

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 December 2010 AT BISLEY WI Village Hall**

Present:

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| Mr P Thorp | | Chairman |
| Mr R Utley |] | Bisley Ward |
| Mr R K Brooks |] | |
| Mrs V Nairn |] | Eastcombe Ward |
| Mr J Ellis |] | |
| Mr R N Budgeon |] | |
| Mr D Hunt |] | Oakridge Ward |
| Mr G Newton |] | |
| Mr P Morris | | Clerk |

In attendance:

District Councillor Mr D le Fleming.

- 10.12 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Joan Nash, Anna Bonallack, Lesley Greene and Phil Bradley.
- 10.12 2. **Declaration of Interests**
Bob Brooks declared an interest in item 8e, Parish Council Website.
- 10.12 3. **Public Participation**
No members of the public were present
- 10.12 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
It was raised that errors appeared in the grammar of items in the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2010. The Clerk explained that these errors appeared when items provided from other parties were scanned into the minutes and wished for Councillors to debate if these items should appear 'as received' or corrected. After a brief discussion, the majority of Councillors agreed that these items should be corrected. The Clerk will amend the Minutes accordingly and offer for approval at the January Parish Council meeting.
- 10.12 5. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

10.12 6. **District Council Matters**

District Councillor Mr D le Fleming reported the following information to the meeting.

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council December 2010

Planning Scheme of Delegation

Separate note attached with details of new scheme.

Cuts and responsibility for services

I appreciate that if it is proposed that responsibility for services or their cost is proposed to be transferred from SDC to parish councils information is needed at the earliest possible stage, and will report as soon as I have any information.

Thomas Keble School

I understand there is a joint use agreement with SDC relating to the Sports Centre. Some joint use arrangements (Nailsworth Recreation Centre, Wotton Pool) have already been terminated. The remainder, including Thomas Keeble School Sports Centre, are under continuing review.

Parish Design Statement

I confirm this has now been adopted, and can therefore be taken into account in relation to planning proposals.

Sustainable Community Strategy 2010

The original strategy, dating from 2004, has recently been updated.

Waste and Recycling

At the recent Council meeting it was agreed that SDC would continue to work with the other Gloucestershire authorities on an informal basis, but not join the formal partnership in view of the cost involved and the existing long-term contract in force.

Aston Down planning application

I understand the application was refused at the November meeting of the Develop Control Committee.

Concessionary Fares

The scheme is to be taken over by the County Council. Some changes are planned and a consultation is in progress.

SDC Planning Scheme of Delegation

The position now appears to be this:

1. Parish Councils (PCs) will continue to submit their comments on applications as now, and these comments will be considered by planning staff or DCC depending on which deals with the application.
2. Either PCs or Ward Councillors or both can ask for applications to be brought to DCC. Any such request will be referred to the Head of Planning and the Chairman of DCC. If either of these two agrees with the referral, the case will go to DCC. Requests which show no good planning reason for referral to DCC will be allocated to the delegated list.
3. Where a case goes to DCC, Ward Councillors can attend and put the PC's case.
4. It is hoped that public speaking can be introduced at DCC, but this is dependent on the list of cases being short enough to make this manageable.

There are two main differences from the previous system:

(a) formerly an objection (on whatever ground) to an application by a PC automatically sent the application to DCC. Now, such cases will be filtered as stated in 2 above.

(b) formerly an application with five or more local letters of objection automatically sent the application to DCC. This ground has gone.

The new system is being introduced for a trial period of one year, during which the cost-saving and efficiency-improvement will be assessed.

10.12 7. **County Council Matters**

Although unable to attend the meeting, County Councillor Mrs J Nash provided the following report.

County Councillor's Report.

December 2010

Meeting the Challenge. You will all have read the proposals for cost saving in the Press and heard reports on Radio. The proposals were agreed at Cabinet in the middle of November and ratified at full Council later in November. These proposals now go out for Public Consultation and the refined document will be debated and agreed at full Council at the Budget Meeting in February. The full

effect of the economic situation will be felt from the beginning of the financial year in April 2011.

Renewable Energy. The County Environment Scrutiny task group has been considering ways in which the Council could use green technology such as solar panels, wind turbines and anaerobic digestion to save costs, generate income and become carbon neutral, involving Council buildings and land. This is about using sustainable ways of working to cut costs and to generate income. In these difficult financial times this work will have to be carefully monitored to make sure any proposed investment is to be worthwhile, both environmentally and financially.

Waste Core Strategy. This is a strategy document required by Government, not to be confused with the Residual Waste Project which has had to be deferred due to the loss of the PFI credits. This document sets out how the County intends to handle all waste streams in the County and includes some strategic sites deemed suitable for handling waste. After Public consultation, the thirteen suggested sites have been reduced to four – Wingmoor Farm East, Wingmoor Farm West, Javelin Park and Land at Moreton Valence. There are 14 policies relating to issues such as recycling and composting, environmental control, flood risks and transport. Once this document is published the public will have the chance to make representations .

Information available on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/wcs.

Fire Stations and Life Skills Centre. Full council gave unanimous approval to enter into a project agreement for the four new Fire Stations and a Life Skills Centre in Gloucester and Cheltenham, with the preferred bidder. After Government financial support ,the costs will be in the region of £21.5 million over 25 years. This is a necessary project to replace the “end of life “ Fire stations and to ensure that the new Stations are in the correct locations to cover for fire and road traffic incidents.

Concessionary fares. The County Council will take responsibility from District councils to provide concessionary fares starting in April 2011.

This is my last report for 2010 and I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

10.12 8 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Parish Precept 2010/2011

The Finance Management Sub-Committee met on 4th November 2010 to consider the Parish Precept for FY 2011/12. Given the current economic conditions, the Committee considered that it should endeavour to reduce the precept.

During the discussions each Ward indicated that they would maintain their current level of expenditure for 2011/12, this meant that any reduction would have to be made in the Admin budget.

Concerns were raised regarding any responsibilities being transferred to the Parish from the District Council and after further

discussion it was decided to maintain the current level of precept. Councillors were asked to consider the recommendations of the Committee, with a final decision to be taken at the January Parish Meeting.

b) RoSPA

Having been disappointed that the RoSPA inspection of the swings in the Eastcombe Playing Field earlier this year had not identified a subsequent problem that could have placed children at risk of injury, it was decided that, before next year's play area safety inspections became due, Wicksteed should be asked to quote for a more comprehensive inspection.

c) Grant Scheme

Not having received information requested from the Cricket Club the date for making an application for a grant has now expired.

d) Bisley Pavilion

Pavilion sub-committee has asked Quantity Surveyor to provide costing for a third scheme and this will be considered at their next meeting.

e) Website

Several ideas on how to improve the Website had been forthcoming – more visuals, improve menu structure, more user friendly, additional graphics and alerts for latest items. Councillor Bob Brooks who currently maintains the site at no charge informed the meeting that to make extensive changes would incur several hours of work and that a fee would be required depending on the number of hours work. It was agreed that a number of Councillors who were most passionate about the website, would agree a list of changes and report back at the January meeting.

f) Section 137

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 authorises Parish Councils to make donations annually to charities and organisations which are considered to be beneficial to the interests of parishioners. Following recommendations by the Finance Management Sub-Committee the Parish Council approved the following donations for payment:

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| Bisley All Saints Church | £450.00 |
| St Bartholomew's Closed Churchyard | £900.00 |
| The Frith Youth Club | £800.00 |
| Cotswold Air Ambulance | £100.00 |

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| Cotswold Care Hospice | £150.00 |
| Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau | £150.00 |
| Stroud Victim Support Group | £50.00 |
| WRVS | £50.00 |
| Stroud Volunteer Centre | £50.00 |
| The Bisley News | £100.00 |
| 'What's On' Oakridge Newsletter | £100.00 |
| Eastcombe Village Newsletter | £100.00 |
| The Royal British Legion | £75.00 |
| Eastcombe Scouts & Guides | £50.00 |
| Total | <u>£3,125.00</u> |

g) Planning Scheme of Delegation

This item dealt with under Stroud District Council report.

h) Cotswold AONB Tourism Consultation

This item was to be covered by Councillor Lesley Greene, who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

i) Parish Energy

The Parish Energy Sub-committee reported that 74 people attended the public presentation on the 24th November. There was a very positive response, however, some attendees objected strongly to the erection of Wind turbines.

Attendees were invited to indicate their reactions by completing a questionnaire, there have been 34 responses to date.

The Sub-committee are to consider arranging another public meeting- more of an open forum with the option for attendees to ask questions.

Financial Statement

Receipts November 2010

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| Bank Interest | £3.10 |
| Football Fees | £100.00 |

Total Receipts **£103.10**

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

| | £ | VAT | Total |
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| BT – Office Telephone | 78.39 | 12.14 | 90.53 |
| C R Signs – Bisley | 20.00 | 3.50 | 23.50 |
| GRCC – Annual Subscription | 25.00 | | 25.00 |

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| J Martin Ryder QS Bisley Pavilion | 300.00 | 52.50 | 352.50 |
| Mrs A Thorp – Refreshments Energy Mtg | 12.21 | | 12.21 |
| Clerk Salary – November 2010 | 852.77 | | 852.77 |
| HMRC – Tax/NI | 215.33 | | 215.33 |
| Eastcombe Pavilion (Cleaning) | 480.00 | | 480.00 |
| D Davis Dry Stone Wall Repair | 95.00 | | 95.00 |
| Totals | £2,078.70 | £68.14 | £2,146.84 |

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| Petty Cash Payments – November 2010 | £73.82 |
| Cash Balance as at 30 November 2010 | £39,294.65 |
| Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 November 2010 | £2,138.85 |
| Westbury Gift Balance as at 30 November 2010 | £10,000.00 |
| Parish Office Reserve as at 30 November 2010 | £17,000.00 |
| Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 November 2010 | £4141.38 |
| Capital Projects Reserve as at 30 November 2010 | £6,250.00 |

10.12 10 Planning

Planning Applications

Bisley Ward

S.10/2100/HHOLD – Bisley Farm Court, Cheltenham Road, Bisley GL6 7BJ – Erection of Conservatory to principal dwelling. – **Support**

S.10/1978/HHOLD - Lower Battlescombe Farm Hayhedge Lane Bisley - Revised Plans for refurbishment and extension to existing annexe. – **Support**

S.10/2128/TCA 16965 – Rose Cottage, 2 Rose Hill, Bisley GL6 7AQ – Work to various, sycamore, hazel and ash trees. – **Support**

Oakridge Ward

S.10/2249/HHOLD – Larkin Cottage, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud GL6 7NR – Erection of single storey garage – **Support**

S.10/2239/FUL – Pavilion, Oakridge Lynch. – Replace existing roof & extend over Veranda, position clock tower in roof. – **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: As the Parish Council we are applying for this refurbishment of the roof to prevent further deterioration of the building.

Interests declared: Yes

Details of any interests declared: The applicant is the Parish Council; we obviously have an interest in this application as we own the building and the playing field.

Eastcombe Ward

S.10/2146 - Baptist Cottage Dr Crouch's Road Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7EA - extension to dwelling and realignment of garden wall to create off-road parking space - **No observations**

S.10/2191/HHOLD – Stick Heaven, Eastcombe GL6 7DN - Alterations to existing roof to form ancillary first floor accommodation. (Re-submission of withdrawn application S.10/1829/HHOLD – **Support**

Reasons / Comments: Improvement of housing stock to create a family home with modernised facilities.

S.2192/10/LBC 28925 - Stick Heaven Eastcombe GL6 7DN - Refurbishment of water damage and alterations to existing roof to form ancillary accommodation. – **Support**

1. Significant improvement of fabric of building ensuring the preservation of listed building currently under threat of dilapidation.
2. Visual improvement to the local environment of setting of listed building.

10.12 11 **Correspondence**

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

Countryside Voice
War Memorial Trust – Bulletin
Rural Housing Alliance – Affordable Rural Housing
Allotment - Magazine

10.12 12 **Ward Matters**

a) Bisley Ward

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

b) Eastcombe Ward

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

c) Oakridge Ward

Tunley Fence - Gloucestershire Highways legal department has meeting with landowner next week.

Bisley Blue Coat CofE School and Oakridge Parochial School where a management partnership of sharing one head teacher across the two schools will take place over January to August 2011.

10.10 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in **Bisley WI Village Hall** on Wednesday 5th January 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 21.15 hours.