

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**  
**at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2002 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 N S Rogers    | } |                 |
| Mr D W Workman   | } |                 |
| Mr T G Carter    | } |                 |
| Mr R K Brooks    | } | Eastcombe Ward  |
| Mrs J W Russell  | } |                 |
| Mrs O M Turner   | } |                 |
| Mr R S Bryant    | } |                 |
| Mr R N Budgeon   | } | Oakridge Ward   |
| Mr A E Davis     | } |                 |
| Mrs E F Jordan   |   | Clerk           |
| Mrs T Howes      |   | Clerk Designate |

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming

Two members of the public were present

02.11 1. **Apologies for Absence**  
County Councillor C Fellows

02.11 2. **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declaration of interests

02.11 3. **Public Participation**  
Mrs Vera Cluston of Bisley Blue Coat School explained to the meeting that as planning permission for the new temporary classrooms had only been given for two years a feasibility study was presently taking place on the need to find a new site for the school. It was requested that the council have sight of this document when it had been completed. The present site would not be suitable as the building was listed and therefore could not be demolished to make way for a new building. Everyone felt that the school must remain within the boundaries of the village but the question of a suitable site was a great problem.

02.11 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
The draft minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October having been circulated were approved with the deletion of three planning applications that had been duplicated and the addition of a 'd' in the third line of 02.10.12 a) and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

02.11 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **SDC's Golden Jubilee Grants**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the projects had to be inspected by District Cllr Le Fleming and receipted invoices had to be with the District Council by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002.

b) **Eastcombe Recreation Ground – Wayleaves Payment**

The Clerk told the meeting that the solicitor had written to the County Council at the beginning of October on this matter but to date, there had been no reply.

c) **Oakridge Recreation Field – Picnic Tables**

The Ward had met with the objectors of this project but no conclusion had been arrived at.

d) **Vacancy – Clerk**

The Chairman introduced and welcomed the new Clerk, Mrs Teresa Howes who would commence duties on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. The present clerk will work with Mrs Howes for two months.

e) **Thomas Keble School – Recreation Field Wall**

The appointment with the headmaster had been cancelled due to his ill health. The Clerk was asked to arrange a further appointment.

f) **Oakridge Graveyard**

A letter from the solicitor had been circulated. Mr & Mrs Gardiner had made a request that 'the land is gifted primarily as a burial ground for people and their spouses who have lived at some time in the Parish of Oakridge.' Mr Flint asked the Clerk to contact the solicitor and ask for this to be clarified whether this was a binding condition in perpetuity or just a wish? The meeting were pleased to agree to the request that the land had been gifted in memory of Mr & Mrs Gardiner's parents.

Mr Gardiner was willing to continue to maintain the records.

g) **Rural Grants**

The clerk told the meeting that two applications had already been signed. Mr Davis had two further applications for posting and Mr Carter told the meeting that the Eastcombe Ward were applying for a grant of £2993+VAT for security measures to be taken at Eastcombe Pavilion. The Clerk was asked to complete the form and send it to Stroud District Council.

Mr Flint asked whether the Council would be asked to contribute should the whole grant not be forthcoming but Mr Carter said in that event, other measures would be taken costing less.

- h) **Bisley Seat in memory of Mr Les Restall**  
At Bisley Ward Meeting it had been decided that it was not the place of the Parish Council to finance seats in memory of residents. The Ward felt that a local collection could be made and perhaps the council contribute. They would speak with Mr Restall's widow.
- i) **Holloway Cottage**  
Reflectors are now in place. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority to enquire as to when the white line would be reinstated.
- j) **Skips 2003/2004**  
The Clerk had given the wards three dates for skips in each village next year. Bisley Ward will shortly inform of the location, whether their skip remains at the Pavilion or returns to the Windyridge site.

Mrs Carrick told the meeting that the County Council had agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of cutting the grass of the Oakridge footpaths up to a maximum of £500 total grass cutting costs. Mr Bryant thought this cost insufficient for maintenance and too high for grass cutting. Mrs Carrick will investigate.

02.11 6. **District Council Matters**

District Cllr Le Fellows confirmed that the decision regarding the additional land at Windyridge would not now be made until spring next year and therefore, the local housing survey did not need to be available until January 2003.

He also asked the meeting for and was told of experiences of the villages during the power cuts during the storm at the end of October which he will voice at a meeting shortly.

02.11 7. **County Council Matters**

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

02.11 8. **Finance**

**Receipts**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Second half of precept | £<br>16,000.00   |
| Eastcombe Allotments   | 100.60           |
| Interest               | 3.74             |
| Bisley Cricket Club    | <u>195.00</u>    |
|                        | <u>16,299.34</u> |

| <b><u>Payments</u></b>                               | <b><u>£</u></b> | <b><u>VAT</u></b> | <b><u>Total</u></b> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| The Consortium (Stationery)                          | 27.40           | 4.80              | 32.20               |
| Bentpenny (Computer repairs/removal of virus)        | 180.00          | 31.52             | 211.52              |
| D Battison (SDC Jubilee Grant for Oakridge Flagpole) |                 |                   | 8.81                |
| Wicksteed Leisure (Eastcombe Swing Mats)             | 130.20          | 22.79             | 152.99              |
| What's On (printing of Survey Forms re Windyridge)   |                 |                   | 45.00               |
| E F Jordan (October Salary)                          |                 |                   | 441.14              |
| Inland Revenue (Tax & National Insurance)            |                 |                   | 24.10               |
| E F Jordan (Petty Cash)                              |                 |                   | 75.00               |
|  |                 |                   | <b>£990.76</b>      |
| Petty Cash Payments                                  |                 | <b>£</b>          | <b>62.56</b>        |
| Cash Balance as at 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2002     |                 | <b>£</b>          | <b>21,512.87</b>    |

02.11 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Blue Coat School, Bisley**

Mr Perkins felt that the subject had been covered in Public Participation.

b) **Windyridge :  
Progress**

The Chairman had spoken to Sovereign Housing in connection with the 50/50 houses. The cost of these were to be £135,000 for a three bedroomed house and £115,000 for a two bedroomed house. Ten people had been approached but only three were in a position to go ahead. These were being interviewed.

To date, no progress had been made in allocating the rented property.

**Housing Appraisal**

There had been a very good response to the survey and it was agreed that a date should be arranged to analyse the numbers before the end of January 2003. Mr Brooks had received many replies through the Freepost and it was agreed that the clerk should reimburse him.

A letter had been received from Stephen Glanfield a Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services in Stroud District Council. He offered to attend a meeting and the clerk was asked to see if he would be available to attend the January meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

c) **Precept 2003/04**

This has now been considered by all wards and a final figure will be agreed at the December meeting.

d) **Eastcombe Community Notice Board**

Planning permission is now being sought as well as the agreement of the Highways Authority.

e) **Highways Maintenance and Traffic Management Seminar**

Mr Bryant reported on the meeting he attended at the British Energy Offices, Barnwood. He found this well attended meeting both informative. He noted that:

- i. Additional government funding of £6 million had been applied for the repair of class B and C roads.
- ii. A new inspection procedure from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003
- iii. Bi-monthly website briefing on road works.
- iv. Pilot Targeted Impact scheme for one village in each division.
- v. Snow wardens role to be extended
- vi. All accidents should be reported to highlight danger spots.

There had been a general dissatisfaction with all aspects of the quality of road works.

f) **Stroud Cluster Meeting**

Mr Carter reported on this meeting with representatives from the police, SDC's safety officer and other representatives from local councils. There were now Neighbourhood Wardens who were unqualified policemen/women funded by the District Council. At present they are working within the urban boundaries.

Although there is a certain amount of vandalism in the parish, the crime rate is low with a high detection rate. All crime should be reported to the police to ensure that the correct areas are patrolled.

g) **Transport Plan**

Mrs Turner told the meeting that the Transport Plan Bid had now been put in and if successful, it was hoped that there would be continued funding after 2006. Mr Davis felt that the costs would be prohibitive but the Chairman felt that with the right publicity the introduction of a local bus to outlying areas would be a success.

h) **Stancombe Cross**

Local opinions have been sought on the movement of the Cross and Mrs Barbara Brown has researched it and presented a very good report. The members expressed their appreciation for all her hard work. Mr Brooks, with the permission of Mrs Brown will put the report on the website.

i) **Eastcombe Football Field – Conifers**

It was agreed that Eastcombe Ward could spend up to £300 to cut these trees to a height of 12 feet.

- j) **SDC Rural Grants 2002/2003 – Oakridge Society**  
The clerk told the meeting that it was not possible for bills to be paid by the council on behalf of local organisations in order to reclaim VAT.
- k) **Local Government Improvement Model – Peer Review**  
No-one would be available to attend this meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November.
- l) **Blue Coat School – Bisley – Appointment of Governor**  
Mrs Barbara Brown's term of office had expired but she kindly agreed to serve for another term. The members expressed their appreciation. The clerk will write to the school.

02.11 10 **Planning**

These application had been received and the following were the Council's responses during the last month;

**Pidgeon House, Oakridge Lynch – Erection of two storey extension and detached double garage conversion of loft space** : Support – the plot is large enough to accommodate the proposal. the proposal does not significantly change the appearance and character of the dwelling.

**The Old Farmhouse, Lower Nashend, Bisley – Extension to kitchen:**  
Support

**The Old Toll House, Stancombe – Single storey extension to replace kitchen** : Support

**Badgers Brook, Bismore – Erection of garden store with flat roof terrace** – Comments – Consent should include the following conditions: - not to be built larger than shown in the plans submitted, now or in the future – not to be used for residential purposes, now or in the future - visible external walls to be in real stone and to be built with quoin stones, as shown in the plans.

**The Old Bell, High Street, Bisley – Change of use to residential and construction of parking bays:** Support

**Bethany, George Street, Bisley – Insertion of window to replace garage doors:** Support

**Land at Avenis Farm, Bournes Green – Change of use, parcel of land 2230 to burial ground:** Support

**Spinney Well Farm, Waterlane – Enlarge existing gateway/access to field and build 3m wide limestone road to horticultural growing area** : Support – We are very pleased to support applications that enrich and develop our local economy. This application will help to support employment and go towards revitalising our parish. We fully support and would not like to see this application refused.

**Hope Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – Insertion of dormer window** : Support – This proposal will improve the cottage facilities. It will not change the 'cottage style' appearance.

**The Old Bell, High Street, Bisley – Change of use to residential including internal alterations** : Support

**Berrimans, Lypiatt – Revised application to S02/59** : Support

**Woodland Yard, Bisley Road, Eastcombe – Erection of extension to provide additional office accommodation – Support – Comments –** RFG provides significant local employment and the proposed development offers no problems on this site.

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**Correspondence**

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| Stroud & District Motor Club Ltd            | Cotswold Clouds Trial 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2003                        |
| “ “ “ “ “ “                                 | Mechanics Trial – 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                |
| Gloucestershire County Council              | Consultation on Local Access Forum   |
| GAPTC                                       | Invitation too Training and Information Events – 20 <sup>th</sup> November |
| NALC  | Legal Bulletin   |
| SDC   | Land Drainage Bye-Laws   |
| “   | Energy Efficiency Grants and Advice  |
| “   | Local Plan Inquiry   |
| “   | Letter re Website  |
| “   | Council Meeting Dates  |
| Sustainable Transport Unit                  | Invitation – 8 <sup>th</sup> November                                      |
| Stroud & District CVS                       | Appeal for resources   |
| Community Safety Partnership                | Bi-Annual Meeting + Minutes  |
| Valley & Vales Neighbourhood Watch          | Letter   |
| Gloucestershire Constabulary                | Junior Citizenship 2003  |
| Gloucestershire Youth Offending Partnership | Youth Justice Plan 2002-2005   |
| CPRE  | Rural Matters etc  |
| NALC  | Local Council Review   |
| House of Commons                            | Removal of parked and abandoned vehicles                                   |
| Gloucestershire Public Transport Unit       | Minibus Scheme   |
| DEFRA                                       | Rural Services Standard 2002   |
| GPFA  | Annual Report 2001-02  |

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**Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Flint had received a letter from Bisley WI asking for a council representative to sit on the Management Committee of the Village Hall. It was agreed that a representative would be appointed.

Mr Flint asked for a list to be prepared giving the names and telephone numbers of contacts in emergencies. The Clerk will prepare such a list.

Mr Flint will let the clerk have the feedback regarding the traffic gates in Bisley in order that she may reply to the Highways Authority.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter asked the clerk to ensure that the damaged wall on the recreation ground is mended as soon as possible to prevent further damage.

The clerk was asked to chase the Highways Authority in respect of the white lines round the village green.

The clerk was asked to enquire as to whether or not Mr Pulley was in a position to complete the work on the play equipment before the next inspection by RoSPA.

The clerk was asked to arrange for leaves to be cleared from around the village green and pine needles from St Mary's.

Mr Brooks told the meeting the Hitchens appeared to want to build on land at Eastcombe in a field between Chalford and Eastcombe. The council agreed that they would strongly oppose any more building.

Mr Brooks asked the clerk to ask the Highways Authority to clear the drains on Bismore Hill as there was constant water on the hill which would become very dangerous if it becomes frozen.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Davis asked the clerk to thank British Telecom for refurbishing the telephone box to such a high standard.

The clerk was asked to contact the Planning Department at SDC to enquire as to whether they had inspected the new garden hut in Mill House.

The clerk was asked to contact Mr Alan Dyer, and ask him to reduce the conifers overgrowing the footpath and reduce the height.

The roof blew off the Oakridge Pavilion during the gales. The clerk will contact the insurance company to ensure that this is covered and report back to the Ward.

Mr Bryant reported that the refuse collectors emptied his re-cycling box into the vehicle along with the household rubbish and asked the clerk to contact SDC to ask why.

02.11 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at Bisley W I Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p m.