



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011  
AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr P Thorp		Chairman
	Mr P Bradley	}	
	Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
	Mr R Utley	}	
	Mr R K Brooks	}	
	Mrs V Nairn	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	
	Mr D Hunt	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr G Newton	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

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

Three members of the Public also attended.

**11.91. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Ellis and Anna Bonallack

**11.92. Declaration of Interests**

Mr R Utley declared an interest in item 10 – receipt of cheque as reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of Bisley Ward.  
Lesley Greene declared an interest in payment of cheque to Mr A Evans.

**11.9 3. Co-option of a Parish Councillor**

Oakridge Ward has been operating with only three Councillors from its complement of four. Mr R Budgeon proposed that Mr Michael Bell be co-opted as a Councillor to Oakridge Ward. Mr G Newton seconded this proposal and Michael Bell's co-option was carried unanimously. The Chairman warmly welcomed Michael Bell to the Parish Council.

**11.94. Public Participation**

**Q.** Can the Public view correspondence received by the Parish Council from the SOS?

**A.** Yes, by appointment at the Parish Office .

**Q.** Explain how new members are elected to Parish Council outside of ‘Standard Elections’?

**A.** Persons can be co-opted if they have an interest to become a Councillor.

**Q.** When will new Government Planning regulations come into force?

**A.** Government has stated that the new regulations can be applied now.

**Q.** Are hand operated gritting machines available?

**A.** Will be supplied by Gloucestershire Highways.

**Q.** What is happening regarding planning review for Tunley?

**A.** Not going ahead.

**Q.** Can members of the Public view letter from Parishioners regarding house at Tunley?

**A.** Available to view at Parish Office by prior appointment.

**Q.** What route is open for the Public to view Planning Applications?

**A.** Contact Stroud District Council Planning Dept., view their website or the Parish Council website. Alternatively, contact the Parish Clerk.

#### 11.95. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 August had been circulated to all councillors. An amendment was required to change “member’s to members” in para 11.89 e of the Minutes. Subject to this manuscript change, the Minutes were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

#### 11.96. **Matters Arising**

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

#### 11.97. **District Council Matters**

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

#### 11.98. **County Council Matters**

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

#### 11.99. **Matters for Discussion**

**a) Proposal to empower Local Councils to seek new planning guidelines for major developers.**

Planning Councillors reported that they support this but would recommend further discussions after final draft.

**b) Adoption of Stancombe Triangle**

Proposal to adopt after further consultation following copy of licence from Gloucestershire Highways.

**C) Tree Warden**

A Proposal to accept an amended Terms of Reference for the Tree Warden was carried.

**d) Housing and Employment Survey**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Gloucestershire Rural Community Council had informed him that the cost of postage would now be 44p per envelope due to the additional pages added to the survey.

Councillors agreed that this additional cost (18p per envelope) was not justifiable and arrangements would be made to hand deliver, except in the outlying areas.

**e) Parish Precept**

The Clerk advised the meeting that it was timely to commence assessment of the Parish Precept requirement for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Wards were asked to prepare initial proposals before the next PC meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011. These would be then studied at a meeting of the Finance and Management Sub-Committee later in the month and discussed at the PC Meeting on 2nd November 2011, prior to submission of the final assessment to District Council in December.

**f) Diamond Jubilee**

All three Wards indicated that they were planning their own celebrations.

**g) Annual Audit**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit of Parish Accounts was now complete and had been signed off by both the Internal and External Auditors.

#### **h) SNJ – Proposed move to Tetbury**

Councillors agreed that a letter expressing disappointed at the proposed move should be written and submitted for approval at October Parish Meeting.

#### **i) European Covenant of Mayors**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would sign up to this treaty.

### 11.910. **Finance**

#### **Financial Statement**

#### **Receipts August 2011**

Bank Interest	£ 2.80
Donations	£475.00
Tennis Court Fees	£ 15.00

**Total Receipts** **£492.80**

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

	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
BT – Telephone – Admin	78.92	15.78	94.70
Mole's Services – Maint. Tennis Court	150.00	30.00	180.00
Mole's Maint. – Oakridge Burial Ground	300.00	60.00	360.00
T Bryant – Service Mower – Oakridge	93.00		93.00
T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting	772.50	154.50	927.00
Moore Stephens – External Auditors	400.00	80.00	480.00
L Hemming – Tree Warden - RFS Fees	25.00		25.00
SDC – Supply Litter Bin Eastcombe	290.00	58.00	348.00
SDC – Dog Bin Service Bisley	70.92	14.18	85.10
Alan Evans – Bisley War Memorial Survey	100.00	20.00	120.00
Consortium – Ink Cartridges	37.55	7.51	45.06
R Utley – Play Area Maintenance	51.02	7.61	58.63
Npower – Bisley Pavilion	57.58	2.88	60.46
Clerk's salary – August 2011	886.91		886.91
HMRC Tax & NI	170.84		170.84
D Richards – Grass Cutting -Bisley	90.00		90.00
K Knight – Play Area – Windyridge	15.00		15.00

Huck Nets (UK) Ltd – Pavilion Clock Oakridge	487.00	97.40	584.40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,076.24</b>	<b>547.86</b>	<b>4,624.10</b>

**Petty Cash Payments – August 2011** **£63.03**

**Cash Balance as at 31 August 2011** **£29,679.95**

**Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 31 August 2011** **£2,139.65**

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

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

**Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 31 August 2011** **£1,266.38**

**Capital Projects Reserve as at 31 August 2011** **£9,250.00**

## 11.9 11. Planning

### Planning Applications

#### Eastcombe

**S.11/1266/hhold** - 1 Cotswold Cottages GL6 7DN - single storey extension - **Comments only.** - It is a shame to lose the original stone mullion window and attractive view of building from the road, and to compromise the living room space, considering that there is an alternative solution - to build along the existing kitchen extension - providing a porch and potentially larger extra living space.

#### Bisley

**S.11/1250/FUL** - Land at Van der Breen Street Bisley - Full Planning Permission, Erection of Two dwellings. **Comments only.** We commented on the outline application with regard to the impact of more traffic on Van der Breen Street, particularly the danger to pedestrians re access to the main road - we would like to see enhanced pavement / or similar to support traffic calming as a condition on this application.

There is no indication in the plans of any energy efficiency technologies, and in line with Bisley Parish Council's sustainability policy we hope that the applicant will address these

**S.11/1638.TCA** - Overcourt Cottage School Road Bisley GL6 7BE - 4 Beech Trees: thin crowns by 10-15%, removal of dead wood – **Support** Reasons / Comments: Supported by Bisley Tree Warden

**S.11/1383/LBC** - Lypiatt Park, Bisley Road, Bisley Gloucestershire GL67LL - Fit 2 arrays of solar panels on self- supporting frames on top flat roof. Also 2 arrays

of PV in walled garden and another solar on shed roof. **Support.** Reasons / Comments: In our opinion none of the panels affect the historic character of the building; and its setting; those on the house are located below the roof parapet and will not be visible

**S.11/1344/HHOLD** - Lypiatt Park, Bisley Road, Bisley. Gloucestershire GL6 711 - Description: Fitting 2 arrays of solar panels on self-supporting frames on flat roof. Fitting two arrays PV cells in walled garden & solar panels on shed roof. -

**Support**

**S.11/1319/FUL** - Jones Slad Farm, Bisley. GL6 7AW - Description: Demolition of semi-detached building, change of use to enable relocation of accommodation, construction of extension on retained semi-detached building. - **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: Whilst welcoming the refurbishment and enhancement of Jones Slad Farm, and the conversion of the outbuildings to relocate accommodation, we do have concerns in relation to the construction of extensions on the retained semi-detached original building as follows:

We consider that the scale (SDC Policy NE8 (1)) and in particular the raised height of the new development will be unsympathetic to the AONB mainly because the development does not reflect the historic character of the original or other local buildings and how they sit in the landscape.

We consider that the design quality (NE8 (2)) of the new development is pastiche ('Georgian'). We consider that it does not address the architectural characteristics of the local area and the tradition of buildings that have been designed or evolved over time in this landscape: furthermore the new development does not respect the local vernacular in terms of proportion, scale, height (Bisley Village Design Statement (VDS B1 and B2)), and is not in keeping with the scale and character of the dwelling to be extended (SDC Policy HN16 (2)). The Bisley Village Design Statement, whilst acknowledging and indeed welcoming change, considers buildings should ideally either respect the quality of design that is exemplified in the Arts and Crafts refurbishments / new build in the area; alternatively is a high quality architecture of imaginative and original design (VDS B4) responding in a contemporary way to the AONB, and making a positive contribution to the 21st century 'heritage' of the AONB.

We have concerns that this application appears not to include any energy efficient systems to help combat climate change. The Bisley VDS B4 and B5 expect that all conversions and new developments integrate the highest standards of energy efficiency and install appropriate technologies.

Finally we expect that if the application is permitted, that an ecological assessment is carried out in respect of SDC policies NE4, NE5 and NE6, and Bisley VDS L1, L2 and L5, and that all approved conversion and development makes a positive contribution to the enhancement of wildlife, wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors.

## **Oakridge**

**S.11/1444/FUL** - The Frith, Far Oakridge, Stroud GL6 7PG - Retrospective planning application for change of use from agricultural to domestic. - **Support**

**S.11/1581/HHOLD - :** Kenelm Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7N  
- Single storey extension and loft conversion of existing bungalow. Erection of garage/carport. - **Support**

Whilst we appreciate that this development means the loss of a smaller house in the village, the proposal improves the appearance of the house and we would hope by virtue of the later Building Regulations the energy performance will also be improved. Within the village a few single storey houses have been developed into 2 storeys. The plot is easily large enough to accept a larger dwelling. The development on this site will not have any great effect on the dwellings around it or their views.

11.912.        **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence received during the past month were available for inspection by Councilors:

Clerks and Councils Direct  
SDC News  
Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report  
Gloucestershire Chest Fund Ltd.

11.913.        **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

Additional cost of £400 required to complete restoration of play equipment in Van Der Breen Street. This was approved.

b) **EastcombeWard**

Resurfacing of road from A419 through village completed on schedule.

Work has commenced to repair slippage to road surface in Wells Road

c) **Oakridge Ward**

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

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

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.



**ANNEX A TO**

**PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES September 2011**

**District Councillor's Report to Parish Council September 011**

**Thomas Keble Sports Centre**

The Review of Joint Use Sites will be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 8 September, when the recommendation is to continue as now, with a further review after 12 months.

**Planning Scheme of Delegation and Public Speaking**

At the same meeting The Cabinet will be recommending ratification of the present arrangements and (subject to that) the introduction of a public speaking scheme.

**Car parks**

A consultation is in progress relating to car parking charges across the District.

Daniel le Fleming  
Sept 011

## **ANNEX B TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2011**

#### **County Councillor's Report September 2011**

**Transports** Following the consultation on bus services 2,811 questionnaires were returned and 44 responses received from Parish Councils. New contracts have been proposed on 74 routes these will save £700,00 by the operator agreeing to reduce prices or by the merging of some routes. Following the comments from residents , 41 services are having a second consideration. The Council has been spending some £5 million every year on public transport subsidies and as many services were underused , it was aimed to make savings of £2 million. One service was running for just two passengers a week at a cost of £42.06 for the return journey, and another was costing £ 17.12 for each return journey.

Following on from the bus review, Community Transport is receiving help. £340,000 cash fund has been identified to help Community Transport Providers operate services, this has helped to secure £220,000 of social enterprise funding for the County. Bus passes will now be accepted on all timetabled community transport routes that replace withdrawn bus service.

**Rail.** Swindon to Kemble. The redoubling of the line is scheduled to begin next year and the Minister for Railways has confirmed that the line will accommodate speeds of 110 mph rather than the previous planned 100 mph.

**Care Homes.** There has been some concern amongst elderly residents and their families about the problems at Southern Cross Care. The company runs six homes in the County with 335 residents, 132 funded by the County Council. The residents are continuing to receive good quality care and the problems with the ownership of the homes should be resolved in the autumn. The County Council social care team will continue to monitor the wellbeing of our residents.

**School Meals.** Good news! There is an increase of 21% of children taking a school meal in the County. More than 9000 children are eating a school meal every day in the county. Parents of children who qualify for a free school are being encouraged to apply. The Government has promised £430 to the school for each child who has a free school meal. This money can be spent as the school wishes, but Headteachers will be encouraged to spend it on reducing class sizes, or on one-to-one tuition.

Joan I Nash      Holcombe Farm,      Painswick      813104