

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 6th August 2003 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
HALL**

Mrs P Carrick		Chairman
Mr N S Rogers	}	
Ms L Greene	}	Bisley Ward
Mr J P L Perkins	}	
Mr D W Workman	}	
Mr T G Carter	}	Eastcombe Ward
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
County Cllr Mr C Fellows

0 members of the public were present

03.08 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr B Brooks (holiday), Mrs J Russell (family), Mrs O Turner(holiday)

03.08 2. **Public Participation**

There was nothing raised under this heading.

03.08 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

03.08 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

03.08 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **RUPP's**

Mr Workman had spoken to Mr A Houldey (PROW) and had indicated that the reclassification would take time and that some old footpaths, not marked on the Public Rights of way maps had been highlighted.

Ms Greene asked about the cutting of the verges in the Parish in the light of complaints from residents. Mrs Carrick indicated that we could approach SDC again to have the contract for grass verges and it was agreed to discuss this on next months agenda.

b) **Golf on playing fields**

Mr Workman was now in a position to erect the “No Golf” signs on Bisley recreation ground.

Mr Le Fleming was asked to look into “duty of care” for the next meeting before a final decision was made on whether to erect signs at Eastcombe and Oakridge recreation grounds.

Mr Carter had put a note in the Eastcombe newsletter to indicate that golf was not allowed on the Eastcombe recreation ground.

c) **Mr A Turner (GCC Highways)**

The clerk was asked to invite Mr Turner to the October meeting at 7pm.

Mr Carter reported that he had contacted the editor of the Eastcombe, Bussage and Brownhill newsletter regarding free issues to Eastcombe parishioners but the cost would be approximately £500 per annum. It was agreed to pay a donation to the newsletter of £100 and revisit the matter of free issues at the next precept.

Bisley Ward appointments had been made as follows:

Ward Chairman: Mr N Rogers

King George V Field and Snow Warden: Mr D Workman

Planning Sub-Committee Chairman: Mr J Perkins

Allotments Warden: Ms L Greene

03.08 6. **District Council Matters**

Mr Le Fleming reported that the decision on Windyridge had been deferred until November following a cabinet meeting. The reason being that the transfer of council housing and rules of Government finance were still not complete. He assured the members that the Parish Council would be notified of the future meeting and meanwhile should keep SDC aware of the ongoing need for future social housing.

The clerk passed a draft document from SDC on affordable housing to Mr Rogers who agreed to comment by 26th August.

03.08 7. **County Council Matters**

Cllr Fellowes had nothing new to report except to say that the County Council were inundated with legislative work from Government.

Mr Bryant asked Cllr Fellowes to speak to the Highways department concerning the lopping of overhanging branches obscuring the monitoring points at Toadsmoor traffic lights.

03.08 8. **Finance**

Receipts July 2003

	<u>£</u>
Thomas Keble School (Rent GCC)	1.00
Bank Interest	<u>37.91</u>
	38.91

Payments – August 2003

£
VAT
Total

T W Hawkin (grass)	583.00
	102.33
	685.03
I Bullimore (Eastcombe green)	113.00
	113.00
JSM Signs	43.00
	7.52
	50.52
SDC (play area training)	10.00
	10.00
The Consortium (stationary)	38.95
	6.82
	45.77
T Bendle (trees Eastcombe)	300.00
	52.50
	352.50
P Carrick (chair allowance)	350.00
	350.00
Bisley News	49
	100.00

03.08 9. **Matters for Discussion**

- a) **PROW – Common Land and Open Spaces Draft**
The clerk reported that Mr Brooks was in possession of the draft map which needed comments by early October. The maps would be passed on to Mr Workman also.
- b) **GMO debate**
Mr Workman gave a brief synopsis of the two meetings he recently attended as part of the official “GM Nation “ debate.
A lively discussion ensued on the course of action to be taken by the Parish Council. Ms Greene declared an interest as a member of Friends of The Earth and the Green Party.
It was proposed by Ms Greene and seconded by Mr Budgeon that the Parish Council should make a statement of concerns including a statement to Government.
The wording of this was deferred until next meeting when Mr Workman and Ms Greene were elected to draft a statement for discussion.
- c) **Play Area Inspections**
The meeting agreed that it would be wise to do regular playground equipment inspections.
The clerk indicated that she would devise a checklist for use when carrying out inspections and would keep these on file.
- d) **Employment of Handyman**
Mr Carter indicated that the handyman currently being used in Eastcombe was very successful but thought that one person employed for the three wards would require delegation and overseeing.
Mr Rogers thought that one person could be employed for a reasonable number of hours to work in all three wards.
Mrs Carrick agreed to look further into the short and long term funding and also into capital funding for a vehicle if necessary.
- e) **Post Office Services**
Mr Davis gave a review of the problems encountered with the current forms encouraging people to pay pensions into a bank account. He agreed set up a helpline for parishioners having difficulty understanding the forms.
Mr Budgeon thought a list of services provided by local Post Offices should be published in Parish magazines to encourage people to use them.
Cllr Fellowes said that Government seemed intent on closing rural Post Offices and that the County Council were also unsupportive.
- f) **Traffic Issues**
Mr Perkins had arranged for a speed gun in early September for Bisley. The clerk was asked to order some more 30mph “check speed signs” .
- g) **Local Government Act 2000**
Mr Rogers agreed to read the document and make comments.

- h) **Quality Parish Status**
Despite some reservations it was agreed to register for Quality Parish Status on the proviso that this could be withdrawn if it was thought necessary at a later date.
- i) **Gloucestershire Structure Plan – third alteration**
Mr Budgeon indicated that the public consultations responses were not adequately reflected in the third draft.
- j) **Review of Youth Services in Gloucestershire**
Ms Green agreed to comment on the council's behalf.

03.08 10. **Planning**

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

- SO3/1034** – The Studio, Eastcombe – erection of new dwelling – existing to be demolished – Comments – replacement dwelling is attractive design in materials sympathetic with the conservation area, in particular use of proper quoin stones.
- SO3/1035** – Brittany, Eastcombe – Erection of single storey extension – No observations.
- SO3/1173 – Througham Slad Manor – Planning application for conversion of existing barn and part byre to form ancillary staff accommodation. – Support
- SO3/1174 – Listed Building application as above – Support
- SO3/1274 – Valley Villa, Waterlane – Demolition of existing outbuildings & erection of loose box & store – Support
- SO3/1202 – Tralee, Oakridge Lynch – erection of conservatory – Support
- SO3/1200 – Barn adjacent to Stirrup Cup – change of use from class D1 (homeopathic to class B1 (office) - Support
- SO3/1190 – School Garden, Churchyard, Eastcombe – Works to trees - No observations
- SO3/917 – Hill House, Bisley – revised plans for retaining wall –no observations – these additional plans do not address our previous concerns – insufficient information & detail.

Mr Perkins asked to be notified with any further comments on former Stancombe Garage site before the appeal.
The clerk was asked to write to SDC Director of Planning to question why the planning decision on SO3/678 (The Old Mill) was not made by the planning committee.
Mr Budgeon agreed to pursue the matter concerning the creation of a holiday cottage complex further.
Bisley Ward agreed to write to SDC in response to inaccuracies in the reasons for refusal of planning at Holbrook Garage. (Mr Budgeon declared his interests)

03.08 11. **Correspondence**

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

Stroud Volunteer Bureau	Make a Difference Day – volunteers
GCC	Bus Service E32 information
CPRE	rural matters & Planning Update
SDC	list of meetings July-September
David Drew	Letter from Countryside Agency
David Drew	report of Bus Steering Group
Glos Police	New Divisional Commander
Environment Agency	Local Environment Focus
Glos Playing Fields Association	Newsletter
Glos rural Community Council	Newsletter

03.08 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Perkins reported that Stancombe residents were in favour of a tree at Stancombe triangle – an Oak being the popular choice. Bisley ward agreed to meet the cost of emptying an extra dog bin. The clerk was asked to find out the size recommended by SDC. The clerk had nothing further to report on Newcombe House but would speak to Margaret Marshall.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter asked if the clerk could contact GCC Highways to remove the cones obstructing the footpath at Bracelands.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Bryant asked the clerk to contact the dog warden at SDC regarding a noise nuisance by dogs at Far Oakridge. Oakridge Ward were in receipt of a petition from the Jubilee Committee regarding the donation of a picnic table, action to be discussed further at a ward meeting. Oakridge Ward had received quotes from Mr Mackie for lopping of branches on the church green outside Oakridge School. The clerk would be advised on a reply.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd September at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.50.