

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 October 2010 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Mr P Bradley]	
Ms L Greene]	
Mr R Utley]	Bisley Ward
Mr R K Brooks]	
Mrs V Nairn]	Eastcombe Ward
Mr J Ellis]	
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.

- 10.10 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Peter Thorp and Anna Bonallack.
- 10.10 2. **Chairman**
In the absence of or Chairman Mr Peter Thorp, the meeting was chaired by Bob Brooks, our Vice Chairman.
- 10.10 3. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 10.10 4. **Public Participation**
No members of the public were present
- 10.10 5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6 September 2010 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
- 10.10 6. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

- 10.10 7. **District Council Matters**
District Councillor Mr D le Fleming reported the following information to the meeting.

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council 6 Oct 2010

Eastcombe Litter bin

I understand an extra bin has now been installed at the Recreation Ground.

Eastcombe – The Street

Procedure takes three weeks to give residents time to object to proposal to officially identify 'The Street'. Councillors enquired if Parish Council would receive correspondence confirming final adoption.

Oakridge Planning Appeals

I note the Peter's Cottage and Gisela's Cottage appeals have been dismissed.

Parish Plan

The Bisley Village Design Statement was adopted at Cabinet on 30 September (but note exception relating to Local Views section).

Footpath at Lypiatt

A proposal for diversion of footpath MBL 122 at Fennells Home Farm, Lypiatt has been lodged at the County Council.

Council activities

The canal work continues with current projects at Ryeford, Ebley and the A46 roundabout.

The Council has been given a further 'Green Apple award' in respect of the solid-to-sustainable energy project at Frampton.

The recent SDC News gives details of a new 'green loans' scheme, granting loans of up to £10,000 for eco renovations.

Parish Councillors informed Mr D le Fleming that the litter bin at Eastcombe Playing Field had been installed in the wrong position. He agreed to request SDC to re-position.

- 10.10 8. **County Council Matters**
County Councillor Mrs J Nash reported the following information to the Meeting:

October 2010 County Councillor's Report

Meeting the Challenge. The County Council awaits the Government's announcement of the comprehensive spending review later this month. It is

expected that the County will have to tackle a £120 million gap in the budget in the next four years. The problem is threefold, cuts in Government funding, frozen Council Tax and the added responsibilities of an ageing population in the County. Over the last four years, efficiency savings have saved £40 million but now budget cuts will have to follow. Through Public Roadshows across the County, and consultation by the website, more than 1400 people have replied with their ideas on how council services should be funded. The county council will announce the 4 year financial plan to the Public on 11th November. There will be further consultation on the budget proposals before the Budget Meeting early next year.

Working with vulnerable children and families. Seven locality teams have been set up across the County to provide more integrated working with “at risk” families. Stroud will be served from Beeches Green, Cotswold from Lewis Lane, Cirencester. The teams will include Education Welfare, Education Psychology, Secondary Behaviour Management and Health Support. These locations start to function at the beginning of October.

Road Repairs. The second phase of “Operation Road Rescue” is launched to help residents understand the situation on road repairs. After the bad weather of last winter almost 75000 potholes have been repaired. There is a four minute video explaining about inspecting roads, classifying repairs and mending roads. View this on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadrescue. In addition to repairing potholes investment is made in treatments such as micro asphalt and surface dressing to help to prevent excessive wear and seal the road from bad weather. These treatments will not be used instead of resurfacing, as roads that are severely damaged cannot be treated with surface dressing. Safety is the number one priority.

Road Safety Statistics. It is good news that the number of people killed or seriously injured on Gloucestershire’s roads is decreasing. Fatal accidents in 2007, 2008, 2009 were 40, 39, 19. So far this year there have been 13 fatalities. The numbers of serious and slight injuries have also decreased year on year. Work in schools and with young people has, hopefully, been recognised in the reduction of road accidents.

Waste. The problem of Gloucestershire’s residual waste continues to be considered. Details of proposals from four waste companies are being evaluated. Core technologies being considered are mechanical biological treatment, mechanical treatment and Energy from Waste (incineration) Cabinet will approve a shortlist of companies for the next stage of the project in November. A Health and Environment expert has been appointed to advise on the residual waste project. Professor Roy Harrison of Birmingham University will advise on the health related impact of any new waste plant in the County. A budget of £10,000 has been allocated for Professor Harrison’s work. Gloucestershire buried 170,000 tonnes of waste last year and expects a landfill tax bill of £7.7 million. The tax is set to increase from £48 a tonne to £56 a tonne next year, thus making the need to find alternative methods an urgent priority.

2011 Census. The next census of England and Wales will take place on 27th March 2011 and publicity is starting now. The questionnaire will be accepted

either online or on paper. Tracking and field follow-up will take place to aim for a full census of the Country. More information

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/census/2011-census/index.html>

Cirencester Registration Service will move to Cirencester Library on 4th October 2010 for the registration of births and deaths. Opening hours will be 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday. Telephone number 01285 650455 In the short term, marriages and civil partnership ceremonies will still take place at the Old Memorial Hospital , Cirencester.

10.10 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Parish Precept 2010/2011

Eastcombe Ward presented the Clerk with preliminary figures for consideration by the Finance Sub-Committee.

Oakridge and Bisley Wards indicated that they would provide their proposals following their next Ward meetings in time for the planned Finance Sub-Committee meeting later this month.

b) Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Clerk reported that he had interviewed Mr Simon Boden, the candidate recommended by Parish Councillor Bob Brookes and was satisfied that he has the necessary qualifications to fulfil the role of Internal Auditor. His appointment was sanctioned by the Council.

c) Grant Scheme

Frances Roden had replied to an enquiry from Peter Thorp and confirmed that the scheme has been withdrawn.

The Clerk was requested to contact SDC regarding the Community Planning Grant Scheme and enquire if they would accept more than one bid.

d) Waste Reduction

GCC has issued a document titled 'Waste Reduction Challenge' requesting members of the public to sign up to at least one of their ten pledges to reduce the amount of rubbish that goes into landfill. Councillors agreed to place the document on the Parish website. It was commented that if this were too successful then it might be necessary to transport rubbish in to Gloucestershire to feed the proposed incinerator and this would increase the amount of carbon emissions.

e) Energy Project

Members of the Energy Group attended stands at the Bisley & Oakridge Fetes and reported several positive and no negative responses.

At the latest meeting held on 23rd September 2010, discussions took place regarding the positioning of wind turbines and photovoltaic panels

It has been agreed that a Public Consultation Meeting would take place at Bisley WI Hall on 24th November 2010.

f) Pavilion Steering Group

Peter Thorp was to be appointed Chairman of the Pavilion Project Steering Group. At its last meeting the Steering Group had proposed the use of a Quantity Surveyor to cost the architect's design schemes. This was expected to cost about £750 and would be charged to the Bisley Ward Pavilion Reserve Fund

The Clerk questioned the costs of this process considering the current economic climate. Councillors explained that the existing Sports Pavilion was in extremely poor condition and that the use of a Quantity Surveyor to cost proposals was consistent with the principles of sound financial management.

10.10 10. **Finance**

Financial Statement

Receipts September 2010

Bank Interest	£2.38
Allotment Rents	£20.00
Gift Mr J Noad	£110.00
Mr N Macloud	£15.00
Burial Ground Fee	£100.00
Precept for half year to 31 st March 2010	£26,875.00

Total Receipts **£27,122.38**

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	£	VAT	Total
T W Hawkins & Son	£772.50	£135.19	£907.69
Stroud District Council	£69.24	£12.12	£81.36
Moore Stephens	£400.00	£70	£470.00
Mr R Utley	£15.64	£2.73	£18.37
Gloucester Playing Fields Assoc.	£50.00		£50.00
C R Signs	£30.00	£4.50	£34.50
Toshiba	£7.70	£1.35	£9.05
Bisley Computency	£87.50		£87.50
D Richards	£192.00		£192.00
Ian Trueman	£54.00		£54.00
D Holbrow	£66.00		£66.00
Keith Angus	£140.00		£140.00
Clerk Salary	£852.77		£852.77
HMRC Tax & NI	£215.33		£215.33
Eastcombe Baptist Church	£120.00		£120.00
Mrs V Nairn	£14.30		£14.30
Totals	£3072.68	£225.89	£3312.87

Petty Cash Payments –September 2010

£61.60

Cash Balance as at 30 September 2010

£45,840.94

Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 September 2010

£2,138.68

Westbury Gift Balance as at 30 September 2010

£10,000.00

Parish Office Reserve as at 30 September 2010

£17,000.00

Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 September 2010

£4,141.38

Capital Projects Reserve as at 30 September 2010

£6,250.00

10.10 11 **Planning**

Planning Applications

Eastcombe Ward

S.10/1829/HHOLD – Stick Heaven, The Street, Eastcombe – Internal alterations, loft conversion and single detached garage. -**Support.**

S.10/1830/LBC – Stick Heaven, The Street, Eastcombe – Internal alterations, loft conversion and single detached garage. - **Support**

Bisley Ward

S.10/1828/HHOLD – Denmans Farm, Bisley – resubmission of erection of two storey extension with cellar – **Support**

S.10/1601HHOLD – Bisley Farm Court Cheltenham Road, Bisley – Erection of conservatory, replace existingr – **Support**

S,10/1645/TCA – Westholme, Back Lane, Bisley – Trees in conservation area.- **Support**

Oakridge Ward

S.10/1700/LBC- Brook Cottage, Bournes Green – Single storey side extension, replacement of roof to existing garden room. Two new windows.- **Support**

S.10/1699/HHOLD – Brook Cottage, Bournes Green – Full planning permission - **Support**

10.10 12 **Correspondence**

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

GAPTC Annual Report
Cotswold Conservation Board Annual Report
Cotswold Lion

10.10 13 **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

Telephone Exchange – BT are running a competition to upgrade five areas for fibre optic broadband, the more people willing to sign up for the service, the greater chance that it will be installed in the Bisley Exchange. It was agreed that the link to the BT webpage should be placed on the Parish website.

b) **Eastcombe Ward**

Eastcombe Ward reported that when the representative from Wicksteed arrived to replace seats and chains to the swings he reported that the Junior swing should be condemned due to severe corrosion to the crossbar and that it should be disassembled. This was disappointing due to the fact that the swing had passed its visual RoSPA inspection in May 2010. In discussion, councilors agreed that alternative inspection methods should be considered prior to the next annual play area inspections in 2011.

Wicksteed quoted separately for removing the corroded swing at a cost of £320 and £1728 for providing a replacement. A request has been made to ascertain whether combining the removal and installation within one visit would reduce the cost.

A request has been submitted to the Veolia Environmental Trust for a grant to make additional purchases to improve the facilities at the Playing Field.

c) **Oakridge Ward**

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

10.10 14 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in **Bisley Pavilion** on Wednesday 3rd November 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20.55 hours.