

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER 2011
AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr P Thorp Chairman
Lesley Greene }
Mr R Utley } Bisley Ward
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.

11.10 1.

Apologies for Absence

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

11.10 2.

Declaration of Interests

Mr R Utley declared an interest in item 9 – receipt of cheque as
reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of Bisley Ward.

11.10 3.

Public Participation

Q. Does the Clerk have access to a Printer, Scanner and Copier?

A. Yes.

Q. What's happening regarding Tunley Post Box?

A. On Agenda under Matters for Discussion.

11.10 4.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 September having
been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and
the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

11.10 5.

Matters Arising

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Housing and Employment Survey documents were received last week and were ready for distributing.

11.10 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.

11.10 7.

County Council Matters

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

11.10 8.

Matters for Discussion

a) European Covenant of Mayors

Brought back to meeting after required paperwork to apply for membership arrived, indicating in more detail what would be involved. Concern was raised regarding the amount of paperwork involved and some Councillors thought that it is more suitable for larger Councils. After considerable debate it was carried by a majority to continue with the application.

b) Adoption of Stancombe Triangle

Having received the application form for the licence to adopt the Stancombe Triangle, it was felt that Gloucestershire Highways' requirements were too onerous, it was decided not to proceed.

c) Tunley Post Box

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received further correspondence from Royal Mail reiterating what was stated in their previous correspondence. Having raised several alternative objections, Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Royal Mail once more.

d) Parish Precept

The Clerk reported that two Wards had finalised their submission for the next financial years Precept. Oakridge would do so after their Ward meeting the following week.

e) Diamond Jubilee

It was agreed that each Ward would make their own decisions on how they intend to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee next year.

f) Borders Broadband

Councillor Roger Utleby presented a report following his attendance at a meeting outlining the project to improve Broadband provision in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. A copy of these notes is at Annex C to these minutes.

g) Bisley Pavilion – Report on Progress

The Pavilion Working Group informed the meeting there are grants available from the Gloucestershire Environmental Trust (GET) to install Photo Voltaic Panels on suitable buildings.

The Energy Group recommended that applications for grants to install these panels on the Bisley and Oakridge Pavilion roofs should be submitted. Councillors representing Eastcombe Ward enquired if it was possible to apply for panels for the Eastcombe Pavilion. A proposal was made and carried that Councillor P Thorp should request three sets of application papers and bring to next month's Parish Council Meeting.

h) Energy Group

The Parish Council had received a letter addressed to the Chairman from the Save our Skyline group which required a response and Councillors had been informed of the contents of this letter. The Chairman provided a copy of his response and this was approved by the members present.

Minutes of the Energy Group meeting were presented to Councillors.

Councillors wished to congratulate the Energy Group on its progress and openness.

i) Village Agent

As a result of correspondence from the assigned Village Agent it was agreed to invite her to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

11.10 9.

Finance

Financial Statement

Receipts September 2011

Bank Interest	£ 2.81
Allotment Fees	£235.00
Tennis Court Fees	£135.00

Total Receipts **£372.81**

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	£	VAT	Total
Wicksteed – Bisley Play Areas	50.35	10.07	60.42
T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting	772.50	154.50	927.00
Smiths – Oakridge Pavilion	1,067.00	213.40	1,280.40
Glos. Playing Field Association	50.00		50.00
I Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley Allot's.	120.00		120.00
I Trueman – Strimming – Eastcombe	546.00		546.00
Eastcombe Pavilion	500.00		500.00
D W Robbins – Oakridge Pavilion	5,000.00		5,000.00
T Bryant – Grass cutting – Oakridge	230.00		230.00
R Utley – Play Area Maint. – Bisley	19.43	0.37	19.80
Clerks salary – September 2011	886.91		886.91
HMRC – Tax & NI	213.04		213.04
Totals	9,455.23	378.34	9,833.57

Petty Cash Payments – September 2011 **£57.64**

Cash Balance as at 30 September 2011 **£53,144.57**

Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 September 2011 **£2,139.74**

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

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

Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 September 2011 **£1,266.38**

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

11.10 10.

Planning

Planning Applications

Bisley

S.11/1668/TCA - 2 Fir Tree Cottages, Cheltenham Road, Bisley GL6 7BL -
Description: Felling of 7 conifers in garden to remodel garden - **Support**

S.11/1568/HHOLD - 69 Windyridge, Bisley GL67DA - Erection of first floor extension above existing garage - **Comments only** - Reasons / Comments: The District Council approved the high density of the original application and lack of open play space, to which the Parish Council vigorously objected. Although we can see no reason to object to this application these issues will continue to cause problems for the residents of Windyridge - for growing families and for neighbours

S.11/1573/HHOLD - The Firs Far Wells Road Bisley GL67AQ - Loft Conversion including installation of flat leaded roof extension to hidden rear roof valley.
Support

S.11/1855/TCA - Jaynes Court, Back Lane Bisley, GL6 7BG - Trees in a conservation area - Fell 2 dead chestnuts and 1 dead elm, crown clean to robinia and reduce crown due to fallen chestnut branch – **Support**

S.11/1640/HHOLD - Avenis Farm Bournes Green, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NL -Standalone solar array – **Support** - Reasons / Comments: Our policy is to support renewable and energy efficiency measures to lower the carbon emissions from the building. The PV system is sited so it is not visible from any public highway. It cannot be seen in the same vista as the house and the main outbuildings from the main approach.

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Correspondence

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

Royal Horticultural Society – Invitation to join ‘Britain in Bloom’
Gloucestershire Rural Community Council – Invitation to attend AGM
Campaign to Protect Rural Britain
Boundary Commission
The Cotswold Lion
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
GAPTC – Annual Report
GCC – Waste Core Strategy

Gloucestershire Constabulary
- Damage to Bisley War Memorial Fence – No further action
The Planning Inspectorate
- Public Footpath diversion MBL 122 Bisley

11.1012. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

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

b) **EastcombeWard**

Repair to Wells Road completed.

c) **Oakridge Ward**

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

11.1013. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **2nd November** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

ANNEX A TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES October 2011

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council October 011

Housing requirements

The figure of 9350 new houses has now been agreed by Council for consultation purposes. The next stage is to decide where these are to be located and preparations for a further consultation on this are being made.

Planning Scheme of Delegation

The revised scheme has been agreed, including the new arrangements for public speaking. In view of the new right for the Parish Council representative to speak at the DCC meeting, it will no longer be possible for the Parish Council representative to speak at site meetings.

Councillor R Budgeon raised the following concern -

"The issue is about being able to illustrate and point out, whilst on site, the salient points and issues that are site specific, this is much easier and less time consuming than trying to do this in a completely remote meeting chamber.

An example is where a site can be overlooked from, how far away etc. Points can take seconds to bring up, and visually understood whilst on site.

I have no problem with being asked to speak, rather than just have an assumption that we are allowed to speak, as long as the "local view" can be given whilst on site."

Youth provision

At the recent Cabinet meeting on 8 September the details of the arrangements for the distribution of £50,000 received from the County Council for youth services were announced.

Canal Restoration

At the Cabinet meeting an update on progress was given including the tendering process for the Brimscombe Port development.

Expanding Use of Renewable Energy/New Build Programme of Council Housing

A report was made to the Cabinet meeting on 22 September on proposals:

- for using Feed in Tariffs to fund improvements in the efficiency of council homes
 - and protect tenants from fuel poverty
- for new build housing using renewable energy/energy efficiency schemes.

Daniel le Fleming

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ANNEX B TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 2011

County Councillor's Report October 2011

Broadband in rural areas. The Borders Broadband Project will introduce improved broadband from next year, starting with the Forest of Dean and then extending into Stroud, Cotswolds and Tewkesbury Districts. It is managed by GFirst, Glos County Council, Hereford County Council and Broadband Delivery UK. A major survey will be carried out amongst residents and businesses to provide detailed evidence of demand for better rural broadband. Local "broadband champion" volunteers are being recruited to spread the word about the project's progress and highlight the benefits of high speed broadband. To become a broadband champion for your community contact Chris Cowcher at Gloucestershire Rural Community council. ChristopherC@grcc.org.uk

Tobacco Machines. GCC Trading Standards have been raising awareness amongst businesses and residents about the new rules which came into effect on 1st October to end tobacco vending machines. It is now illegal to sell from the machines. Premises which had vending machines can still sell tobacco, but only by a member of staff. This should help to stop under 18 year olds from buying tobacco. Any premises with a machine still in operation after 1st October could face a fine of up to £2500. More information on www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/glos or phone 01452 426201

Free early education pilot scheme. More than 480 two year olds will benefit from this scheme during the course of a year. Gloucestershire successfully applied to the Dept. of Education to be part of a national pilot to trial new approaches to free early education for vulnerable two year olds. This is in preparation for the national scheme in 2013.

Fire Safety for Students. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue took part in the University Fresher's Fayre in September to make students aware of the dangers of fire. Students leaving home for the first time tend to take risks with such activities as cooking (chips!), candles and cigarettes. This was a good opportunity for the Fire and Rescue Service to make contact with students in a relaxed manner.

Helping to tackle crime. Gloucestershire Youth Support Service is looking for volunteers to join youth offender panels. The panels comprise of two volunteers and a member of the Youth Support Service. The panel meets with the young person and their parents or carers to talk about the reasons for the offending behaviour and to agree a contract aimed at putting things right. The victim of the crime is encouraged to attend the panel to explain how they were affected. Volunteers will be over 18 years old and have to undergo a CRB check. There will be six days training. Travel expenses will be paid for training and attending

Panels. For more information contact caroline.ellerton@gloucestershire.gov.uk
or phone 01684 298291.

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ANNEX C TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 2011

Borders Broadband

- Pilot programme to improving broadband provision by attracting investment and stimulating the market in Herefordshire & Gloucestershire. Partners: Herefordshire CC, Gloucestershire CC, Department of Culture Media and Sport, Gloucestershire First.

Objectives

- Improve access to a service with a minimum of 2Mb/s (*Translation: the minimum usable broadband service*) by end of 2015
- Improve access to a service of 30Mb/s + (*Translation: the level of service that is reckoned to be necessary to cope with future demand*) by end of 2018
- Ensure services are 'future proof' i.e. have capacity for growth and changes in use
- Open access – must be available to all who wish to use infrastructure
- Competitive and consistent prices

Finance

- Total Govt funding £530M
- But only some of this allocated to Borders Broadband – the rest must come from commercial backers

The Catch

- To encourage the commercial backers we must prove there is sufficient demand in the thinly-populated rural areas to make it worth their while to put in the necessary infrastructure.

Parish Councils

- Demand Stimulation Activities - to help prove to broadband infrastructure providers of the business case for investing in provision in our localities
- Household Survey/Business Survey
- Recruitment of local broadband Champions in parishes/towns – distribute survey forms, whip up local support