

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2February 2011 AT BISLEY WI Village Hall**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

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

11.02 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Lesley Greene and Anna Bonallack.

11.02 2. **Declaration of Interests**

Mr R Brooks declared an interest in item 11 01 Finance - approval for payment of invoice specifically for work on Parish Website, and abstained.

11.02 3. **Public Participation**

Two members of the public were present and raised the following issues.

What would be the cost of providing Wind Turbines, which will only produce electricity for one third of the time due to the vagaries of the weather?

Which company would provide the electricity?

Could someone explain the statement in the press that there would be “free electricity for everyone”?

If the majority of the public were anti Wind Turbine, can the Parish Council still proceed?

The chairman explained that Wind Turbines were only part of the overall strategy being investigated by the Energy Group and that all methods of alternative energy were being considered including the promotion of insulation. No decision or recommendation has been proposed to the full Parish Council for consideration.

“The statement in the press referring to “free electricity for everyone” had been taken from the presentation script published on the Parish Council website. It failed to mention that this was merely an illustration of what the income derived from a Community Energy project could be used for.”

It would be possible for the Parish Council to initiate a Parish Referendum on the subject of wind turbines, but it should be noted that the outcome of any such referendum would not be legally binding on the Council

#### .11.02 4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

11. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5 January 2011 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

#### 11.02 5. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk observed that in his absence last month, it had been agreed to include details of budgeted and actual expenditure sheets for each Ward within the Minutes. He informed the meeting that this information is not auditable and should not form part of the Minutes but could be made available on the Parish Website for public scrutiny as are the Minutes. This was agreed.

Following previous discussions regarding the disappointment of a fault being found on a children’s swing, preventing the installation of new chains, it was unanimously agreed to change the responsibility of the annual inspections to Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

#### 11.02 6. **District Council Matters**

A copy of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming’s report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes.

#### 11.02 7. **County Council Matters**

A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash’s report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.

#### 11.02 8 **Matters for Discussion**

##### **a) Land at Lilyhorn**

Several Parishioners had raised concerns regarding this piece of land and what it may be used for.

The Clerk confirmed that the land was not registered and questioned Stroud District Council Legal Services what the Parish Councils options are. They indicated that the Parish Council could apply to have the land registered to them and if successful they would then be responsible for its maintenance, however this would incur costs.

This raised the question of several other pieces of unregistered land within the parish and it was agreed that advice should be requested from Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

#### **b) Bisley Pavilion**

The Tender Board reported that having made enquiries to HMRC it was unable to conclude if VAT is refundable on improvements to existing buildings and requested that we pay a fee of £90 to acquire the assistance of a retired VAT inspector to advise. This was unanimously agreed.

It was also reported that proposals have been made to alter the plans for the pavilion and that it would be necessary to appoint a Quantity Surveyor to recalculate the cost. It was agreed that this could be done for a fee of £150.

#### **c) Parish Council Website**

Update now almost completed – request for members to provide a suitable picture of a scene from Oakridge and Eastcombe to join the current picture of a scene from Bisley on the Webpage.

#### **d) 10:10 Status**

Anna Bonallack sent the following report.

An extraordinary meeting of governors was held last week to discuss Academy status for the school. After lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of becoming an Academy School a unanimous vote was made to make the *initial application of interest* about becoming an Academy. This will be followed by a consultation exercise involving all stakeholders after which time a decision will be made by the governing body as to whether or not to apply for Academy Status.

At the next meeting I can discuss with the council, if they are interested, what the implications of Academy Status are for Thomas Keble.

#### **f) Village Design Statement**

The Clerk reported that he was now in possession of a limited number of hard copies of the Village Design Statement. It was agreed that a copy should be positioned in each of the village shops, schools and public houses with a note attached requesting they should not be removed and that it is available on the Parish Website.

A copy would be presented to each Councillor and the remainder would be available free of charge to parishioners on a first come first served basis.

## Financial Statement

### Receipts January 2011

Bank Interest £3.08

**Total Receipts** **£3.08**

### The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Toshiba Copier	10.04	1.76	11.80
BT Office	45.00	9.00	54.00
Brookes Associates (Web update)	500.00	100.00	600.00
Npower Bisley Pavilion	19.75	0.99	20.74
I Trueman Handyman	365.00		365.00
Clerk Salary – January 2011	852.77		852.77
HMRC – Tax/NI	215.33		215.33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£2,007.89</b>	<b>£111.75</b>	<b>£2,119.64</b>

**Petty Cash Payments – January 2011** **£59.27**

**Cash Balance as at 31 January 2011** **£31,748.34**

**Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 31 January 2011** **£2,138.85**

**Westbury Gift Balance as at 31 January 2011** **£10,000.00**

**Parish Office Reserve as at 31 January 2011** **£17,000.00**

**Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 31 January 2011** **£4,141.38**

**Capital Projects Reserve as at 31 January 2011** **£6,250.00**

## **Planning Applications**

### **Bisley Ward**

**S.10/2521/HHOLD** - Kenmare George Street Bisley, Stroud. Insertion of dormers and skylight to front roof slope and catslide- **No observations**

**S.11/0053/TCA** - 3 Wellesley Cottages, Wells Road, Bisley. GL67AF. Fell Apple Tree. **Support**

Reasons / Comments: Support subject to ecological check re lichens/mosses as discussed with officer.

**S.10/2517/FUL** – Grambler, Cheltenham Road, Bisley, Stroud. GL6 7BJ Demolition of existing garage, construction of new house and erection of new garage - Comments only.

We have some concerns about an additional access onto the Cheltenham Road at this point, and highways, including pedestrians, safety issues

#### 11.02 10 **Correspondence**

Request to review Settlement Boundaries Each Ward to report back

Chairman reported that he had received a letter requesting an explanation as to why the parish website referred to the Energy Group as being wholly independent of Parish Council. Chairman said that he would take responsibility for this error and suggested that it should be removed. This was agreed by councilors and a rewording would be applied.

#### 11.02 11 **Ward Matters**

### **Bisley Ward**

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

### **Oakridge Ward**

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

### **Eastcombe Ward**

Wells Road Landslip repairs: John Kay of Glos Highways reported on 24th January that they would be putting together the tender pack for pricing over the next two weeks. They then expected to be on site in March 2011. He anticipated 4 weeks for construction, including the timeframe needed for Severn Trent Water and Wales and West Gas to install their services.

Note: subsequent to the Parish Council Meeting, we have received updated advice from John Kay that they now do not expect to be on site until May/June 2011."

11.02 12 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in **Bisley WI Village Hall** on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 21.10 hours.

## **ANNEX A TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **District Councillor's Report to Parish Council Feb 2011**

##### **Jan meeting of Cabinet**

##### **At the Cabinet meeting in January:**

1. The Administrations budget proposals were presented. Despite the government funding cuts the proposals in the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2011-12 have largely been met by using accumulated reserves (eg £50k for economic regeneration and £200k for energy efficiency and renewable energy schemes). But as reserves are used up, further savings will have to be found next year.
2. Opportunities for renewable energy schemes for council-owned buildings are being considered ( Sheltered housing schemes, Dursley pool, Ebley hydro scheme, installation of anaerobic digester).

##### **Green Energy Award 2010**

I understand SDC has recently won this award for being 'the South West's most proactive local authority for support to sustainable energy'.

##### **New Youth Housing Project in Stroud – Season House**

A Press Release on the new youth housing centre, Season House, has been circulated which I hope provides the information needed.

##### **Planning**

Gladstone Cottage, Eastcombe: this application has been called to DCC in March

Springbank House, Tunley: I understand a new application is being lodged for approval including retrospective approval of certain features.

##### **Stroud District Youth Council**

Councillors may have seen the 2010 Annual Review. This reports that Youth Council members get involved in some good projects including litter recycling, community safety packs for young people and the County local transport plan.

##### **Canal Project**

Development proposals are now being considered for Brimscombe Port.

##### **Daniel le Fleming**

## **ANNEX B TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JFEBRUARY 2011**

#### **February 2011 County Councilor's Report**

The County council Budget Meeting takes place in the middle of February. Much work is being done on the way forward following the public consultation, especially with regard to the Library proposals. Extra £50,000 has been allocated to libraries.

A recent Ofsted inspection of Children's Services found that there were some areas of Child Care that needed to be improved. The number of children in the care of the County Council has risen to 502 (2008 - 391 children, 2009 - 467 children) this is partly due to the extra vigilance following high profile cases in other parts of the country. Already steps have been taken to improve Child Protection in the County with the recruitment of more Child Specialist Social Workers. Overall Ofsted found that Gloucestershire had plans in place to address the concerns.

**Royal Wedding Celebrations.** G.C.C. has decided to waive the £70 cost of applying for a road closure for communities who wish to celebrate the Royal Wedding with street parties etc.

**Highways**Fence at Tunley, there is clear evidence that the fence has been moved and the legal department are to pursue vigorously to have it removed.

Following the Budget Meeting I hope that the County Council can again move forward with work which seems to have been in a "holding situation" for the past months.

Boundary review to reduce councillors from 63 to 54 in total. First draft proposes increase in electors per councillor from 7,500 to 10,000. Councillor Nash believed that it would not be possible to provide a quality service for that number of electors.

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