

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2012 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

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

In attendance: District Councillor Mr D le Fleming.
County Councillor Mrs J Nash
Five members of the Public also attended.

12. 21. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Bradley and Mr D Hunt.
12. 22. **Declaration of Interests**
Mr R Utley declared an interest in item 9 – receipt of cheque as reimbursement of items purchased.
12. 23. **Public Participation**
- Q** Would the Chairman clarify that the LEAF application for a grant is within time etc?
 A Refer to Minutes of January meeting, all details included there.
- Q** How will Parish residents be informed of the Public EnergyMeetings to be held in each Ward?
 A Details will be sent to each household as soon as they are confirmed.
12. 24. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
A manuscript amendment to correct the amount of Precept to £53,090 was agreed. The Minutes were then approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

12. 25. **Matters Arising**
The Chairman informed the Meeting that to date no response had been received regarding the grant application to LEAF.
12. 26. **District Council Matters**
A copy of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming's report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes.
12. 27. **County Council Matters**
A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.
12. 28. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Old Planning Applications

The disposal of archived Planning Applications was approved unanimously.

b) HMP Leyhill.

Wards to identify suitable tasks for the work party and the Clerk to co-ordinate response with NOMS.

c) GCC Library Strategy

It was agreed that Councillors should respond individually to the consultation on GCC's proposed Library strategy – the more responses the better. Councillors raised concerns regarding the future of the Mobile Library service, but GCC had yet to make formal proposals about this.

d) Oakridge Pavilion – Progress Report

Ward meeting in two weeks to arrange schedule to complete project.

e) S137 – Approve Payments for 2012/2013

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 authorises Parish Councils to make donations annually to charities and organisations which are considered to be beneficial to the interests of parishioners. Following recommendations by the Finance Management Sub-Committee the Parish Council approved the following donations for payment:

Bisley All Saints Church	£400.00
St Bartholomew's Closed Churchyard	£700.00
The Frith Youth Club	£500.00
Midlands Air Ambulance	£100.00
Cotswold Care Hospice	£ 75.00
Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	£150.00
Stroud Victim Support Group	£100.00
Bisley Kids Club	£150.00
WRVS	£ 50.00
The Bisley News	£100.00

'What's On' Oakridge Newsletter	£100.00
EastcombeVillage Newsletter	£100.00
The Royal British Legion	£ 75.00
Eastcombe Scouts & Guides	<u>£250.00</u>
Total	<u>£2,850.00</u>

A representative from each organisation will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, where cheques will be presented.
(Date to be confirmed)

f) Annual Parish Meeting – Confirm Date

Councillors agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should take place week commencing 23rd April, preferably at Eastcombe Village Hall. Clerk to make arrangements and report next month.

g) SOS Response.

Letter of response was presented to Councillors and approved unanimously.

h) Housing Needs Survey

It was agreed that Churches, Chapels, Schools and Bus routes should be added to facilities. Following this amendment the report was approved unanimously.

i) Consultation Arrangements SDC

Nailsworth Parish Council had proposed setting up formal consultation arrangements between SDC and Town/Parish Councils. Councillors felt that the existing arrangements worked well for Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish and that Nailsworth's proposal would only introduce additional bureaucracy. The Chairman was to respond accordingly to Nailsworth Parish Council.

j) Social Media Network

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a workshop on the "next generation" of media contact, (Twitter, Google Plus and Facebook).

Councillors agreed that the Chairman should prepare a formal proposal for setting up a trial Parish Council Facebook page. This would be presented at next month's meeting.

12. 29. **Finance**

Payments for February 2012

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

	£	VAT	Total
Huck Nets (UK) Ltd – Clock Controller – Oakridge Pavilion	324.50	64.90	389.40
BT – Internet Services – Admin.	48.00	9.60	57.60
P Lorenzen – Topping Wild Flower Patch – Oakridge Playing Field	40.00	8.00	48.00
R Utley – Eqpt. Bisley Pavilion	162.76	32.55	195.31
Travelling expenses	13.77	0.00	13.77
Clerk's salary - January	843.91		843.91
HMRC – Tax & NI	213.84		213.84
Totals	1,646.78	115.05	1,761.83

12. 2 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications - February 2012

Oakridge

S.12/0107/HHOLD - Iles House, Far Oakridge, Stroud. GL6 7PD - New porch and two storey extension –**Support**

S.12/0042/HHOLD - Penn House, Oakridge Lynch. GL6 7NU - Two single storey extensions. Convert lean-to store into a habitable room. Erection of porch. Internal alterations & external alterations. – **Support** - Reasons / Comments: We support this application but would like to comment that this application makes no mention of upgrading the energy performance of the building. Whilst all this work is being carried out it would be a good opportunity to improve the comfort levels and lower the running costs of the building.

S.12/0043/LBC - Penn House, Oakridge Lynch. GL6 7NU - Two single storey extensions. Convert lean-to store into a habitable room. Erection of porch. Internal alterations & external alterations. – **Support** - Reasons / Comments: We support this application but would like to comment that this application makes no mention of upgrading the energy performance of the building. Whilst all this work is being carried out it would be a good opportunity to improve the comfort levels and lower the running costs of the building.

Eastcombe

S11/2561/TCA - St Just, Dr Crouch's Road, Eastcombe GL6 7EA - Fell Apple Tree - **No observations**

S.12/0075/HHOLD - Crow's Nest, Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7DN - Conversion of existing building into living accommodation and bathroom - **No observations**

12. 2 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received since the last Parish Council Meeting.

The Playing Field Newsletter & Annual Report
Clerks & Councils Direct
Letter from Eastington PC Chairman
Letter from Councillor B Tait – changes to Planning representation.
Letter from Nailsworth PC
Campaign to Protect Rural England – Booklet

There was considerable debate about the letter from Eastington PC. Chairman to present a draft response to the next meeting

12. 212. **Ward Matters**

a) **Bisley Ward**

Water meter to Allotments not installed following connection to new mains supply. Reported to Severn Trent.

L Greene reported that the NSALG members survey had been completed and hoped that the benefits of the Parish belonging to the Society would be conveyed to Parish allotment holders.

Eastcombe Ward

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

c) **Oakridge Ward**

Maintenance contract has been awarded to Mr D Magee for 2012.

12. 1 13. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **7th March 2012** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES February 2012

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council February 2012

Budget/Council tax

The Council meeting on 26 January agreed the freezing of Council tax for a further year. In addition £2.4 million has been allocated to improving services including financial help for first –time buyers, energy efficiency, youth services, apprenticeship and work placement projects.

Car Parks Review

Pending the further review in 18 months' time, tariffs in Stroud, Stonehouse and Painswick are being reduced.

Local Authority Mortgage Scheme

Council has approved the allocation of £1 million to the proposed mortgage guarantee scheme providing support to first-time buyers with mortgage deposits.

Daniel le Fleming
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ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES February 2012

County Councillor's Report February 2012

Jubilee and Olympic Local Celebrations. Gloucestershire County council will waive the cost of applying for a road closure for anyone wanting to have a community celebration for the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee or the Olympic Games. Normally, the cost of an application for a road closure is £75. The County council still needs the normal 12 weeks' notice for a road closure so that traffic diversions can be sorted. Applications need to be in place by 30th April at the latest. It should be noted that it may not be possible to have a closure on main roads such as A46 or A38.

Helping vulnerable families into work. The Government has announced that South West Region will receive £8 million to help the most disadvantaged to get into work. It is estimated that some 900 families in Gloucestershire are likely to meet the Government criteria, initially the project will focus on families with children who are also experiencing domestic abuse. GCC will work with a range of agencies in the County and Prospects Training will be carrying out the activities to help people into work.

Police and Crime Panels. Elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner will be held in November 2012 and by that time a Police and Crime Panel will need to be established in Gloucestershire, made up of 10 Councillors and two independent members. This will, in effect, be a Scrutiny Committee, and will be made up with both County and District Councillors. It will have powers to question the Commissioner and the Chief Constable about proposed Police precept, draft Police and Crime Plan and to deal with complaints about the Commissioner.

Library Consultation. The new consultation begins on 31st January and runs to 11th March 2012. There will be:

- 1) An online survey at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries2012.
- 2) Paper survey available at all libraries
- 3) Telephone survey of 100 randomly selected County households.
- 4) Fourteen roadshows across Gloucestershire.
- 5) Workshops with invited Groups.

Highways ready for snow ! Although we have enjoyed a mild winter this year Gloucestershire Highways reassures residents that they are ready for any change in the weather. Two new salt domes are operational, at Cannop and Stroudwater and salt levels have been increased from 9600 to 11,000 tonnes this winter. Staffing has been reviewed so that in bad weather, teams may be working day and night.

Residual Waste Project at Javelin Park. The request for a 'call in' for the project was rejected by a cross party committee on 27th January. The Committee found no grounds for the "call in". The matter was not to dispute the decision, but the process by which the decision was reached. At this time the project proceeds as previously agreed by Cabinet in November 2011.

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