

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st September 2010 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr P Thorp		Chairman
	Ms L Greene]	
	Mr R Utley]	Bisley Ward
	Mr R K Brooks]	
	Mrs V Nairn]	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr J Ellis]	
	Anna Bonallack]	
	Mr G Newton]	
	Mr R N Budgeon]	Oakridge Ward
	Mr D Hunt]	
	Mr P Morris		Clerk

In attendance: County Councillor Mrs J Nash and District Councillor Mr D le Fleming.

- 10.09 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Phillip Bradley.
- 10.09 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interest declared.
- 10.09 3. **Public Participation**
One member of the public was present
- 10.09 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4 August 2010 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
- 10.09 5. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 10.09 6. **District Council Matters**
District Councillor Mr D le Fleming informed the Meeting he had no issues to report other than the District Council was busy working on budgets to meet the necessary cuts required.

He was asked to enquire if it would be possible for the Parish to have a link on it's website to enable access to the SDC Planning Department so as to check their planning decisions,

10.09 7 **County Council Matters**

County Councillor Mrs J Nash reported the following information to the Meeting:

September 2010 County councillor's Report

Flood and Water Management Act received Assent in April and so County Council will be lead Authority for management of surface water flooding. Surface Water Management Plans will be drawn up (beginning with the Urban Areas) to better understand the flood risks when drains, sewers, ditches and small watercourses become overwhelmed by heavy rain and water "run-off" from impermeable surfaces. County council has received additional funding to produce a Surface Water Management Plan and a Framework Contract has been awarded to Halcrow to undertake the work, beginning with Cheltenham area.

On the third anniversary of the 2007 Floods the County council is still seeking the reassurance of Government funding for five Environment Agency flood alleviation schemes, which include Slad Brook, Stroud. Time and development has gone into the preparation of these schemes and we need confirmation that the funding commitment will be honoured in order to deliver the schemes. Already the County has invested £11 million in schemes and has pledged money to support the five Environment Agency schemes. Since 2007 County Council has completed 117 highway drainage schemes, introduced a regular gully cleaning programme and provided match funding to the six District councils for work in their Districts.

Winter Salt for Roads. Gloucestershire County council welcomed the recommendation for 250,000 tonnes of salt to be shipped into the UK before the winter. Last winter salt suppliers were, once again, unable to keep up deliveries because of the high demands of Councils across the UK. Last winter Gloucestershire was able to access enough salt to keep the County moving and stock levels have been increased from 4500 tonnes, two years ago, to 9600 tonnes with the new salt dome at Moreton in Marsh. Plans are in hand to build another salt dome at Stroud to bring the County stock to 11,000 tonnes.

Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) More than 600 people responded to the consultation and this has helped to form the draft LTP3 for 2011 – 2026. This plan covers proposals for walking, cycling public transport, road and rail. Government financial pressure will result in less money being available so it is important that priorities are planned carefully.. Two Road Shows remain at

Dursley, Sainsbury's on Friday 10th Sept and Budgeons Stores, Moreton on 17th Sept, both 10 am - 2 pm or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ltps for more details . The final plan will be submitted to Government in April 2011.

Adult Social Care. A review of a number of people who are currently receiving care packages is being undertaken by a specialist team. This work will introduce them to the new system of personal budgets and support plans. This will offer people more control and choice over how they have the support to lead more independent lives. Government target is that 30% of our service users have personal budget by April 2011. A copy of the explanatory leaflet is available on <http://staffnet/puttingpeoplefirst> .

Saving measure on library spending. Savings will be made in the budget for stock for libraries. Far fewer new books will be purchased, but as several orders have yet to be delivered ,changes will not be obvious immediately. DVDs and music CDs will continue to be purchased as these are income generating.

Parking charges to be introduced at Crickley Hill in order to raise income and to protect services at the Country Park.

Councillor Nash responded to questioning regarding the cuts to the Library budget by informing members that the decision had been made and was not open for further discussion.

Councillor Nash informed the meeting that she was unaware of there being any plans to employ someone to check that these parking fees had been paid.

When questioned if consideration would be made to assist schools to clear snow this winter in the event of heavy snowfalls, Councillor Nash stated that the councils priorities were to keep main roads open and did not have the capacity to assist in such areas.

She also said that the public could comment on any issues on the County County website.

10.09 8 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Parish Precept

The Clerk advised the meeting that it was timely to commence assessment of the parish precept requirement for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Wards were asked to prepare initial proposals before the next PC meeting on 6th October 2010. These would be then studied at a meeting of the Finance and Management Sub-Committee later in the month and discussed at the PC Meeting on 3rd November 2010, prior to submission of the final assessment to District Council in December.

b) Additional authorised signatories

The Clerk reported that on submission of the additional signatories, the Bank had informed him that there were already a substantial number of personal with this authority. Investigation determined that there were eight signatories that are no longer members of the PC and the Bank has now been requested to have these names removed.

c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

Councillor Brooks informed the meeting that he had received the CV of a candidate that was interested in performing this duty and asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the applicant to discuss And report back at the next meeting.

d) Play builder scheme

Councillor Nairn informed the meeting that she was attending a meeting in Stroud which specifically advises councils of grants that may be available to assist in the cost of upgrading play areas and will report back to the PC at the next meeting..

There are however plans to repair some of the existing equipment, particularly the swings in the Eastcombe playing fields.

e) Fencing at Spring Bank, Tunley

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Gloucester Highways that they have written to the owner at Spring Bank, Tunley requesting that he removes the fence as it is their opinion it has been placed on highway land, failing to do so will result in legal action being taken.

f) Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk informed the meeting that minor updates had been made to the FoIA statement, This was approved by the meeting and the updated version would be placed on the Parish website.

g) Parish Office

The chairman asked councillor's to consider if there would be a suitable location for the Parish Office in any of the Wards and not just to consider Bisley. On being questioned, the Clerk confirmed that he was content to continue with the present arrangements.

h) Energy Project

The meeting was informed that there are currently two possible sites and three landowners interested – more discussions to take place and a plan to be arranged.

Financial Statement

Receipts August 2010

Bank Interest	£2.78
Allotment Rents	£69.00
Tennis Court Membership	£45.00
Total Receipts	£116.78

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	£	VAT	Total
BT Telephone	£96.43	£15.30	£111.73
The Consortium	£24.99	£4.38	£29.37
The Consortium	£439.97	£77.00	£516.97
Bisley Leisure Hire Ltd	£120.00	£21.00	£141.00
Acott Mower Services	£175.16		£175.16
T W Bryant	£145.00		£145.00
Clerk – Salary for August	£852.77		£852.77
HMRC = Tax & NI	£215.33		£215.33
GAPTC Planning Training	£20.00		£20.00
The Webworks Computer Software	£168.94	£29.56	£198.50
Totals	£2257.59	147.24	£2405.83

Petty Cash Payments –August 2010 **£74.85**

Cash Balance as at 31 August 2010 **£22,951.32**

Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 31 August 2010 **£2,138.50**

Westbury Gift Balance as at 31 August 2010 **£10,000.00**

Parish Office Reserve as at 31 August 2010 **£17,000.00**

Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 31 August 2010 **£4,141.38**

Capital Projects Reserve as at 31 August 2010 **£4,750.00**

10.09 10 **Planning**

Planning Applications

Eastcombe Ward

S.10/1168/FUL – Eastcombe Primary School – Construction of external canopy –
No observations.

S.10/1218/HHOLD – The Yews, The Street, Eastcombe – Erection of single
storey side extension – **Comments only**

Bisley Ward

S.10/1341/HHOLD – Sydenhams Farmhouse, Bisley – Single storey extension –
Support

S.10/1390HHOLD – The Milestone, George Street, Bisley – Erection of chimney
for Woodburner – **Support**

S,10/1431/HHOLD – Replacement of west side of ‘Penton’ with aligned modern
reconstruction. Remodeling of existing and new porch – **Support**

S.10/1493/TCA – Bracebridge House, Calfway Lane, Bisley – Fell Conifer -
Support

10.09 11 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence received during the past month was available for
inspection by Councillors:

CBA annual report
The Playing Field
Clerks & Council Direct
No Need for Nuclear
Stroud Funding Event

10.09 12 **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

Bisley Ward had no matters to report that were not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

b) **Eastcombe Ward**

Councillor Brooks requested that Councillor Le Fleming enquire if SDC would supply a larger waste bin for Eastcombe Play area.

In response to a letter from a parishioner, Councillor Brooks confirmed that a new road sign depicting 'The Street' had been requested from SDC in 2008. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to SDC enquiring why this matter had not been resolved.

c) **Oakridge Ward**

The cost of providing a water supply to an Allotment site in Far Oakridge excluding VAT is:	£1,376.10.
Less donation from P Bouzyk	£ 150.00
Less donation from J Noad	<u>£ 110.00</u>
Cost to Ward	<u>£1,116.10</u>

Ward requested £516.10 from PC towards costs. This was agreed unanimously.

Plans for replacement of Pavilion roof to be discussed in next Ward meeting.

10.09 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday 6th October 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.35hours.