

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 May 2011 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Mr P Bradley	}	
Mr R Utley	}	Bisley Ward
Ms L Greene]	
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 M Morris		Clerk

In attendance: County Councillor Mrs J Nash

11.5 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Anna Bonallack, Mr P Thorp and Mr Daniel le Fleming. In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Mr R K Brooks.

11.5 2. Acting Chairman's Opening Remarks

This being our AGM is when we elect our Chairman and Vice Chairman for the year and decide on Ward appointments.

11.5 3. Election of Chairman

The present Chairman – Mr P Thorp – had indicated in an email his willingness to continue in post, should no other proposals be put forward - no other proposals were tendered. Mr R K Brooks thus proposed that Mr P Thorp should continue in the office of Chairman and this was seconded by Mrs V Nairn. The proposal was carried unanimously.

11.5 4. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Following the previously agreed convention that the Vice-Chairman should not be a Councillor from the same Ward as the Chairman, it was the turn of Oakridge Ward to fill this position. Mr R Budgeon was elected as Vice Chairman.

11.5 5. **Ward and Parish Appointments**

The following appointments were agreed by the Parish Council:

Councillor Appointments – Eastcombe Ward

Mr B Brooks – Ward Chair, Traffic & Transport, Snow Warden

Anna Bonallack – Planning

Mrs Val Nairn – Recreation Ground Warden

Mr John Ellis – Open Spaces Warden

Ex Officio Appointments

Mr Rex Clack – Allotments

Mr C James – Pavillion Representative

Councillor Appointments – Bisley Ward

Mr Phil Bradley - Ward Chair, Police, Safer Roads, Bins & Pavilion

Ms Lesley Green – Pavilion, Planning, Allotments (Local Produce – links to sustainability), Bio-diversity

Mr Roger Utley – Energy (Steering Group – links to sustainability)
Play Areas

Mr Peter Thorp – Parish Office, Resilience, Energy Steering Group, Footpaths

Ex-Officio Appointments

Mr Norman MacLeod – Snow Warden

Councillor Appointments -Oakridge Ward

Mr Roger Budgeon - Ward Chair, Planning & Energy

Mr Derek Hunt - Highways

Mr Gareth Newton - . Allotments, Orchard Project, Burial Ground, Finance & Footpaths (Oakridge Lynch)

Ex – Officio Appointments

Phil Dawes – VDS Leader & Playing Field

Alex Davis – Pavilion Project

Patrick Lorenzon – Snow Warden

Julian Noad – Far Oakridge Allotment Project

Charley Crisp – Tennis Court

Juliet Alexander– Footpaths (Tunley, & Canal Paths)

Nick Holiday – Footpaths – Waterlane & Bournes Green

11.5 6. **Public Participation**

Two members of the public were present.

Mr Keith Watson enquired what the cost of a Wind Turbine would be to provide Bisley with 50% of its energy requirement.

He was informed that the estimated installed cost of an 800Kw Wind Turbine is £1.5m.

Mr Watson said that he would like to thank the Energy Group for their explanation of how it has evolved to its current status.

11.5 7. **Declaration of Interests**

Mr R Utley & Ms Lesley Greene declared an interest in item 12 - receipt of cheque.

11.5 8. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 April having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

11.5 9. **Matters Arising**

Housing & employment needs survey – presentation to be made at next month's meeting by a representative from Gloucester Rural Community Council. Gardiners of Eastcombe have offered to pay postage costs.

Councillors requested that the Clerk should thank Mr D le Fleming for his efforts in representing to the District Council the Parish objections to the Eco house being built in Tunley.

11.5 10. **District Council Matters**

Due to the Stroud District elections and the absence of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming, there was no District Council Report this month.

11.5 11. **County Council Matters**

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

11.5 12. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Annual Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been reconciled and were due to be inspected by the Internal Auditor this week.

b) Trees & Insurance

Three quotes had been received for survey of Trees and to complete required work recommended. Further clarification was required and this will be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed to ask Ecoarborist Ltd to supply the report which will be discussed at the next meeting.

c) School Sports Partnership.

Due to changes in the structure of the schools sport partnership, it is inevitable that there will be redundancies. County Councillor Joan Nash reported that the cost would be met by the County Council.

Members of the Parish Council wished to thank Councillor Joan Nash for all her efforts.

d) Computerised Accounting.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been actively seeking a suitable computerised system to record the Parish Accounts. After meeting with other Parish Clerks in the district and comparing systems, he believed that he had discovered one that meets all the criteria and suggested that a demonstration should be arranged with selected Councillors being present. This was unanimously agreed and they will report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

e) Energy Group

The Energy Group reported that the Eastcombe meeting was well attended and there was some positive feedback after a good discussion. However, it should be noted that there remains a strong opposition to Wind Turbines.

f) Parish Plan.

The Parish had received a request from GRCC for an update to the Parish Plan. It was agreed that each Ward should review the current plan and report back at the next Parish meeting.

11.5 13. Finance

It was requested that the annual payment for the Neighbourhood Warden should be postponed due to disappointment with the service received. The Clerk suggested that this should be an item for discussion at the next Parish meeting.

Financial Statement

Receipts April 2011

Bank Interest	£ 2.48
R P Bouzyk (Gift)	£200.00
Allotment Fees	£120.00
Precept for ½ year	£26,820.00

Total Receipts **£27,142.48**

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
GPFA Training - R Utlely	20.00		20.00
Zurich Insurance-Eastcombe Street Party	63.07		63.07
D Richards – Grass Cutting Bisley	96.80		96.80
BT Internet	45.00	9.00	54.00
Severn Trent – Bisley Allotments	265.62		265.62
Severn Trent – Eastcombe Allotments	15.13		15.13
Severn Trent – Oakridge Allotments	23.14		23.14
NSALG – Annual Membership	55.00	11.00	66.00
The Consortium – Stationery	47.78	9.56	57.34

Lesley Greene – Travel expenses & Keys	15.70		15.70
Roger Utley – Paint for Bisley Pavilion	95.46		95.46
Clerk salary – April 2011	852.77		852.77
HMRC – Tax & NI	215.33		215.33
Ian Trueman – Grass cutting Eastcombe	133.50		133.50
Ian Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley	120.00		120.00
Totals	2,064.30	29.56	2,093.86

Petty Cash Payments – April 2011	£60.75
Cash Balance as at 30 April 2011	£46,428.26
Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 April 2011	£2,139.30
Westbury Gift Balance as at 30 April 2011	£10,000.00
Parish Office Reserve as at 30 April 2011	£17,000.00
Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 April 2011	£1,391.38
Capital Projects Reserve as at 30 April 2011	£6,250.00

11.5 14. Planning

Planning Applications

Bisley Ward

S.11.0623/TCA - The Old Mansion Far Wells Road Bisley GL6 7AQ - Trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce laurels to base crown lift on yew etc.

Decision: **Support**

S.11/0683/LBC - Pax Wells Road Bisley GL6 7AG - Loft Conversion - **Support**

11.5 15. Correspondence

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

Allotment Magazine

The Playing Fields Association Newsletter

11.5 16. **Ward Matters**

Bisley Ward

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

Eastcombe Ward

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

Oakridge Ward

May revels taking place this Saturday.

One resident has complained of number of bonfires, item will be placed in Ward Magazine.

Two applications have been received for use of Football ground, these are being considered but concerns about amount of work that will be taking place on Pavilion.

Allotments are looking good and it has been suggested that some photographs should be placed on the Parish website.

School management partnership between Oakridge and Bisley has been successful and has now been made permanent.

11.5 17. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday 1st June commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm hours.

**ANNEX A TO
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 2011**

May 2011 County Councillor's Report

Highways. A major programme of surface dressings is beginning as a preventative treatment to seal and protect roads against wear and tear and future bad weather. The Council will be treating 55 roads that are nearing the end of their life, but have not yet started to fail. Most of these are C roads in rural areas. These roads make up the majority of the county network. This dressing should extend the life of these roads by up to 10 years and cut maintenance costs. Badly damaged roads will be looked at as part of the resurfacing programme. So if residents see roads being treated which do not seem to be in such bad condition as some other roads, this is the "surface dressing programme" in progress.

Climate Change. Gloucestershire County council is aiming to reduce carbon emissions by 60% by 2021 through the new Carbon Management Programme (CMP). It is estimated that every 1% reduction made by the council will create savings of £100,000. The CMP outlines 80 individual projects for the next 10 years to make savings of £6m. The four main areas are, 1) Energy efficiency in council buildings, 2) Fleet and business travel, 3) Street lighting, bollards and traffic signals, 4) Energy efficiency in schools.

Wind and Solar Power. A task group of cross-party councillors has been looking at the use of renewable for the past year. Visits to existing projects have been made and the group have reported that renewable are the most sustainable route to take. Potential locations for these facilities have yet to be considered. It has been suggested that investing £25 million into projects could make the Council carbon neutral and generate an annual income of £5 million. Proposals will be developed and brought back to Cabinet later in the year.

Stroud, Merrywalks Bridge. It is hoped that this £1.8 million project will be completed in early summer. It should have been finished in November last year but problems of bad weather and unexpected complications with the Slad Brook have delayed the project. The delays have not incurred any extra cost to the Council. Once the bridge is open the traffic system will be reviewed to see if the Wallbridge diversion should be retained.