

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE  
HALL**

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|-----------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Present:</b> | Mr R Utleby    |   | 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      |   |                |
|                 | Mr D Hunt      | } | Oakridge Ward  |
|                 | Mr G Newton    | } |                |
|                 | Mr P M Morris  |   | Clerk          |

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

12. 31.     **Apologies for Absence**  
There were no apologies for absence.
12. 32.     **Declaration of Interests**  
P Thorp, L Greene, declared an interest in item 9 – receipt of cheque as reimbursement of items purchased. P Thorp, D Hunt and R Budgeon declared an interest in item 8g – GET Grant.
12. 33.     **Public Participation**  
Two members of the Public attended.
12. 34.     **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 1 February 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
12. 35.     **Matters Arising**  
L Greene enquired if the application for a grant from YES could be reconsidered. It was explained that they will be invited to apply next year.  
The date for the Annual Parish Meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm and will be held at Eastcombe Village Hall.  
The Chairman informed the Meeting that the final version of the Housing Survey Report had not been issued as there was a

fault in one of the tables in the report and it had to go back to the originator for amending.

12. 36. **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. 37. **County Council Matters**

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

12. 38. **Matters for Discussion**

**a) SDC Core Strategy**

Each section of the questionnaire was discussed in detail prior to being completed.

**b) Eastington Parish Council.**

Response was constructed and approved.

**c) Pavilion Steering Group**

Terms of Reference for the Bisley Pavilion Steering Group were approved unanimously.

**d) Skateboard Ramp**

Application to consider constructing a Skateboard Ramp in Oakridge was rejected.

**e) Joint Parish Forums**

Councillors approved that initial discussions with neighbouring Parishes to consider a Joint Forum for issues of similar concerns should take place.

**f) Dog Control Order**

It was agreed to re-issue the correspondence from SDC.

**g) GET Grant**

The grant offer from Gloucestershire Environmental Trust resulted in a shortfall of £3,500 from the original request. Councillors agreed that this should be met from the Capital Reserve Fund. It was agreed unanimously that the Feed in Tariff from the Panels be placed in Capital Reserves. Payment to the contractor for fitting the Panels immediately on presentation of the invoice was approved.

**h) Grass Cutting**

It was agreed that the contract for grass cutting should remain with the current contractor.

**i) Facebook**

Proposal to set up a Parish Facebook page was approved unanimously.

12. 39. **Finance**

**Payments for March 2012**

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

|  | <b>£</b>       | <b>VAT</b>    | <b>Total</b>   |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| GCC – Eastcombe boundary signs                         | 75.31          |               | 75.31          |
| GRCC – Housing needs survey                            | 93.67          | 18.73         |                |
| Postage  | 38.10          |               | 150.50         |
| Rainharvesting Systems Ltd – Postage for BICEP leaflet | 200.20         |               | 200.20         |
| CIX – Internet domain                                  | 29.00          | 5.80          | 34.80          |
| Clerk's salary - January                               | 886.91         |               | 886.91         |
| HMRC – Tax & NI  | 170.84         |               | 170.84         |
| BT – Telephone   | 73.22          | 14.64         | 87.86          |
| P Thorp – High Viz Jackets – Bisley                    | 99.98          | 19.98         | 119.96         |
| L Greene – Allotment Keys – Bisley                     | 15.50          |               | 15.50          |
| Npower – Bisley Pavilion                               | 66.52          | 3.33          | 69.85          |
| HMRC Admin   | 200.00         |               | 200.00         |
| GAPTC – Clerk Training                                 | 25.00          |               | 25.00          |
| JNC – Fire Extinguisher Insp. – Bisley Pavilion        | 22.95          | 4.59          | 27.54          |
| D W Robbins – Oakridge Pavilion                        | 4320.00        |               | 4320.00        |
| I Ridler Electrical Ltd – Oakridge Pav.                | 708.83         | 141.77        | 850.60         |
| P Morris – Internet security AVG                       | 28.33          | 5.67          | 34.00          |
| Oakridge Village Hall – BICEP meeting                  | 12.90          |               | 12.90          |
| Hailey Wood Sawmill Ltd – Oakridge Post                | 60.00          | 12.00         | 72.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>7127.26</b> | <b>226.51</b> | <b>7353.77</b> |

12. 3 10. **Planning**

**Planning Applications – March 2012**

**Bisley**

**S.12/0085/TCA** - Bisley Wells, Wells Road, Bisley - Trees in a Conservation Area - 1 x mature beech-5-10%thinning and light reduction of tips (no more than 2m). Removal of dead, damaged and crossing branches – **Support**.  
Reasons / Comments: Potential danger. Bisley Tree Warden support.

**S.11/2569/HHOLD** - Juniper Slad, Hayhedge Lane, Bisley GL6 7AN -:  
Conversion and extension of existing garage to provide integrated annex for  
ancillary residential use – **Support**

**S.12/0267/TCA** - The Old Mansion, Far Wells Road, Bisley GL67AQ - Fell  
boundary tree covered in ivy and danger to adjacent property - **Support**

**S.12/0258/LBC** - Norwich House High Street, Bisley. GL6 7AA -  
Retrospective application to remove a non load bearing wall to return two  
bedrooms to a single room - **Support**

## **Oakridge**

**S.12/0145/HHOLD** – Lynswill, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud. GL6 7NZ -  
Resubmission of withdrawn application S.11/2240/HHOLD. Alterations to the  
roof to provide first floor accommodation. Erection of 1.5 storey extension -  
**Object** - Reasons / Comments: We object to this application on the following  
grounds:- 1. The proposal does not comply with HN8/7 - it is not a large  
enough plot to develop the existing small bungalow into a house as proposed.  
2. The proposal does not comply with HN16/1 - it will make the site very  
cramped. 3. The proposal goes against the Bisley with Lypiatt VDS in that it  
takes away the very type of house that is needed within the village in both  
"Building Guidelines" and "Local Views"

**S.12/0239/HHOLD** - Field House, Waterlane, Oakridge, Stroud GL6 7PJ -  
Erection of various extensions and conversion of existing garage. - **Support**

**S.12/0200/VAR**- Springbank House, Tunley, Sapperton, GL7 6LP -There are  
strong local objections to this application but we can see no valid grounds for  
refusing the application under current planning legislation. The full PC  
response will be in next month's report.

## 12. 3 11 **Correspondence**

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

Allotment & Gardener  
Clerks & Councils Direct  
Landscape & Amenity

## 12. 312. **Ward Matters**

### a) **Bisley Ward**

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

### **Eastcombe Ward**

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

### c) **Oakridge Ward**

Intend to complete Phase two of the Sports Pavilion refurbishment.

12. 313. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm..

## **ANNEX A TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2012**

#### **District Councillor's Report to Parish Council March 2012**

##### **Council tax**

The Council's budget for 2112/13 (with no-increase council tax) was agreed at the meeting on 23 February.

##### **The Canal**

Further work continues at Stonehouse, Ebley, Dunbridge, Caples Mill and Brimscombe. Princess Anne visited Stroud and took a trip on the canal on 10 February.

##### **Warm and Well Scheme**

There is a scheme in place for advising on energy efficiency schemes through Severn Wye Energy Agency. This now has a new telephone number – 0800 500 3076

##### **Proactive Public Space**

This scheme encourages public action on fly-tipping, leaf clearance, road-sweeping and litter collection. The scheme appears to have reduced the number of complaints received. The contact at SDC is Jenni Durn on 01453 754403.

##### **Planning**

I note there is a new proposal for Springbank House at Tunley (use of part of the former dwelling and construction of drive, terrace and railing).

##### **Roads**

A problem with algae on the pavements at Brockley Acres has been reported. The problem (apparently arising from limited pedestrian use) is being dealt with by the County.

##### **Future Plans**

The current Forward Plan contains three items for action in the coming months:

- deciding on the future of the Woolaways Council houses in Stroud
- the development of further plans for renewable energy
- investigation of the possibilities for further council house building following the transfer of responsibility for council housing back to the District Council

Daniel le Fleming  
March 2012

## ANNEX B TO

### PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2012

#### **County Councillor's Report March 2012**

**The budget** meeting took place in the middle of February. The County portion of the council Tax will be frozen for the coming year. There are no reductions in care for older people or in the protection of children.

£100 million will be invested in the Gloucestershire economy from Government and County money. This will include bringing fast broadband to rural area, £1 million to help first time buyers with house deposits in order to get the housing market moving. £1 million into an opportunities fund to help young people into businesses, 25 apprenticeships at the County Council, leading a springtime "skills summit" to match skills to employment. There will be investment of £16 million in the Elmbridge Park and Ride to ease congestion in the two main urban commuter areas.

**Secondary School** place allocations were notified to Parents and Carers on 1<sup>st</sup> March. 6,447 children have been offered places in Gloucestershire Secondary Schools. 89% of children have been offered their first choice of school and 98% offered a place at one of their preferred schools. There will be a second stage of allocation after the initial one as some places always become available, then if that is not satisfactory there is the third stage of the formal appeal.

**Support of the Armed Forces.** More than ten public sector organisations, including the County C Council, the six District Councils, NHS and Police signed the Local Armed Forces Community Covenant. This is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community which unlocks funding to help support Armed Forces families. The Ministry of Defence has made £30 million of grant funding available to support local projects which aim to improve ties between the armed forces and the wider community. The County Council is encouraging groups to come forward and bid for funding to support their work with forces communities. More information at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/armedforces](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/armedforces)

**Recycling.** Ambitious plans have been unveiled to increase the amount of waste recycled. At present some 46% is recycled. Targets of 60% by 2020, and 70% by 2030 are announced. This would give Gloucestershire one of the highest recycling rates in the world! Every effort should be made to educate residents in the habit of recycling.

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