

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2012 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE
HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utleby		Chairman
	Jane Walker	}	
	Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
	Mr J Ellis	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	
	Mr M Bell	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr D Hunt	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

In attendance: County Councillor Joan Nash, District Councillor Daniel le Fleming and Eleven members of the Public.

12. 71. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Val Nairn, Peter Thorp, Bob Brooks and Gareth Newton.
12. 72. **Declaration of Interests**
No Declaration of Interests were received
12. 73. **Public Participation**
Members of the Public declared concern regarding parking if the Bisley Pavilion is to be rebuilt. The Chairman informed them that this issue is covered in the Terms of Reference of the Steering Group, which is included on the Agenda as item 8a under Matters for Discussion.
12. 74. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2012**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6 June 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
12. 75. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
Roger Budgeon reported that he had attended a meeting of the Cotswold AONB to discuss their proposed Management Plan. He was pleased to report that the plan had been re-written and now matched the suggestions of the Parish Council.
- A reply had been received from SDC in response to the Parish Council's concerns regarding the Local Government Finance bill and a forum has been arranged in September.

12. 76. **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. 77. **County Council Matters**
A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.
12. 78. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) Pavilion Steering Group**
Minutes of the latest Steering Group Meeting were accepted.
- Vander Breen Street residents had written an open letter to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman was to respond.
- In a response to a letter received from the Trustees of the Bisley WI Village Hall regarding their concerns about the rebuild of the Bisley Sports Pavilion, it was agreed to form a sub-committee comprising John Ellis, Lesley Greene and Derek Hunt to meet with the Trustees.
- Phase 2 Terms of Reference for the Steering Group were agreed.
- b) Revised Code of Conduct**
It was agreed unanimously to adopt the National Association of Local Councils Code of Conduct for Councillors.
- c) Bank Signatories**
The Clerk reported that it was necessary to update the list of approved signatories for cheques by deleting the details of Councillors that no longer served on the Parish Council and replacing with a serving member. This was agreed unanimously.
- d) Community Engagement**
It was agreed unanimously that Bisley Ward should trial a proposal for increasing community engagement with the Parish Council by offering a widened range of contact opportunities. The results of the trial would be reported to the Council
- e) SDC Draft Dog Control Orders**
Following a large number of objections from members of the public SDC had recognised that the current proposals for Dog Control Orders were impractical in country areas. They were reconsidering these proposals.

f) Parish Council Storage Facility

It was recognised that there was no facility to store the increasing amount of Parish Council-owned equipment and that it was not acceptable to expect serving or past Councillors to store large items on their premises. A proposal to rent a garage from SDC at Windyridge was agreed at an annual rent of £686.40 incl. VAT.

12. 7 9. **Finance**

Payments for July 2012

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4040	RBS Software Solutions - Admin	104.00	20.80	124.80
4050	T W Hawkins & Sons – Grass Cutting	772.50	154.50	927.00
4021	Bisley W I Village Hall – Cost of Hire	240.00		240.00
4300	W Davis – Rebuild Stone Wall - Eastcombe	750.00		750.00
4320	Paint railings - Eastcombe	85.00		85.00
4040	CPRE – Annual Subscription	32.00		32.00
4450	D Magee – Grass cutting - Oakridge	100.00		100.00
4326	Jelf Insurance – Eastcombe Pavilion	933.90		933.90
4320	I Trueman – Grass Cutting – Eastcombe	198.00		198.00
4000	Clerk’s Salary – June 2012	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
4425	Ian Ridler Elect. Ltd – Oakridge Pavilion	723.33	144.67	868.00
4205	Mole’s Services – Grass Cutting Tennis Crt.	150.00	30.00	180.00
	Totals	5,141.65	349.97	5,491.62

12. 710. **Planning**

Planning Applications – July 2012

Bisley

No: S.12/0895/FUL - The Old Vicarage, George Street, Bisley, Stroud - Relocation of existing window in rear studio/store in previously approved location, and replacement with new external double doors in existing opening. Replacement of rear external door - **Support**

S.12/0811/TCA - Jaynes Court, Back Lane, Bisley - Replace horse chestnut tree with a flowering cherry - **Support**

S.12/0831/COU - Methodist Church, High Street, Bisley - Conversion of a former Methodist Chapel into a residential dwelling (Revised plans received 25/5/12) - **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: In general we support this application with two comments of concern:

Car parking in general in Bisley, but especially the High Street and George Street, is highly problematic, and, whilst welcoming the proposed 2 car space by keeping cars off the street, we share concerns expressed by some residents that access to the proposed parking site will create other problems as manoeuvrability is limited.

We recognise the limited remit of planning, and formal lack of protection, but are concerned that the Victorian heritage items referenced by a resident who knows the building well, (stained glass, memorial tablets etc.) are preserved in the internal arrangements, or if not required in the re-design, offered to a local Museum.

S.12/0831/COU - Bisley Methodist Church, High Street, Bisley - Conversion of a former Methodist Chapel into a residential dwelling (Revised plans received 25/5/12) - **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: Further comment: We note that the external metal handrails are to be removed. Bisley Village Design statement (p12) makes special note of iron railings as integral to the distinctive village environment, and in Bisley efforts have been made (War Memorial railings, railing outside 'Eversley') to ensure continuation of this characteristic. We therefore trust that these handrails (of no particular distinction) will be replaced with metalwork of higher quality.

Interests declared: Yes

Details of any interests declared: Bisley Planning Chair' partner is a contemporary artist blacksmith

Oakridge

S.12/0770/HHOLD - The Bent Far Oakridge, Stroud, GL6 7PB - New dormer window – **Support** - Reasons / Comments: We support the application for the dormer but share the officer's reservations about the height of the wall. Although we understand the reason for the height of the wall we do not support the wall and would prefer a hedge.

S.12/0943/HHOLD - Partridge House, Oakridge Lynch, GL6 7NZ - Single storey rear extension – **Support** - Reasons / Comments: We support this application.

S.12/0884/FUL - Land at Bakers Paddock Oakridge Lynch, Stroud - New field entrance. – **Object** -

Reasons / Comments: We **OBJECT** to the proposal on the following grounds:-

1. The field is small, the total field area on the site map is 4.63 acres, this includes land and a house not owned by the applicant, this leaves the total currently used equestrian field as less than four acres to be further divided, this will intensify the activity and traffic movements to the site.
2. The size of the separated plot is very small, this would be unrealistic as a grazing only field and indicates a more intensive use for this separated plot.

This would require not only an access, but also a plan of parking and vehicle movements within the site. There is no such plan within the application.

3. The current use of the whole site is equestrian, and visiting vehicles are usually just parked in the existing entrance towards Oakridge.

4. The applicant gives no indication that the current equestrian use will be changed, this former agricultural field has changed uses to equestrian and with this application the use will intensify. It is not clear whether the application is “commercial” or “recreation and leisure”.

5. The applicant has included within the redline the shared splayed entrance (to the north of the site) to the field and Bakers Piece, we are unclear what implications this has? If this is part of the site why is another entrance required?

6. The entrance visibility is not good as there is another two entrances 35m to the north serving three dwellings, Bakers Piece, Bakers Farm & Bakers Barn. 50m to the south there is a blind corner on a carriageway that is not full two vehicle width. Against Policy GE5.

12.7 11 **Correspondence**

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

Clerks and Councils Direct
Red Cross Fire and Rescue Service

12.7 12 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **1st August 2012** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2012

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council July 2012

Joint Use Sports Centres

I note a decision is due to be taken in September on the future of these Centres.

Standards and Code of Conduct

Proposals come to the Council meeting on 5 July. These reflect the changes to the Standards Regime and the new criminal offence of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and include a new Code of Conduct. These are being introduced on a temporary basis pending further developments in this area.

Stratford Park Leisure Centre

A report by the new management company has been produced and is to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 12 July.

Recycling

I understand the new arrangements are now in place. Any problems or queries can be addressed to recycling@stroud.gov.uk or 01453 754424.

Licensing – Gambling

Minor revisions have been made to the Statement of Principles (issued every 3 years) and are currently out for consultation.

Dog Control Order

I have circulated a note (copy attached) to residents who have been in touch with me on this issue and further discussion may be appropriate on this.

Daniel le Fleming
2 July 012

ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2012

County Councillor's Report July 2012

Climate Change. Gloucestershire is one of 15 local authorities nationally signing to a new commitment taking action on climate change, this is known as "Climate Local". Initiatives such as reducing night street lights and the four new eco-friendly fire stations are already helping Gloucestershire. The Council will publish a plan giving new actions and reporting on progress. Councils should share ideas on reducing energy costs, supporting jobs in green industries and improving local transport, also planning for extreme weather such as snow, floods and heat waves.

Economic Growth and the Employment and Skills Challenge. The primary vehicle for the delivery of these services has been GFirst, and this has now been confirmed by Government as the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) The County council recognises the need to support businesses with the education, employment and training opportunities for young people and for the wider work-force. Up to £660,000 will be available to help schemes from within the budget of April 2011 - March 2013. Local Authority Mortgage Scheme was launched in April and to date 17 applications have been received. 11 have progressed to offer stage. The average indemnity to date is around £25.5 K. At this level about 40 mortgages could be on the scheme.

Transfer of PCT community services. Gloucestershire Care Services has been providing these services for some time and will be expressing an interest in continuing the service. NHS will carry out staff and public engagement in the next few months for the longer term provision of the services.

Transport safety The seatbelt message is reaching most motorists. In a recent survey nine out of ten people were wearing a seatbelt. A team of volunteers carried out the survey and 4500 motorists were observed at various locations across the County. From the surveyed vehicles it was found that 97% of children were wearing a seat belt and 92% of drivers, the lowest % were frontseat adults passengers at 83%. Nationally up to 300 lives could have been saved in 2007 if seatbelts had been worn. The aim is to increase awareness of seat belt safety and achieve 100% wearing.

On street parking. At present each of the six District Councils carries out parking enforcement on behalf of the County Council, they issue tickets and provide back office support, money generated mostly goes towards paying for the scheme. It is intended to look to a tender process for a single provider across the whole County. This could generate savings to invest in parking, roads and public transport. It is hoped that new arrangements would begin in 2013 / 2014.

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