

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at
7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY 7th APRIL 2004 at THE BAPTIST CHAPEL ROOMS,
EASTCOMBE**

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

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming
4 members of the public were present

04.04 1. **Apologies for Absence**

County Cllr C Fellowes (prior meeting), Mr R Bryant (holiday)

04.04 2. **Public Participation**

Concern was raised over the planning appeal decision in favour of Cheltenham Builders at Bathurst House. Light pollution was also discussed and the clerk reported that SDC had checked the site but were unable to do anything but offer advice.

04.04 3. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests

04.04 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2004 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

04.04 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Mobile Speed Sign**

Mr Brooks demonstrated the sign at the meeting and agreed to organise the contact information to be written on the sign and was in the process of obtaining a chain and padlock for security. Mr Brooks was in the process of drawing up an agreement between Bisley-with-Lypiatt and Painswick Parish Councils. The clerk reported that the speed sign was now covered for insurance purposes.

b) **Play Area Inspections**

Mr Dawes and Mrs Turner gave a brief report on the meeting attended at SDC. It had been recommended that the weekly visual inspections require 1 days training and operational inspections at 3-monthly intervals require 2 days training for councillors. Mr Dawes stressed that there would be no personal liability in carrying out these inspections. The clerk was asked to investigate the dates for training days.

It was proposed by Mr Dawes and seconded by Mrs Russell that the inspection sheets drafted were accepted and put into immediate operation. This motion was carried.

c) **Cotswold AONB – stone walls project**

The clerk was asked to confirm attendance by Mr Gahan from the Cotswolds AONB Partnership at the July meeting.

d) **Hampstead Buildings**

This was deferred until the next meeting.

e) **Aston Down**

Mr Davies had been to inspect the traffic impact assessment in the light of development proposals at Aston Down. This had been privately commissioned by Leader Properties and indicated that all requirements and plans specified by SDC had been met.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr David Sledge asking how they reviewed this report in the light of the opposition to the traffic impact by SDC Environment, Planning and GCC Highways.

04.04 6. **District Council Matters**

Cllr Le Fleming passed a tree felling proposal to Bisley Ward to which there were no objections.

04.04 7. **County Council Matters**

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

04.04 8. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Parish Plan**

Mr Budgeon reported on the meeting he had attended at SDC. He indicated that the funding for Parish Plans by the Countryside Agency was soon to run out. The chairman thought it important to produce a Parish Plan but indicated that the support of the District Council in any action plan was vital.

The clerk was asked to confirm our registration with the Countryside Agency.

b) **Standing Orders - Review**

This was deferred to the next meeting when the clerk will have included a phrase about Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act. Mr Budgeon expressed a wish for meetings to commence at a slightly later time, this again to be discussed next meeting.

c) **Future of Bisley Post Office**

J Elden a Rural Post Office Advisor had informed the PC that Bisley Post Office was being manned on a part time basis only until May 17th when this arrangement would cease. The clerk was asked to respond by suggesting that Eastcombe Post Office be contacted to see if anybody could take on the role.

d) **London Road – meeting with GCC Highways**

Mr Budgeon and Mr Workman gave a report of the meeting regarding the problem of repairing the stone walls adjoining London Road, Bisley. GCC regarded this as a low priority issue, the responsibility for the wall lying with the landowner. The clerk was asked to request a traffic count in an effort to raise the priority.

e) **GAPTC – subscriptions renewal 2004/5**

The clerk reported that subscriptions had remained unchanged since last year at 18.85p per elector. It was proposed by Mrs Russell and seconded by Mr Carter that this be renewed for the next financial year.

f) **Grass Cutting Contracts 2005/6**

The clerk had received 2 enquiries for the grass cutting contracts commencing April 2005 and was asked to get quotations in keeping with best value practice.

g) **Bonfires**

Following a query about any bye laws regarding bonfires it was suggested that in the absence of any bye laws that a reminder be put in Parish magazines to ask people to be responsible and considerate when lighting bonfires.

h) **Chalford Rail Link**

The clerk was asked to write to Chalford Parish Council in support of their efforts to reopen the Chalford rail Link

i) **Windyridge**

Ms Greene reported that a date for a public meeting to discuss planning gain at Windyridge had yet to be confirmed. In the light of the sale of the land to Westbury Homes any request for planning gain for Bisley would need to be made when detailed planning permission was sought at SDC.

04.04 9. **Finance**

Receipts March 2004

£

Bisley Allotment rent

35.00

<u>Payments – April 2004</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gardiners (allotments Eastcombe)	100.00	17.50	117.50
R Gouldbourne (allotments – Bisley)	35.00		35.00
Unipar Services (speed sign)	1983.50	347.12	2330.62
GAPTC (subs)	347.46		347.46
Smiths (skip hire – Bisley)	184.00	32.20	216.20
R Dutton (wall repair – Oakridge)	2000.00		2000.00
Electronic Imaging Solutions	12.33	2.16	14.49
W Davis (wall repair – Eastcombe)	150.00		150.00
GAPTC (clerks training)	60.00		60.00
Allianz Cornhill (insurance renewal)	1444.87		1444.87
L Greene (training – expenses)	14.90		14.90
T Banyard (Bisley pavilion)	60.00		60.00
T Howes (March salary)	459.62		459.62
Inland Revenue	32.11		32.11
Petty Cash	50.00		50.00
SDC (dog bin – Calfway Lane)	18.08	3.16	21.24
Total			7354.01

Petty Cash Payments	£23.79
Cash Balance as at 31 st March 2004	£21,536.31
Bisley Gift Balance	£6,436.87
Bisley Lock Up Balance	£1,914.79

04.04 10. **Planning**

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

S04/0205/FUL – 18 Bracelands, Eastcombe – Erection of extension – No observations.

S04/0333/FUL – Bounce Horn, Hayhedge Lane, Bisley – Erection of garage - Support

S04/0359/FUL – Butchers Arms, Oakridge Lynch – erection of dwelling & garage – Comments – The plot size is still the same. The roofline is still dominant compared with the other buildings around. The identified need is still for smaller houses. Our previous objections still stand.

S04/0434/FUL – Well Close, Oakridge Lynch – Installation of bathroom to existing outbuilding and use of one room as occasional bedroom – Support, we wish the use of this building to be ancillary to the main dwelling.

S04/0445/FUL – Lismore, Camp Rd, Bisley – Erection of extension – Support.

S04/0476/FUL – Stancombe Farm, Bisley – Conversion of existing garages and outside store to workshop & garden plant store – Support.

S04/0510/FUL – Thomas Keble School – Erection of extensions to main teaching block, music dept & admin area.

S04/0513/FUL – Grey Cote Cottage, Oakridge Lynch – Erection of porch & 1st floor extension – Support. All of the front elevation is Cotswold stone. We would like to see natural stone on the porch. The row of cottages here are all natural stone. The west gable end is recon stone and into the bank. The adjoining house is also recon stone, so we have no stone feelings on this.

Mr Budgeon reported on a recent discussion with a planning officer at SDC regarding a particular decision made by the PC on planning application S04/0359 and the need for planning decisions to be specific. It was suggested by the chairman and agreed that the planning sub committee members meet to ensure that comments from all 3 wards were consistent.

04.04 11. **Correspondence**

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

GCC	Emergency Management Leaflet
GCC	Health & Well-being Event 20 th May 2004
Clerks & Councils Direct	March 2004
Local Council Review	March 2004
GCC	New Bus Routes & Timetables
SDC	Yellow Pages recycling
CPRE	Planning Update – Rural Matters
SDC	The News March 2004
GCC	Courses for disabled
Severn Trent Water	Works, London Rd
Defra	BT Broadband
Chalford PC	Statement on GMO's
Mobile Police Station	Dates April, May
Glos Constabulary	Meeting Bussage Village Hall 29 th April
Cotswold AONB	Dry stone walling courses 2004

04.04 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

The clerk was asked to contact SDC regarding the difficulty manoeuvring traffic at the junction near the British Legion now it had been developed into a residential property. This was in the light of refusal by SDC planning department for a parking bay at the property.

The clerk was asked to contact the tenant responsible for hedge cutting on the Bisley Show field as it was overgrown on the footpath side.

Ms Greene reported on a meeting with GCC Highways and Gloucestershire Police concerning the Stancombe Speed Limit. This has been agreed at 40 mph with gateways and signing. It would also incorporate moving the bus stop towards Stroud and providing a hard lay-by

The clerk was asked to contact SDC regarding the recent unsatisfactory litter pick, and also regarding the drinks cans adorning the recently lopped trees at Toadsmoor.

The clerk asked members to give specific locations for large items (car parts, refuse bags etc) in order that these could be removed.

b) **Eastcombe**

Mr Carter reported that Mr Ashworth would provide the PC with a plan of the intended route of the gas pipe to the scout hut. The clerk was asked to chase this.

Mrs Turner asked the clerk to contact the owners of Woodview-on-the Green to cut back the hedges overhanging the road.

c) **Oakridge**

Mr Davis passed a letter of thanks for the support of the PC received from the New House regarding flooding problems. In response to Mr Davis's query about progress on the footpath at Tunley the clerk indicated that it was in the hands of GCC PROW department and could take up to 1 year for a decision.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm at Bisley WI Hall and will be the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45pm.