

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2011 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr P Thorp		Chairman
	Mr R Utley	}	Bisley Ward
	Lesley Greene	}	
	Mr R K Brooks	}	
	Mr J Ellis	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mrs V Nairn	}	
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	
	Mr D Hunt	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

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

Mrs L Hemmings Tree Warden ex officio

Three members of the Public

11.7 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Anna Bonallack, Mr G Newton and Mr P Bradley.

11.72. **Declaration of Interest**

There was no declaration of interests

11.73. **Public participation**

Members of the public raised the following questions.

a) Is all correspondence received by the Parish Council available to the public?

The Clerk agreed to seek advice on this matter and provide the answer at the August Parish Council meeting.

b) Are the minutes of the Energy meetings available to the public and has there been a meeting held since the last Parish meeting?

They were informed that all Energy Group minutes are placed on the Parish Council website. The Minutes of the meeting held in May 2011 were now available and Minutes of the June 2011 meeting were in preparation.

11.74 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st June were amended to remove Lesley Greene as an attendee and under item 11.6 9 f) change the reference to Chalford Parish Council AGM to APM. Having been circulated to all councillors the Minutes were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

11.75. Matters Arising

There were no 'Matters Arising' from the Minutes of the previous Meeting

11.76. District Council Matters

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

11.77. County Council Matters

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

11.78. Matters for Discussion

a) Winter Grit Supplies

Gloucestershire Highways have requested that Parish Councils take responsibility by storing winter grit supplies and treating areas not on the priority routes. There was some concern that existing salt bins would be removed and that more Parish Councillors would need to be involved to organise local gritting. County Councillor J Nash informed the meeting that Painswick Parish Council had formed a "Snow Group", volunteer parishioners provided with shovels and a hand gritter.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should accept the offer of a free hand gritter from Gloucestershire Highways and that the Wards should bring solutions to the next Parish meeting in August.

A new plough operator had offered his services to the Eastcombe Ward and it was agreed that the views of Gloucestershire Highways be sought on this matter.

b) Development Control Committee

Stroud District Council have announced that future planning applications would be computer based and that hard copies would only be issued if specifically requested. The views of Parish Councils have been requested regarding being able to speak

directly to the Development Control Committee. Councillors welcomed this opportunity.

Concerns were raised for Parishioners that do not have access to a computer and the possible poor quality of scanning.

District Councillor requested to inform Stroud District Council of these concerns.

It was agreed that a protocol of how to deal with Parishioners and Developers would need to be established. Councillor R Budgeon has agreed to draft such a document after discussing with other Ward planning representatives.

c) Bus routes

Result of passenger survey - Bisley 25 responses. There were no responses from Eastcombe and Oakridge

d) Housing and Employment Survey

It was agreed that the Housing and Employment Survey should take place and the Clerk was to inform Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to proceed.

e) Neighbourhood Warden

It was agreed to continue for the current year and to decide by November 2011 whether to commit to this service next year.

f) Big Tree Plant

Tree Warden reported that Defra had issued a Consultation Document – available to Public and Parish and would complete on behalf of Parish Council and submit for approval.

Two opportunities to apply for tree planting funds. Councillors were requested to submit ideas to where trees could be planted within the Parish.

Down to Earth – scheme to share fruit in exchange for tree maintenance.

Scheme available for planting hedgerows – Councillors requested to suggest ideas.

Report received from Ecoarborist on trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council – report to be reviewed.

Tree Warden requested to submit draft Terms of Reference, explaining her duties as she saw them, for consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Stroud District Council provides no official support for Tree Wardens, however support is available from Cotswold Council and it was agreed that any expenses incurred for such support would be considered by the Parish Council.

g) Waste Policy Review

Summary of Lesley Greene's waste report:

LG reported on two elements of Waste currently in progress complementing Cllr Joan Nash's reports on Gloucestershire's Waste Strategy due for examination and adoption November 2011 / March 2012, and one local issue:

- The Governments Review of Waste Policy
- SDC's proposals for waste collection
- Blocked drains in Bisley

1. The Government have just released their Review of Waste Policy in England 2011.

A long document but some items that will be of interest to our community include:

Section 75: Plans to create a Waste Prevention Fund – a fund for businesses , social enterprises, local authorities to undertake waste prevention activities

Section 114: "...barriers to participation removed so the Big Society can occur unhindered..."

Section 137: "...offer local communities a toolkit of best ideas, best practice,(etc) .to stimulate action...with awards.."

Section 147: Move towards assessing environmental impact of waste in terms of carbon not weight

Section 165: "...a growing role for civil society organisations in waste management.."

Section 193: Big section on food waste and eliminating this totally from the waste stream and ensure "...no food goes to landfill."

Anaerobic digestion is highlighted in the report and at the same time **the Anaerobic Digestion Strategy and Action Plan** was released that proposes opportunities for small/micro anaerobic digestion in communities.

There is a big emphasis on the 'Big Society' agenda but it is difficult to know what will in fact be delivered in practice and what practical and financial incentives will in fact find their way to small grass roots initiatives. The Bisley Community Composting Scheme will be watching closely!

2. Stroud District Council: Report from Meeting 5th April 2011

SDC is locked into a contract with Veolia until 2016 limiting affordable options to modernise and extend recycling. Their new approach they hope to start in 2012 is:

- Collect comingled recyclates to be sent to an MRF (Materials Recycling Facility) nr Evesham. All recyclable waste will be put into one wheelie bin making it easier for households and hopefully encouraging them to recycle more. Non -recyclables will go into the black plastic bag as before. Currently the County –District contract is flexible with regard to ownership of collected recyclates; however in theory the County could demand all waste goes to them at the end of the existing contracts. (to feed the proposed incineration project)
- Weekly food waste collection sent to Dymock or Sharpness for in vessel composting. Ideally this would go to the Anaerobic Digester proposed for Stratford Park but as above waste is the property of the County Council's contracted provider. Should this be imposed energy that could be derived from an AD locally was being lost. SDC did say that if a local parish/community wished to collect food for a micro AD they would be happy to work with and support them.

Current waste collection in SDC is 37000 tons municipal waste of which 9000 tons is recyclates. The rest goes to landfill. Aim to increase recyclates by 8% with new system, which, together with food waste collection will divert about 50% from landfill. The new system requires funding from landfill charges (GCC) - negotiations on going.

Stroud has always fared poorly in the waste statistics because Stroud's aim has always been to reduce the amount of waste in the first place and has one of the lowest rates of waste per head in the country.

Stroud has always believed in local solutions and, reluctant to support the 'grand solution' for waste, has withdrawn from the Gloucestershire Waste Partnership. Many at the meeting expressed concern about the County's Incineration proposal on the grounds that it will require all Gloucestershire's waste, plus more, to "feed" it 24/7 for the 30 year contract, thus undermining local initiatives. Stroud's historic approach has many synergies with the Government's Review of Waste Policy.

3. Blocked Drains in Bisley

Severn Trent were asked to clear a badly blocked drain in Bisley on 24 June. Severn Trent found nappy liners had totally blocked it. GCC is revising the wording on their website about 'flushing' away nappy liners, and we will write a piece in the Bisley News. Unfortunately companies describe nappy liners as 'flushable', but they can easily block drains, pipes or plumbing, especially if old or damaged.

Clearly there is still a lot of information work to be done ensuring householders know about how companies market products, and how to best deal with waste, and the impact it has.

Weblinks:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/06/14/pb13540-waste-review/>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/06/14/pb13541-anaerobic-digestion-strategy/>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/consumer/reward-scheme/>

11.79. Finance

Financial Statement

Receipts June 2011

Bank Interest	£ 3.29
Allotment Fees	£ 241.00
Tennis Court Fees	£ 300.00
Bisley Cricket Club	£ 100.00
GCC Wayleave	£ 1.00
Burial Fee	£ 100.00
Total Receipts	£ 745.29

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	<u>£</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ian Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley	112.50		112.50
T W Hawkins – Grass cutting	772.50	154.50	927.00
Bisley W I Village Hall – Hire	240.00		240.00
G C C – Road sign Bisley	29.62		29.62
Toshiba – Copier	2.13	0.43	2.56
GAPTC – Councillor Training	35.00		35.00
CPRE – Annual subscription	32.00		32.00
R Utley – Guttering brackets	6.34		6.34
SDC – Building Reg's Fee – Oak. Pav.	379.44		379.44

Ian Trueman – Grass cutting Eastcombe	141.00		141.00
P Bradley – Tree Protector	11.16		11.16
Clerk salary – June 2011	589.91		589.91
HMRC – Tax & NI	467.84		467.84
RBS Software Solutions	633.85	126.77	760.62
Oakridge Village Hall – Energy Group	16.60		16.60
Eastcombe Pavilion – Cleaning	300.00		300.00
Totals	3,769.89	281.70	4,051.59

Petty Cash Payments – June 2011 **£ 54.56**

Cash Balance as at 30 June 2011 **£ 37,943.27**

Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 June 2011 **£ 2,139.47**

Westbury Gift Balance as at 30 June 2011 **£ 10,000.00**

Parish Office Reserve as at 30 June 2011 **£ 17,000.00**

Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 June 2011 **£ 1,391.38**

Capital Projects Reserve as at 30 June 2011 **£ 9,250.00**

11.7 10. Planning

Bisley Ward

S.11/0841/HHOLD - The Malt House, Holloway Road, Bisley GL6 7AD - 1st floor extension, 2 storey extension to rear and external alterations - Support

S.11/0916/FUL – Grambler, Cheltenham Road, Bisley GL6 7BJ - Demolition of garage. Erection of house & replacement garage. Revised submission of previous permission – Support Comments: We still have concerns about the impact of additional vehicles on the Cheltenham Road that potentially will create increased dangers particularly for pedestrians

S.11/0841/HHOLD - The Malt House Holloway Road Bisley - 1st floor extension, 2-storey extension to rear & external - Support

Oakridge Ward

No: S.11/0871/VAR - Well Close, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud. GL6 7NS - Renewal of extant permission S.08/1216/FUL – Support - We see no reason not to approve the renewal of this extant permission.

Eastcombe Ward

S.11/0987/DISCONPP-01490946 20 - Gleann Fionn, Eastcombe G L6 7DN - DOC 2 from planning permission S.11/0252/FUL- Object The material proposed for the roofing of the building is in contravention with the guidelines in the VDS, adopted by SDC, and there are significantly more appropriate materials available. B1 - should respect traditional vernacular in terms of materials

S.11/1004/HHOLD28956 - Totteridge, Dr Crouch's Road, Eastcombe, Stroud, GL6 7EA - two storey extension. No observations

S.11/1058/HHOLD - The Old Bakehouse Eastcombe Stroud Glos GL67DN
Demolition of lean-to utility room, erection of single storey extension

Comments only - The design and access statement states the property is not in a conservation area. It is in fact well within the Eastcombe conservation area. It is also stated that Eastcombe is a 'hamlet'. It is in fact a village with a population in excess of 650. The statement makes no reference to energy efficiency standards as per the recommendation in the Village Design statement B5. We would like to see the proposed development built to high standards in this respect.

11.7 11. **Correspondence**

Rural Housing Alliance – Practical Guide for affordable Housing

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review

Waste Core Strategy – Proposed changes

11.7 12. **Ward Matters**

Bisley Ward

Two leaks at Allotment site – water being turned off while investigations take place. A large quantity of Planks (45-50) have been stolen from the Bisley Community Composting Scheme, reported to Police.

Eastcombe 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.

11.7 13. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd August commencing at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2011

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council July 011

Cabinet meeting on 16 June

- **StratfordPark Leisure Centre:** it was reported that a new contractor, Stroud Leisure Management, had been selected as the preferred bidder
- **Canal Project:** progress was reported on works at Capel's Mill, Marling School and Brimscombe Port
- **Woolaways houses:** work on replacing these houses at Minchinhampton, Leonard Stanley and Stroud is in progress

The District Council News for June includes information about two new services:

- **Fit to Rent Scheme:** this is a free service for landlords and tenants under which the Council certifies properties as in good condition for letting (Suzie Phelps 754449)
- **Safe at Home Scheme:** this is a county-wide project to provide home repairs/improvements for the old/disabled to stay in their homes (Jon Beckett 754443)

Stagecoach Office: the Merrywalks office of Stagecoach has been closed. National Express tickets are now available at the Subscription Rooms

Railway Services: it is reported that the doubling of the Kemble line will start in 2012/3.

Planning:

Woodlands Yard, Eastcombe
Charley's Barn, Nash End
Rose Cottage, Eastcombe

Daniel le Fleming
July 2011

**ANNEX B TO
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2011**

County Councillor's Report July 2011

Residual Waste Project at Javelin Park. The most important issue facing the County Council is moving to the selection of the preferred bidder. This project will deal with a significant part of Gloucestershire's residual waste, at present going to landfill, and also generate enough energy to power 28,000 homes. The selection of the preferred bidder will take place in November 2011 after both bidders have progressed with preparations for a planning application. Each bidder is expected to undertake community consultations on their project proposals.

A joint public exhibition will be held at Javelin Park on Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July when residents can review both proposals and speak to representatives of Gloucestershire County Council and both bidders.

A second public exhibition will be held later in the year to review final schemes and to see how local comments have been taken into account.

Highways. 55 roads have been treated to preventative surface dressing to help to prolong their lives. For three weeks from 4th July another 28 stretches of road will be treated, mostly in rural areas. This treatment should extend the life of the road for about another 10 years, and cut maintenance costs.

Community Plans. Some 17 community groups have business cases which look strong and able to proceed following the proposed closure of Library and Youth Service buildings. Painswick is in a particularly strong position as the Library building was not closed in the Library review, but as a safety measure before the other present proposals were made. Final Cabinet decision is expected during July.

Local Enterprise Partnership, (LEP) The County council has announced an extra £500,000 for boosting the County's economy. This is money received from the New Homes Bonus Scheme that is Council Tax money from new homes which was not in the previous years' budget. This money will help 5 schemes, including the delivery of superfast broadband in the County. The LEP will concentrate on three areas, 1) Investment, encouraging inward investment, 2) Connection, infrastructure and broadband, 3) Skills, working with schools to close the skills gap.

Safe at Home Scheme. A new service to help vulnerable people to stay in their own homes is launched in partnership with local company Mears. This service will help people referred by social services to Mears, to adapt kitchens and bathrooms and to make small changes to prevent trips and slips in the home. Advice will also be given on grants and funding available to help pay for the work. Information on the scheme can be obtained from www.yourcircl.org.uk or by phone on Safe at Home, 0800 0323 139.

Road Safety . CRASH cards. This scheme is for motorcyclists encouraging them to carry a card within their helmet and displaying a green dot on the right hand side of the helmet to indicate the carrying of the card. In the event of an accident, paramedics can find the card and see personal details of the injured motor cyclist. Cards are available to order from www.roadsafetygloucestershire.org.uk/motorcycling or can be picked up at motorcycling events through the summer.

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