

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Mr N S Rogers	Chairman
Ms L Greene	} Bisley Ward
Mr R K Brooks	} Eastcombe Ward
Mrs O M Turner	}
Mrs J Russell	}
Mr R Bryant	}
Mr R N Budgeon	} Oakridge Ward
Mr A E Davis	}
Mr P Dawes	}
Mrs T A Howes	Clerk
Mr N MacLeod	Clerk – Designate

In attendance: County Cllr – Mrs J Nash

One member of the public was present

- 05.07 1 **Apologies for Absence**  
Mr T G Carter (Hospital), District Cllr D Le Fleming and Mrs B Brown (Will now deliver School Governor Report at September 2005 Meeting).
- 05.07 2 **Public Participation**  
Mr C Taper was in attendance to receive an update on current status of the proposed turning area in Van der Breen Street.
- 05.07 3. **Declaration of Interests**  
Ms L Greene as Chair of the Frith Youth Centre.
- 05.07 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
The draft minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.
- 05.07 5. **Matters Arising**  
a) **Dr Crouch's Road**  
Mr Brooks advised that a meeting was to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 concerning the control of traffic outside Eastcombe Primary School. This meeting would be attended by a Parish Councillors, a School Governor, the Headmistress and a representative from Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department. The outcome would be reported to the next Parish Council Meeting.

b) Windyridge Development

Ms L Greene advised the Council that a Public Meeting had been held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2005 to discuss the problems arising from the further housing development at Windyridge. This meeting had been well-attended and a list of the grievances aired had been detailed in a letter to Stroud District Council. Their response was now awaited.

Following from this meeting Ms Greene outlined the concerns of residents about the speed of vehicles entering Windyridge despite the existing speed restrictions. It was considered that this problem should be addressed by the implementation of a 'Home Zone' with appropriate road markings and signs.

The Clerk was asked to write to GCC Highways Division for further information on the implementation of this proposal. County Cllr Joan Nash gave her support to this proposal.

c) Van Der Breen Street

Ms L Greene advised that there had been no further movement on the issue of the vehicle turning area in Van Der Breen Street since the last meeting.

Ms Greene said that, pending resolution of the issue, the residents of Van Der Breen Street need to be assured that the existing turning facility was still available. It was considered that a verbal undertaking by Mr Taper – the owner of the land in question – might suffice.

The Chairman undertook to keep Mr Taper fully informed of any developments on the issue and said that a meeting with Mr Taper would be held when the files had been recovered. Mr Taper confirmed his satisfaction with this assurance.

d) RoSPA Inspection Reports

The Clerk reported that work was in hand to repair the equipment at Bisley and Eastcombe play areas identified in the RoSPA Report. Parts were awaited for Bisley play area and would be fitted by a local contractor. Photographs of the damaged parts at the Oakridge play area had been sent to the manufactures so that the necessary replacements could be accurately identified.

Mrs J RussellO said that a reply was still awaited from Thomas Keble School concerning their proposals for repair of the fence identified in the RoSPA Report.

The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the RoSPA Report to the school in order to facilitate their response.

05.07 6. **District Council Matters**

No District Council issues were raised at this meeting.

05.07 7. **County Council Matters**

County Cllr Joan Nash advised the meeting that although there were no plans to increase the pupil numbers at Eastcombe School The Council would fight hard to retain the School. She also reported that there would be progress soon with the building work scheduled at the School and this would be helpful to its survival.

She also advised that under The Regional Special Strategy the whole of the County would be taken into consideration and not just the Local Area.

**Matters for Discussion**a) Bisley Ward Vacancies

The Chairman advised that following advertisement for the two Parish Councillor vacancies in Bisley Ward, responses had been received from Mr P Thorp and Mrs L Hemming. The Chairman then outlined the skills and interests of the candidates and said he was confident that each would make an important contribution to the work of the Ward and the Parish Council.

Their having been no call for an election, the co-option of Mr Thorp and Mrs Hemming to Bisley Ward for the remainder of the current year was proposed by Ms Greene, seconded by Mr Brooks and approved unanimously.

b) Stancombe Speed Restrictions

The Chairman advised that the introduction of the 40mph speed restriction through the village of Stancombe had been advertised in the Press and comments sought by 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005. Thereafter, it was envisaged that the new restrictions would be signposted and introduced in the early Autumn.

c) Winter Pre-Salting – Stancombe Lane

Mr Bryant said that the present GCC Winter Pre-Salting Plan for the Parish did not include Stancombe Lane. He advised that this road now carried a significant volume of traffic and was also used as a local school bus route.

The Clerk was asked to write to GCC Highways Department to have Stancombe Lane added to the Pre-Salting Schedule. County Cllr Joan Nash added that she would also raise the matter with the County Council.

d) Illuminated Speed Sign

The Chairman said that a volunteer was required to look after the portable illuminated speed sign when it was returned to the Parish from Painswick. Discussion then focused on the merits of obtaining fixed speed signs for the Parish, similar to those introduced in surrounding villages such as The Camp.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed again at a later date, by which time feedback on the value of the The Camp signs would be available.

e) S137 Donations

The S137 Payments for the year were agreed as follows:

	£
Bisley Newsletter	100
Eastcombe Newsletter	100
Oakridge Newsletter	100
Gloucester Rural Community	20
Gloucester Playing Fields	25
CAB Stroud	75
CPRE Annual Subscription	25
Cotswold Canals Trust	20
Stroud Area Victim Support	30
Stroud District Volunteer Bureau	50
Cotswold Care Hospice	75
Women's Royal Voluntary Service	50
County Air Ambulance	60
Oakridge Methodist Trust	100
St Bartholomew's Church	800
Oakridge Village Hall	1000
Bisley PCC	500
Bisley WI Hall	500

f) Stroud District Local Plan

Ms Greene reported that she had seen the Local Plan and that in her view the tension created between sustainability and development had not necessarily been resolved.

It was also noted that there was a proposal that Thrupp & Brimscombe be included in the Urban Area. These Parishes were to meet on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2005 to discuss the issue and the Chairman asked the Clerk to telephone Thrupp & Brimscombe offering our support should they wish to resist the proposal.

g) MBL 80 & MBL 81 – Footpath Orders

Whilst the Parish Council had no particular objections to the extinguishment and diversion orders under MBLs 80 & 81, Mr Brooks observed that these orders had been dealt with by SDC and not, as in the past, by GCC.

The Clerk was asked to investigate this apparent change in the processing procedure for Footpath Orders.

h) Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act

Following previous discussions on this issue the Chairman said he did not consider that further action was required by the Parish Council at this time.

i) Parish Plan

Mr Budgeon informed the meeting that the Parish Plan Committee had held its last Public Meeting. The Committee would now meet to co-ordinate the information gathered before producing a 'draft' Report. A copy of this would be sent to every household and posted on the website before publication of the final Report.

j) Handyman Services

The Clerk advised that following the advertisement for Handyman Services placed by Eastcombe Ward she had contacted the two respondents and asked them to submit in writing details of the range and cost of the services they provided.

In order to obtain an up-to-date 'benchmark' for cost, the Clerk was asked to contact Chalford Parish Council for details of the rate they currently paid.

**Receipts June 2005**

Bank Interest	£75.71
RDS Football	£560.00
Allotment Rent – Bisley	£35.00
Burial Fees	£100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£770.71</b>

**Payments – July 2005**

	£	VAT	Total
JSM Signs (Eastcombe)	£30.00	£5.25	£35.25
I Trueman	£98.00		£98.00
T Banyard (Bisley Pavilion)	£65.00		£65.00
CRB Property Maintenance	£40.00		£40.00
James & Owen	£42.48	£7.43	£49.91
T W Hawkins (Grass)	£630.00	£110.25	£740.25
Eastcombe Village Hall Hire	£12.00		£12.00
R Goldbourne (Parish Plan)	£143.58		£143.58
Cheltenham Insurance	£27.33		£27.33
GAPTC (Course Cost)	£55.00		£55.00
Npower (Bisley Pavilion)	£16.63	£0.83	£17.46
Severn Trent (Oakridge Hall)	£38.45		£38.45
Electronic Imaging (Photocopies)	£11.90	£2.08	£13.98
Eldridge Tree Services	£60.00	£10.50	£70.50
GRCC (Subs)	£25.00		£25.00
CPRE (Subs)	£25.00		£25.00
T Howes (June Salary)	£504.03		£504.03
Inland Revenue	£41.14		£41.14
N MacLeod (June Salary)	£181.66		£181.66
Petty Cash	£50.00		£50.00
Hayward-Berry	£15.00		£15.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£2248.54</b>

Petty Cash Payments	<b>£34.99</b>
Cash Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2005	<b>£32,311.17</b>
Bisley Gift Balance	<b>£4,057.49</b>
Bisley Lock-up Balance	<b>£1,961.27</b>

- 05.07 10 **Planning**  
The following applications have been received during the past month and the Council's responses indicated where received:  
**Planning Applications – June 2005**

**S05/1239/AGR** – Denman's House, Bisley – erection of barn for storage of hay and straw

**S05/1201/FUL** – 66 Stonecote Ridge, Bussage – erection of conservatory – no observations

**S05/1215/LBC**- The George St Stores, Bisley – retrospective application for metal door grille

**S05/1257/FUL** – Upper Southmead Farm, Bisley – construction of ménage

- 05.07 11 All planning decisions where indicated were ratified by the whole meeting.  
**Correspondence**  
The following correspondence has been received during the last month and was on the table for inspection.

SDC	Meetings schedule for July
GRCC	Rural regeneration
St John Ambulance	Training schedule
Cotswold Canals Partnership	Newsletter
Shaping Health	Newletter
GAPTC	AGM 15 <sup>th</sup> October
CoAgency	Countryside Focus
SDC	Local Strategic Partnership
	Community Strategy
SDC	Community Safety Panel minutes
Parish Post	Miserden Newsletter

- 05.07 12 **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Ms Greene reported that a litter bin had been wrongly sited in Cheltenham Road, instead of Windyridge. The Clerk was asked to arrange with the contractor to rectify the error.

She also asked that the Clerk hasten the repair to the play equipment at Windyridge.

Additionally, the conifer trees in Windyridge had yet to be lopped by SDC Housing Department and the Clerk was asked to find out when this would be done.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Brooks advised that a letter had been received from BT informing that they intended to change the payment method of the public phone box in Eastcombe to card-only use, as an alternative to removing the box altogether. Should this happen, the only cash payphones remaining in the Parish would be in Bisley and Oakridge. This proposal was considered unacceptable because the cash payphone remained an essential amenity to the residents of Eastcombe and because the phonebox itself could be considered for possible listing in the future. The Clerk was asked to respond to BT to object to the proposal and to request a meeting with their representative before any further action is taken.

Mrs Turner also reported that vehicles and ponies continued to enter the Leisure Ground. It was suggested that, where possible, the registration numbers of any offending vehicles should be reported to the local Police.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Davis advised that a Cotswold Conservation Board Grant in the sum of £3,171.00 had been offered towards wall restoration. Such restoration would require to be completed by December 2005. It was agreed that Mr Davis would draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Cotswold Conservation Board accepting their generous offer.

Mr Davis advised the meeting of the liabilities and responsibilities arising from the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to gravestones in churchyards. The Clerk was asked to confirm with the Insurers for the Parish that we are fully covered in line with current legislation on this matter.

Mr Davis reported that The Lang Trust for Underprivileged Children had created a driveway across a portion of land at Lyday Close which was believed to be in Parish ownership. The Clerk was asked to confirm Parish ownership with Gloucester District Land Registry and Mr Davis undertook to draft a letter to Lang Trust on what authority they acted in creating the driveway on land not owned by the Trust.

05.07 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2005 at Bisley WI Village Hall.

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