

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2011 AT BISLEY WIVILLAGE  
HALL**

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

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

**11.31. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Utleay

**11.32. Declaration of Interests**

Mr R Brooks declared an interest in item 8c – feedback on improvements to website.

**11.33. Public Participation**

Twenty members of the public were present of which two spoke on behalf of the group regarding their deep concerns for planning application S.11/0285/FUL, erection of Eco-house at Tunley. The group wished to impress on the Parish Council the depth of feeling that has been aroused due to the unsuitability of the building and how it appears to deviate from the submitted planning application.

Members of the Parish Council explained that they shared their concerns and would be responding appropriately to the Stroud District Council Planning Department. It was explained that the Parish Council had limited powers and that all objections must be on planning grounds, not emotive reasons. However, the final decision will be made at District Council level.

Members of the Parish Council advised the Group that it may be beneficial if they were all to write independently to each

Councillor Member of the Planning Committee. District Councillor Daniel le Fleming said that he would ensure that the application would go before the Control Committee and not to be dealt with solely by the Planning Committee.

**11.34. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 February having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

**11.35. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting.

**11.36. District Council Matters**

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

**11.37. County Council Matters**

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

**11.38. Matters for Discussion**

**a) Unregistered land**

The Clerk reported that having consulted with the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils it was apparent that to pursue this matter would incur considerable costs.

It was decided that the Clerk should respond to the Parishioners that raised concerns regarding the piece of unregistered land at Lillybrook, informing them that the cost would be unjustifiable.

**b) Bisley Pavilion**

No further progress to date.

**c) Parish Council Website**

Several pieces of positive feedback from the public have been received since the updates were introduced. Waiting for a suitable photograph to be sourced of Oakridge.

**d) Energy Group**

The Clerk informed members that he had been unable to establish of how the Energy Group has evolved to reach its current description on the Parish website. A request was tabled from the councillors as to the origins of the working group, whilst they could

not be specific in terms of the date of the actual PC Minutes, further research will take place. The Item will be brought back to Council at the April meeting.

#### **e) Trees**

Concerns have been raised regarding the maintenance of trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council. After a brief discussion it was agreed that contact should be made with Stroud District Council's tree officer for advice.

#### **f) Grass Cutting Contract**

The Parish Council had sought Tenders from local Grounds Maintenance Contractors to carry out the grass-cutting of the Recreation Grounds at Bisley, Eastcombe and Oakridge together with the 'Green' at Stonecote Ridge on the Bussage Estate which falls within the Parish boundary.

Of the three contractors requested to quote, only two had responded. After a discussion regarding the quality of the service provided by the current contractor which was also the most competitive quote, the Chairman put the issue to a vote and it was decided that the Contract for the grass-cutting for 2011/2012 should remain with the present Contractor—T W Hawkins and Sons. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would invite new Tenders for grass-cutting on a year-to-year basis in future.

#### **g) Annual Parish Meeting**

As required by the Local Government Act, the Parish Council will hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 6 April 2011 in Bisley WI Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 pm. Parishioners were strongly encouraged to attend this event.

The Clerk reminded Ward Chairs of the requirement to summarise the work carried out within Wards during the past year and to outline plans for the year ahead

### **11.39. Finance**

#### **Receipts February 2011**

Bank Interest	£2.82
HMRC VAT Refund	£1,533.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£1,536.32</b>

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

	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pearce Construction Bisley Pavilion	800.00		800.00
FACSIM VDS Printing	231.00		231.00
Gardiners Eastcombe Playing Fields	94.00	18.80	112.80
BT Office Web	75.39	14.91	90.30
CIX Online Ltd	29.00	5.80	34.80
Mr Roger Utley	74.94	11.59	86.53
Clerk Salary – January 2011	852.77		852.77
HMRC – Tax/NI	215.33		215.33
GAPTC Stationery	15.95		15.95
ST Water – Bisley Pavilion	83.39		83.39
P Lorenzen Oakridge Allotments	683.50	136.70	820.20
Pearce Construction Bisley Pavilion	2,750.00		2,750.00
Bisley Cricket Club	700.00		700.00
Zurich Parish Insurance	2,014.03		2,014.03
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£8,619.30</b>	<b>£182.00</b>	<b>£8,801.30</b>

<b>Petty Cash Payments – February 2011</b>	<b>£45.94</b>
<b>Cash Balance as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£30,240.88</b>
<b>Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£2,139.12</b>
<b>Westbury Gift Balance as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>
<b>Parish Office Reserve as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£17,000.00</b>
<b>Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£4,141.38</b>
<b>Capital Projects Reserve as at 28 February 2011</b>	<b>£6,250.00</b>

11.3 10. **Planning**

Chalford Parish informed us that they had been approached by a company that would like to purchase land on our boundary with a view to building affordable homes. The company offered to complete a 'housing needs survey' at their cost.

There was a general consensus of opinion that the Parish Council should not be linked with a specific developer. The Clerk was tasked with enquiring what methods are available to achieve a housing needs survey of its own.

Ward chairmen reported that the request to review 'settlement boundaries' had been completed and were of the opinion that no changes should be made, except a small section of the Eastcombe Settlement Boundary line was not correct on the SDC plan for review and has been returned with annotations and the correct boundary indicated.

The following Planning Applications have been received during the past month and the decision of the Planning Sub-Committees are recorded.

## **Planning Applications**

### **Bisley Ward**

**No: S.11/0035/LBC-** Magnet Cottage Wells Road Bisley GL6 7AG - Replace staircase and kitchen floor. Decision. **Support**

### **Oakridge Ward**

None to report.

### **Eastcombe Ward**

**S.10/2262/ful2529** - : land at Gladstone Cottage Eastcombe Stroud - Full Planning Permission. **Comments only**  
Reasons / Comments: The Planning Sub-committee stands by the initial comments submitted in regard to observing the planning recommendations outlined in the Village Design Statement, as adopted by Stroud District Planning Authority.

**No: s.11/0158/VAR PP-013606328115** - Bismore Farm Bismore Stroud GL6 7DG - erection of extension and insertion of dormer window.  
**Decision: 1 No observations**

### 11.311. **Correspondence**

Three quotes have been received too late to be placed on the Agenda from providers of Annual Insurance for the Parish. The Clerk provided details to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Policy should be placed with Zurich Insurance.

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

Allotment and Leisure Gardener

Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association Newsletter and Annual Report

11.312. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

Due to enquiry regarding a publication providing the history of the Lock-up in Bisley a search would be made to see if a copy could be found to ascertain where it was printed and if further copies could be provided and at what cost.

Councilors wished to record how pleased they are of the excellent work being done by Mr Martin Banks on the dry stone wall at Stancombe.

b) **EastcombeWard**

Work on the Recreation Ground was progressing and should be completed in approximately two weeks'

Several complaints had been received regarding damage being caused to the village green by vehicles driving over the kerb. Plans are in place to position large stones along the edge to prevent this from happening in the future

c) **Oakridge Ward**

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

11.313. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm hours.

## **ANNEX A TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2011**

#### **District Councillor's Report to Parish Council Mar 011**

##### **Feb meeting of Council**

At the Council meeting in February the administration's budget proposals were approved. Council tax has been frozen, some reserves have been applied to capital expenditure and the search for economies continues. The next major item on the Forward Plan is the renewal of the contract for the Leisure Centre.

##### **Taxi and Private Hire policies and conditions**

Following consultation the revised terms for taxi and private hire licences have been approved and will come into force on 1 April.

##### **Planning**

Gladstone Cottage, Eastcombe: for decision by DCC on 8 March

Springbank House, Tunley: I note that the revised application has been lodged.

Hillcroft, Oakridge: I have received complaints about this development

##### **SDC Youth Council**

The Youth Council's Litter Recycling Project ('bins at grot spots') has won a prize for the best recycling project in the County.

##### **Work Experience/Apprenticeships**

To assist with local youth employment the Council has arranged 6 NVQ apprenticeships and 37 work experience placements.

**Daniel le Fleming**

**Mar 011**

## **ANNEX B TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2011**

#### **March 2011 County Councillor's Report.**

**Budget Meeting in February.** I have reported to Parish councils which met late in the month, for the early month meetings I can report that most of the issues I have reported through the last months have been confirmed. The County part of the Council Tax is frozen for the coming year. Savings have been made mostly in the areas of Libraries and Youth Service. Good news was that £500,000 was reinstated into the Library budget from extra Council Tax received from new builds in the Stroud District. The Youth Service has a complete re-organisation, with the Outdoor Centres no longer to be run by the County Council and most resources being targeted towards vulnerable and "at risk" young people. Other areas of Council spending will have to be restrained and there will have to be less spent on roads and traffic schemes. Altogether a difficult time to come and a concern for the staff and services delivered by the County Council across Gloucestershire.

**Transfer of buildings to Communities.** There have been 43 expressions of interest from Communities who wish to take over buildings. Business plans need to be submitted to the County council by 30<sup>th</sup> June and during July the council will assess the business plans and determine which groups have been successful. Exact dates for transfer will vary, but new services will be introduced as soon as possible.

**Road damage and repair.** The backlog of road repairs has been reduced in the past few months but still stands at about £90 million. The County maintenance budget is currently £8 million, plus £14 million for capital schemes such as major resurfacing schemes. A recent inspection has found that an additional £3 million is needed to repair damage from the freezing winter conditions. A cash grant from Government of £1.6 million will be used, and the remainder taken from the capital schemes budget. As there will be no money available to transfer from other County budgets in the foreseeable future it is going to be difficult to maintain our 3500 miles of county roads.

**Home Fire Safety.** A reminder that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service offers FREE Home Fire Safety checks and fits smoke alarms FREE of charge for elderly and vulnerable people in the Community. If Parish Councillors know of any resident who may benefit from this service, please speak with the resident and if agreeable to a check, call Freephone 0800 180 4140.

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