC had not yet committed to funding the projects.

Strong links had been forged with the new Vicar at Bisley and moves were underway to forge stronger links between the School, Church and Community.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Brown for her comprehensive Report.

Receipts August 2005

Bank Interest £65.03

Total £65.03**Payments – September 2005**

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
John Miller – Mower Repairs	132.22	23.14	155.36
'What's On' – S137 Grant	100.00		100.00
BT - Office Telephone	50.24	8.79	59.03
T W Hawkins – Mowing	630.00	110.25	740.25
CRB Maintenance			
– Bisley Play Area	30.00		30.00
D Holbrow – Grass Eastcombe	101.53	1.14	102.67
T W Hawkins – Mowing	630.00	110.25	740.25
T Banyard – Pavilion Cleaning	60.00		60.00
I Trueman – Strimming	17.00		17.00
N MacLeod Salary	377.07		377.07
Inland Revenue – Tax/NI	129.37		129.37
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
N Rogers – Chairman's Allowance	450.00		450.00
W Bryant – Strimming at Oakridge	50.00		50.00
Totals	2,807.43	253.57	3,061.00

Petty Cash Payments – August 2005	£20.00
Cash Balance as at 31 st August 2005	£28,786.98
Bisley Gift Balance – 31 st August 2005	£4,057.49
Bisley Lock Up Balance – 31 st August 2005	£1,964.90

05.09 10 **Planning**

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

Planning Applications – August 2005

S.05/1464/FUL – Pretoria Villa, Wells Road, Eastcombe – Replacement garage and alterations and extensions to utility room to form a kitchen – No observations.

S.05/1521/FUL – Brambles, Oakridge Lynch – Erection of garden room – Support.

S.05/1545/COU – Denmans Farm, Bisley – Change of use - Erection of a ménage – No observations.

S.05/1571/FUL – Bathurst House, Stancombe – Creation of additional office accommodation in roof-space, including dormer windows and lift enclosure – No observations.

S.05/1619/FUL – The Old Mill, Oakridge Lynch – Relocation of access – Support.

S.05/1613/FUL – Bar-Rose, Water Lane, Oakridge – Erection of rear extension and conservatory – Support.

S.05/1675/FUL – Jaynes Court, Bisley – Repairs and alterations to main house and Dovecote/Cockpit, including walls, driveway and railings.

S.05/1681/FUL – Clair Cottage, Oakridge – Erection of 2-storey extension to rear – Support.

All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the whole meeting.

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Correspondence

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

Correspondence – List for September 2005 Meeting

Gloucestershire Resources Directorate proposal to	Scrutiny Inquiry into Merge Gloucestershire Ambulance Service with Avon/Wilts
Gloucestershire Rural Housing Association 2005	GRHA Annual General Meeting 26 th September
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council	Annual General Meeting 22 nd September 2005
Stroud District Council Community	Invitation to Parish Plans Forum 27 th September 2005
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council	August Newsletter
Cotswolds Conservation Board	Annual Review 2004/2005
Gloucestershire Crimestoppers	Summer Bulletin
GAPTC	August 2005 Newsletter
Gloucestershire Education Department	Children's Centres in Gloucestershire
Cotswold District Council Framework	Local Development Consultation Draft
Stroud & District Council for Voluntary Services	August Newsletter
Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill	Bid for Parish Support

05.09 12 **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mrs L Hemming asked the Clerk to check with District Council on the policy for the collection of waste at the King George V Playing Field because waste was not being collected from the litter bins at the pavilion and car park.

Mrs Hemming asked if the Mobile Speed Sign could be returned from Painswick Parish for use in the Bisley Ward. Mr R K Brooks agreed to recover the sign.

The Chairman advised the meeting that a request had been received from Bisley Blue Coat School PTA for support for celebrations to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Gunpowder Plot and, in particular, the connection with the Parish of Guy Fawkes. The Chairman added that whilst the event was being organised by the Bisley Blue Coat School PTA it was to mark an historic occasion for the benefit of all parishioners and that it would be publicised widely throughout the Parish. It was proposed by Mr R K Brooks that the importance of this event should be recognised by a donation of £400.00 to the PTA towards the costs of staging the occasion. The proposal was seconded by Mrs O M Turner and carried unanimously.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr T J Carter said that a Grant had been received some years ago for the provision of concrete and wood seats around Eastcombe Recreation Ground. The wood had now rotted and required replacement. The Clerk was asked to meet at the Recreation Ground with Mrs J W Russell and Mrs O M Turner to assess the work involved and to task a contractor to carry out the repairs.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr R Bryant asked for a progress report on dealing with the sycamore trees which were causing damage to a retaining wall at the Back of Ollis. The Clerk said that the matter had been reported to Stroud district Council and a reply was awaited.

Mr A Davis reported that the litter bin for the bus shelter had yet to be received. The Clerk was asked to hasten this provision.

Mr A Davis said that two further quotations had been received for the planting of a hedge around Oakridge Burial Ground. It was now proposed to consider all three quotations in detail at the next Ward Meeting and to present a recommendation to the next Parish Council Meeting.

05 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th October 2005
Bisley WI Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.00 hours.