

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER 201
AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utleby	Chairman
	Mr P Bradley	} Bisley Ward
	Lesley Greene	
	Mr P Thorp	
	Mr R K Brooks	} Eastcombe Ward
	Mrs V Nairn	
	Anna Bonallack	
	Mr J Ellis	
	Mr R N Budgeon	} Oakridge Ward
	Mr G Newton	
	Mr D Hunt	
	Mr M Bell	
	Mr P M Morris	Clerk

In attendance:

District Councillor Mr D le Fleming.
County Councillor Mrs J Nash
Four members of the Public also attended.

- 11.12 1 **Presentation by Village Agent Qing Lin-Vines**
Qing Lin-Vines explained that Village Agents are funded by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council – they provide older people in rural communities with easier access to information and services. They work on a referral basis only and do not cold call. Contact details will be placed on the Parish website, notice boards and Village Newsletters.
- 11.122. **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies for absence.
- 11.123. **Declaration of Interests**
Mr R Utleby and Mr B Brooks declared an interest in item 10 - receipt of cheque as reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of Bisley Ward.
Mr R Budgeon, Mr P Thorp and Mr D Hunt declared an interest in items 9f And 9g – PV Panels.

11. 124. **Public Participation**
There was no participation by members of the public attending the Meeting.
- 11.125. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
- 11.126. **Matters Arising**
Mr R Budgeon had yet to provide format of letter to SDC Planning Department explaining concerns on Parish Planning Representative not being invited to site meetings.
Chairman explained that the application to enrol as a member of the Covenant of Mayors was work in progress due to its complexity.
- 11.127. **District Council Matters**
A copy of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming's report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes.
- 11.128. **County Council Matters**
A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.
- 11.129. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) Dog Fouling**
It was agreed that the Council should respond formally to the SDC Consultation on Dog Control Orders. This is attached as Annex D to these Minutes.
- b) Waterlane Grazing Agreement**
It was agreed to amend the current agreement so as to allow a second pony to be permitted to graze on this land, on condition that a suitable fence be erected at the cost of leaseholder.
- C) Sports Relief 2012 – Fun Run**
It was agreed to forward invitation to local schools.
- d) Council Processes**
Proposals to formalise Agenda content and a timetable for completion dates were approved by the meeting.
- e) Bisley Community Energy Project (BiCEP)**
The Minutes were presented to the meeting and no points were raised. Copy of Minutes to be placed on Parish website.

f) PV Panels on Pavilions

It was agreed to apply for grant and renegotiate with contractors regarding possible cancellation of project depending on value of grant received.

g) PV Panels – Award contract

This item deferred to January 2012 meeting.

11.1210. **Finance**

Financial Statement

Receipts November 2011

Bank Interest	£	3.27
GCC - 50% contribution of school triangle road markings in Bisley	£	370.00
Tennis Court Fees	£	15.00
VAT refund	£	2,037.18

Total Receipts **£ 2,795.45**

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	£	VAT	Total
Chalford Parish Council – Strim verges Eastcombe	24.00		24.00
GRCC – Annual subscription Admin	25.00		25.00
BT – Admin Telephone	75.51	15.10	90.61
R Brooks – Eastcombe Noticeboard	8.18		8.18
Mole’s Services –Oakridge Burial Ground	300.00	60.00	360.00
Npower – Bisley Pavilion	61.17	1.13	62.30
Clerk’s salary – November 2011	887.11		887.11
HMRC – Tax & NI	170.64		170.64
R Utley – Misc. items	25.88		25.88
D Magee – Repair Grit Bin - Oakridge	35.00		35.00
Toshiba – Copier Admin	2.55	0.51	3.06
I Trueman - Hedge trimming - Eastcombe	75.00		75.00
D Richards – Grass cutting Bisley	126.00		126.00
Totals	1,816.04	76.74	1,892.78

Petty Cash Payments – November 2011 **£69.08**

Cash Balance as at 30 November 2011 **£41,932.76**

Bisley Lock-up Balance as at 30 November 2011	£2,139.92
Westbury Gift Balance as at 30 November 2011	£10,000.00
Parish Office Reserve as at 30 November 2011	£17,000.00
Bisley Pavilion Reserve as at 30 November 2011	£1,266.38
Capital Projects Reserve as at 30 November 2011	£9,250.00

11.12 11. **Planning**

Planning Applications

Oakridge

S.11/2169/HHOLD - St Francis Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NZ - New detached garage and store - Support

S.11/2240/HHOLD – Lynswill, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire. GL6 7NZ - Raise the ridge height to provide first floor accommodation. Erection of single storey extension and provision of a parking area for two cars - Object

Eastcombe

S.11/2233/TCA - Orchard Cottage, Eastcombe. GL6 7ED - Reduce size of Cotoneaster and fell Walnut tree - No observations

The Parish Planning committee has formed a response to the proposed development at Woodlands Yard Eastcombe and this has been added as Annex C to these Minutes.

11.1212. **Correspondence**

Fire Service Risk Management Plan
Allotment Newsletter
CPRE Newsletter

11.1213. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

The Woodland Trust had awarded a collection of trees for planting to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

b) **Eastcombe Ward**

Anna Bonallack resigned her position on the Parish Council having moved out of the Parish. The chairman thanked her for all the work she had done, particularly regarding planning issues and wished her well for the future.

A vacancy notice has been placed on the website and on notice boards in the Eastcombe Ward.

Regret was expressed by Councillor L Greene “that the culture of Parish Councils, and the nature of its requirements, means that younger women, especially those with family responsibilities, find commitment difficult, and that this should be of concern in relation to the breadth and quality of community representation”.

c) **Oakridge Ward**

Confirmation that the Tunley Post Box has been reinstated.

11.1214. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **4th January 2012** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

ANNEX A TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES December 2011

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council December 011

Planning – the Core Strategy

The main item of council business has been the adoption of the new consultation draft of the core strategy on the location of the additional 3000 houses required by 2026. Some changes have been made to the original draft but none of these are major. The importance of encouraging new employment in the district is emphasised. A further consultation period now follows.

Help for First-time Buyers

The District Council is developing a scheme for assisting first-time buyers by the Council acting as guarantor, meaning that only 5% deposit will be required instead of 10%. The scheme will go to Cabinet on 15 December.

Javelin Park Incinerator proposal

At its meeting on 24 Nov the Council voted unanimously to request the County Council to re-consider this proposal and review cheaper and cleaner alternatives instead.

Energy Strategy for Council

This new strategy for Council-owned properties was approved at the November Cabinet, and details are set out in the minutes of that meeting. The overall aim is to relieve fuel poverty and maximise carbon reduction. Funds will be applied as they become available, eg receipts from FIT payments.

Forward Policy

The latest list of forthcoming items in the Forward Plan include proposals for a new waste scheme which will include kerbside collection of all plastics and cardboard. A decision is also due to be made on car parking arrangements and charges throughout the District following the recent consultation.

Customer satisfaction survey

The Council is pleased to find the latest customer satisfaction poll showing a rise in 'satisfaction' scores from 53 to 76%; the 'value-for-money' figure up from 49 to 61%; and the business satisfaction level from 53 to 59% - a good result perhaps against a background of big pressure on funds, shared services and reduction in staff numbers.

Daniel le Fleming
Dec 2011

ANNEX B TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 2011

December 2011 County Councillor's Report.

Residual Waste Project. The consultation days in November were well attended at Javelin Park site. The two bidders are now asked to progress with preparations for a planning application, which would be submitted in the event of being selected to provide the facility. The selection of the preferred bidder is expected to take place towards the end of the year.

Finance. Budget setting for next year is in preparation. Consultation days took place across the County in November with invitations to Community Groups and Organisations. General consultation takes place in December and background documents are available on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/budget2012.

Icelandic money. The Council will be able to recover approx.. £10 million of the £12 million invested.

Libraries. Following the High Court decision, the mobile library has to be reinstated and opening hours reversed at some Libraries. However it is hoped that a new decision can be taken soon so that Community Groups can proceed with their plans to run their Libraries and help their Communities.

Registration Service. A new "Tell us once" service will be operating soon. This means that when registering a death, relatives can opt for other agencies to be notified as well. These include, Dept. for Work and Pensions, Jobcentre Plus, Pension, Disability and Carers Service, HM Customs and Revenue, Passport Service, DVLA, Libraries, Council Tax, Blue Badges, Electoral Registration. Hopefully this will remove unnecessary phone calls and take pressure from relatives at a difficult time.

Copies of Birth, Marriage and Deaths Certificates can now be ordered online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/registration. Full copies will cost £9 and be dispatched within five working days, express copies issued within 24 hours will cost £30. Copies can still be ordered by telephone 01242 532455 or by post from Gloucestershire Archives, Alvin Street, Gloucester.

Keeping People in their Own Homes. Two schemes are running, **1)** Warm and Well to improve saving energy and provide insulation to houses. Those people receiving benefits, on low income or over 70 years old may receive free services. Others will receive an approx..75% savings on cost of loft or cavity wall insulation. Advice available on 0800 512 012. **2)** Safe at Home Service run by Mears will provide changes such as hand rails or making garden paths and steps safe, contact number 0800 0323139.

Joan I Nash Holcombe Farm, Painswick 813104

ANNEX C TO

Parish Council Minutes December 2011

The Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council Planning Committee met on 23.11.11 to discuss the latest plans for Woodlands Yard, pending alterations to the current planning application.

Overview

We do not in essence object to this potential development in principle as we see that there is a housing need in the area, but this need is very much for affordable housing, for first time buyers and, as the population census for the area demonstrates, particularly the 74-80 age range. We do not object to the aesthetic design of the buildings, but hope that the design in terms of energy efficiency and sustainability will be improved. We are pleased to see improvements in regards to provision of open space but would like to see more land dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles.

We are concerned about traffic impact on the area and use of the limited space within the development for cars. We are very concerned about the precedent that might be set for development outside a settlement boundary.

We have decided to submit comments only and a number of proposals for conditions to be attached to the application should it be accepted.

Comments

- There are significant concerns in Bisley Parish about the increase in traffic flow through the village of Bisley where there are already negative impacts on the quality of life due to vehicles passing by houses adjacent to the road at high speeds.

- Residents of Brockley Acres are concerned that their homes will be overlooked by the 2 story houses adjacent to the north border of the site.

- The development exceeds the village envelope in a sensitive AONB area, specifically opposed in the Village Design Statement.

Recommendations for conditions

- If permission is granted that the village settlement boundary will be re-drawn in order to protect future encroachment in to the AONB and that this application should not set a precedent for further development outside settlement boundaries in this or any other parish in the District.

- Construction traffic should be restricted to certain hours during the week in order to reduce the potential congestion from all directions during rush hour to reduce the danger to young people going to and from Thomas Keble School during the hours of 8-9am and 3-4pm when there are already significant problems in regards to road safety.

- That the developers will donate, as part of the Section 106 agreement, two 1/2 bedroom houses to a Housing Association, specifically for elderly people: referrals to be managed by the Parish Council. This is over and above the quota for affordable housing as designated.

- That the design be altered on the South West boundary, by moving plots 1 and 2 to the North West corner and removing the visitor parking bays. This new open space should be designed to accommodate a central rubbish/recycling site, 4 allotments and a play area. This will also serve to improve the roadside profile.
- That the roads are narrowed and that the overall number of parking bays are reduced.
- That any potential access to adjacent land be completely removed by repositioning buildings.
- That the energy efficiency of the new homes is designed over and above statutory levels to include solar and photo voltaic panels as standard.

Please advise on the following:

- How will the District Council ensure that if this development is permitted that it will not be held as a precedent for development outside a settlement boundary?
- What is the quota of affordable housing required for this development?

ANNEX D TO

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SDC CONSULTATION ON DOG CONTROL ORDERS APPROVED RESPONSE BY PARISH COUNCIL

Support in principle. Dog fouling a particular problem on some footpaths in the Parish.

Welcome the recognition that the majority of dog owners are responsible and that they need to have somewhere their dogs can be properly exercised.

But serious reservations about enforcement, which relies on the presence of an authorised Council Officer. We have no illusions about how often an authorised Council Officer is likely to be present in one of the rural parishes and are concerned that - in reality - lack of consistent enforcement will make Dog Control Orders meaningless.

Specific points:

Costs as outlined in the consultation appear reasonable.

Support the exclusion of dogs from all enclosed children's play areas, but why not sports pitches too?

Support the blanket requirement for dogs to remain on leads on allotments.