

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at**  
**7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2002 at**  
**BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL**

Mrs P Carrick		Chairman
Mr M G Flint	}	
Mr J P L Perkins	}	Bisley Ward
Mr D W Workman	}	
Mr N S Rogers	}	
Mr T G Carter	}	
Mrs J W Russell	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs O M Turner	}	
Mr R S Bryant	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr A E Davis	}	
Mrs E F Jordan		Clerk

1 member of the public was present

02.8 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr R K Brooks (holiday), Dist. Cllr DK Le Fleming

02.8 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests.

02.8 3. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

02.8 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2002 having been circulated were approved with the alteration of the words 'benefit of' in minute number 02.07.10, second paragraph, to 'beneficial' and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

02.8 5. **Matters Arising**

a) **Saxon Cross**

It was confirmed that parishioners had been asked for their views by means of the parish newsletters. The Ward will ask John Davies to clear the site of weeds and tidy it up.

b) **Blue Coat School, Bisley**

A site meeting had been held but as there was such short notice, no member of the council was able to attend. The clerk was asked to write to the County Council asking for more notice of such meetings in future.

There have been two planning applications, one for the retention of the two existing classrooms and one replacement. A two year temporary consent has now been agreed and consideration is now being given to a more permanent solution.

c) **Stancombe Speed Limit**

There has been no movement on this due to the school holidays. It is hoped that wires to check the flow of traffic will be put in place shortly and the Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department on this subject.

d) **Grass Cutting – Stancombe Triangle**

The Ward will ask Mr Davies to cut the grass on a regular basis.

e) **Headwell Planting**

The Chairman said that planting should be underway shortly.

**Eastcombe Ward - Jubilee Grant**

Eastcombe Ward has received a quotation for the ladder to be provided for the village clock in the Baptist Church. This exceeds the amount of the grant allocated to the village by the council and Mr Carter requested that the Ward be allowed to take advantage of any surplus monies from other Ward's allocations. This request was granted.

**Oakridge Ward – Recreation Field Walls**

These are now well underway but more work will be required shortly.

**Oakridge Ward – Drains – Mannesty Farm**

Since recent work took place, there is no run-off into the field. The Clerk was asked to inform the Highways Department.

**Bisley Ward – Stancombe Triangle Arrow**

Mr Flint felt that this was still not clear and asked for opinions.

02.8 6. **District Council Matters**

Mr Le Fleming was unable to be present but had been in contact regarding Windyridge in that this would not go back to Cabinet until November. In October a report will be prepared a draft of which will be sent to the Parish.

Lesley Greene had been in touch with him regarding a cycle path between Bisley and Eastcombe and he asked for comments.

He asked also for any points the council wished him to bring up with David Hagg in discussions to take place shortly.

02.8 7. **County Council Matters**

As Mr Fellows was unable to attend, there was nothing under this heading.

02.8 8. **Finance**

**Receipts**

GLCC (Rent - Thomas Keble School)	£	1.00
Interest		5.28
		<b><u>£6.28</u></b>

**Payments**

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mrs P J Carrick (Chairman's annual allowance)			350.00
Npower (Bisley Pavilion – 6 months)	22.96	.64	23.62
Ermin Plant (Cones for Oakridge)	109.50	19.16	128.66
E F Jordan			441.14
Inland Revenue			24.10
Petty Cash			50.00
T W Hawkins & Sons	550.00	96.25	646.25
Eastcombe Pavilion (Insurance premium)			448.86
Alex Bryant (Oakridge grass cutting)			100.00
			<b><u>£2212.63</u></b>

Petty Cash Payments	<b>£67.83</b>
Cash Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2002	<b>£12,931.16</b>

02.8 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Windyridge – Affordable Housing**

1. Allocation

The Chairman and Mr Flint had attended an informative meeting with Stroud District Council and Sovereign Housing Association. It had been confirmed that the preferred tenants and part-purchasers would be applicants with local connections. The parish council would be consulted on the names of the applicants selected by the Council and Sovereign Housing but would not be involved in the actual selection. Mr Flint pointed out that in the event of resales and new lettings, the agreement for local residents would last for 80 years but there was a time limit of 7 days for recommendations.

It was suggested that a councillor from each Ward should be involved in the vetting process. This will be discussed at Ward Meetings.

2. Housing Appraisal

It is considered vital by the Parish Council that the undeveloped land at Windyridge be retained for future social housing and therefore it was proposed that a letter and questionnaire be distributed to each house in the Parish to confirm this need. It was suggested that a councillor from each Ward should meet shortly to finalise matters

Mr Le Fleming will be approached to see if he wishes to be involved in the process.

### 3. Compost Bins

Sovereign Housing has agreed to provide compost bins, at no cost, to the new housing.

b) **Eastcombe War Memorial – British Legion**

The British Legion has forwarded a quote for the refurbishment of this amounting to almost £3,000. The clerk was asked to write and suggest that they apply for a grant from Stroud District Council's Rural Projects Grant. If they were not successful, then the council would look upon their application, for cleaning the memorial at a cost of approximately £600, favourably.

c) **Oakridge Lynch Telegraph Pole**

Mr Davis told the meeting that there were five poles within 100 square yards on the Oakridge Green which had been erected by contractors on behalf of BT. A letter has been sent to BT after the erection of the last pole asking why and also for its removal. An engineer inspected the site and agreed that the pole should be removed. He told Mr Davis that if there were more complaints regarding the positioning of poles, it was more likely that they would be removed and possibly, in conjunction with Npower, be moved underground. The Clerk was asked to write to BT in this respect.

d) **Revitalising the English Regions**

Councillors were asked to let the Clerk have their comments as soon as possible.

e) **Junction of Eastcombe/Bisley Road leading to Chalford Hill**

After a site visit with the Highways Authority, Eastcombe Ward agree with this course of action and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority and confirm their approval.

f) **Village Plan**

The Councillors were asked by the Chairman to consider whether or not the Village Plan agreed last year could be implemented. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

g) **Allotments**

Mr Davis asked the meeting whether there was uniformity in the administration of allotments in all three Wards. This is not the case and the Clerk will produce a Tenancy Agreement and let the Allotment Wardens have copies.

h) **Appointment of new clerk**

The Chairman told the meeting that the Clerk had regrettably handed in her notice and the feasibility of advertising the position was discussed. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed on each notice board and on the website and if no suitable replacement has been found by the beginning of September, an advertisement should be placed in the local paper.

02.8 10. **Planning**

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

**Thomas Keble School – Renewal of 00/939 & 01/838 for erection of temporary classroom and erection of additional temporary classroom** – Comments only – We are concerned that the additional temporary classroom seems to be reducing further the space available for car parking at the school. We would like to know what the school has in mind for reducing the current parking problems.

02.8 11. **Correspondence during the month of July**

Comm, for Racial Equality	Law & Booklets
County Air Ambulance	Thank you letter & Certificate
Cotswold Care Hospice	Thank you letter & booklets
Frith Youth Centre	Thank you letter
Stroud District Volunteer Bureau	“
Cotswold Canals Trust	“
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association	“
Glos Rural Community C’cil	“
Marie Curie Cancer Care	“
WRVS	“
Victim Support	“
The Museum in the Park	Leaflet & Poster for Events
Sovereign	Advert for playground equipment
South West	Advert for Clerk Training
Sustainable Transport Unit	Bus time table for Cam & Dursley
Beryl Freebury	Letter re Golden Jubilee Grant
Cotswold Partnership	Leaflets & Letter
SDC	THE NEWS - August
SDC	New Street Cleansing Contract
SDC	Review of Parliamentary Constituency
SDC	List of Clerks & Chairmen
SDC	Scrutiny Committees
SDC Community Safety Partnership	Crime & Disorder Action Plan
GAPTC	Summer 2002 update
DEFRA	Copy letter re Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

02.8 12. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley**

Mr Workman expressed concern at the weed killing that the County Highways had done at Holloways. The Clerk was asked to ascertain their policy for weed killing.

b) **Eastcombe**

The Clerk confirmed that there were no planning restrictions in place in respect of the trees that had been removed at Lypiatt House.

Morrisons have agreed to re-turf the village green where they damaged it.

The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitor in respect of the Wayleaves Agreement for the Recreation Ground and the Allotments.

c) **Oakridge**

The Clerk was asked to write to the allotment holder who was growing Christmas trees on his allotment to ensure that they were being grown for charitable purposes and also that maintenance was required between the lines of trees.

Although the skip has been removed from outside Mill House, there is still an unacceptable amount of rubble on the ground. The Clerk was asked to write and ask for this to be removed and also for the area to be reinstated after the work has been completed.

02.8 13. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at Bisley W I Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.