

**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at 7.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2003 at BISLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL**

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
Mrs T A Howes		Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr D Le Fleming  
County Cllr Mr C Fellows  
District Cllr Stephen Glanfield

1 member of the public was present

03.01 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Mr A E Davies (adverse weather)

03.01 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests

03.01 3. **Public Participation**

- a) The Chairman introduced Councillor Stephen Glanfield to respond to questions on Windyridge Housing. A discussion took place in which Mr Glanfield was informed of the provisional results of the housing survey carried out in the parish. Mr Glanfield stressed the need to indicate a current and future need for affordable housing to ensure the the remaining land was not sold and the money used for other projects in the district. He indicated that there was no fixed date for the final results of the survey, but to work towards March 2003. Mr Workman expressed concern that SDC would consider Windyridge a valuable asset, which may be sold to buy cheaper building land elsewhere in the district. Mr Glanfield was also reminded that Bisley was home to a major employer of local people (Graduate Gardeners). It was stressed that to keep young people in the parish the housing at Windyridge should continue in the future. Mr Flint indicated that the land was originally owned by the old Stroud District Rural Council and had always been used for affordable housing. Mr Glanfield agreed to check if there were any covenants on the original purchase and to report back to the Parish Council on this matter. Mr Glanfield assured the council that they would be informed of future discussions about Windyridge before any decisions were made.
- b) A member of the public was present and invited to speak. She expressed concern about the dog fouling, as a nuisance and health hazard, in many areas in Bisley and requested that the council look into the provision of a dog litter bin and signs to indicate the offence. Bisley Ward agreed to discuss the problem and also ask the advice of the dog warden.

03.01 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2002 having been circulated were approved and the chairman signed the minute book.

03.01 5. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Jubilee Grants**  
Cllr D Le Fleming presented the meeting with two plaques for the projects at the Baptist Church, Eastcombe and The Flagpole at Oakridge. A letter had been received from SDC giving unfinished projects an extension until the end of February.
- b) **Windyridge**  
The chairman reported that all but one house had now been allocated, all to local people. The expected completion date of the houses was the beginning of February.
- c) **Eastcombe Allotments**  
Eastcombe ward rejected an offer from the County Council of a capital payment for the soakaway sites. The clerk was asked to write to Mr Bridges (solicitor) accordingly.

d) **Street Cleaning/verges/hedgerows**

Cllr Le Fleming covered the points made in an e-mail from Sarah Ellis indicating the frequency of cleaning undertaken. He said it was advisable to encourage SDC to undertake extra cleaning to make them aware of the problem of litter, mud etc. The clerk was asked to contact the County Council to ascertain if any money would be available in the event of the Parish Council employing a handyperson.

e) **Dog Incidents – Oakridge**

The Clerk informed the meeting that no reply had been received in response to a letter sent to The Old Vine at Oakridge. It was agreed that the clerk should write to those residents who had sent letters to the Parish Council, informing them of the situation and that to proceed it would be a matter for the police.

03.01 6. **District Council Matters**

Cllr Le Fleming reported that the cost of the land at Windyridge to Sovereign Housing had been nil, as part of an agreement between SDC and the housing corporation to enable the house prices to be as low as possible.

On the matter of fly posting, it was suggested that an article be put in each village magazine reminding people of their obligation to remove fly posters after the event.

Cllr Le Fleming assured the meeting that the Electoral Review would have no effect on the organisation of the Parish Council.

Mr Brooks asked if the Empty Homes Officer and the Tree Warden were to be replaced as both posts were now vacant. Cllr Fellowes affirmed this but did not yet know of any applicants.

03.01 7. **County Council Matters**

Cllr C Fellowes said that the Boundary Commission in the Electoral Review had recommended that Bisley-with-Lypiatt be attached to Painswick as a division, and if approved would come into effect in 2005 at the next Council elections.

He reported that the District Auditors had given the County Council a rating of “good” which would give them more freedom from Government.

Finally Cllr Fellowes said that Council Tax would rise in the next financial year by approximately 10%.

03.01 8. **Finance**

**Receipts**

Long Distance Walkers Asscn.	25.00
British Telecom	20.19
Interest	<u>6.50</u>
	<b>51.69</b>

**Payments**

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Severn Trent Water			32.06
Severn Trent Water			7.35
Severn Trent Water			10.43
Severn Trent Water			20.45
British Telecom	122.04	21.35	143.39
Brooks Associates	15.79	2.76	18.55
Electronic Imaging Solutions	11.11	1.94	13.05
Petty Cash			50.00
T Howes (December salary)			449.04
EF Jordan (December salary)			441.84
Inland Revenue (tax & NI payments)			<u>32.72</u>
			<b>1186.16</b>
Petty Cash Payments		<b>£73.86</b>	
Cash Balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2002		<b>£18,017.13</b>	

03.01 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Freedom of Information Act**

The document produced was accepted by the meeting.

b) **Aquila**

All members received a copy of a letter from David Drew. It was noted that Aquila are seeking to sell the company.

c) **Eastcombe Primary School Governors report**

Eastcombe ward now have copies and will report at the next meeting.

d) **Public Rights of Way**

The public rights of way maps were circulated at the meeting for perusal.

The clerk was asked to contact GCC concerning their intention to charge £30 per road sign to be replaced. The meeting thought that GCC should meet this cost.

e) **The Old Mill/Blandford Cottage**

The owners have been asked to submit retrospective planning permission for the summer house. They have 6 months in which to reply when any objections can then be made.

f) **Management Committee – WI Hall Bisley**

Mr Workman said matters were progressing and a business plan had been drawn up. An appointment to the management committee would be made at a meeting on 16/1/03.

- g) **Stancombe Speed Limit**  
The clerk reported on the findings of the previous speed check in the area. In view of the fact of continued speeding in Bisley the clerk was asked to request a speed check within the 20mph limit.
- h) **Parish Plan**  
This was deferred until the February meeting.
- i) **Garden Assistance Scheme**  
The clerk was asked to circulate details of the Garden Assistance Scheme to the parish magazines for publication.
- j) **Gloucestershire Structure Plan**  
The correspondance was made available and a web site indicated whereby plan can be studied. Comments were invited for the six weeks commencing January 2003.
- k) **Water Management Summit**  
The clerk circulated an invitation to attend the summit on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at Ebley Mill.
- l) **GAPTC**  
The update for December 2002 and a paper on recent legislation was circulated to the meeting, attention being drawn by the chairman to the paragraph on "quality Councils".
- m) **Bisley by-pass**  
This was included as an agenda item but not discussed in detail.

- 03.01 10. **Planning**  
The following applications have been received during the past month and the Council's responses indicated where received:  
S02/2149 – **Butchers Arms**, outline application for erection of one dwelling with garage.  
S02/2186 – **6, Bearsfield, Bisley**, erection of conservatory- Support  
S02/2200 – **Lower Nashend Cottage, Bisley**, Re-positioning of existing stables- Support.  
S02/2300 – **Maple Cottage, Eastcombe**, erection of 2 storey extension.
- 03.01 11. **Correspondence**  
The following correspondance has been received during the last month and was on the table for inspection.

GCC	inGloucestershire magazine
GCC	Community Transport Guide
Tripscope	Travel for disabled
SDC	List of meetings – Scrutiny Committees
SDC	The News Dec 2002
David Drew	Advice Surgery Timetable 2003
Water Voice	Annual Report 2001-02
GCC	Members Briefing Bulletin
Care & Repair Stroud	Gardening assistance scheme
Long Distance Walkers Assn.	Payment for hire of Bisley WI Hall
GCC	Ring & Ride brochure
SDC	Dog Warden Facts
Stroud CVS	AGM 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2003
SDC	Water Management Summit 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2003

03.01 12. **Ward Matters**

- a) **Bisley**  
No matters arising
- b) **Eastcombe**  
The clerk was asked to contact Mr Pulley regarding the children's playground as the work had still not been done.  
Mr Brooks presented a letter from the Eastcombe Scout & Guide Group on their unsuccessful applications for grants from the National Lottery. The meeting agreed that the clerk would write 2 letters of support on behalf of the group to the Community Fund Main Grants Programme and Grants for All.  
Mr Brooks reported an incident whereby a resident had sustained a broken arm on Bismore Hill during the recent icy weather. The clerk was asked to make a log of requests made to SDC for improving the drainage on Bismore Hill, which has not yet been completed.
- c) **Oakridge**  
Mr Budgeon asked for advice on planning application S02/1702 – Hope Cotage. In view of this the clerk was asked to invite a senior member of planning at SDC to address a subsequent meeting for general advice.  
Mr Bryant expressed concern about potholes on the Oakridge/Bisley Road and the obliteration of the white lines, and as to whether the matter of the raised drain on the Bisley to Stroud Road had been resolved. The clerk was asked to contact the highways department regarding these matters.

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

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2003 at Bisley WI Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40.