

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

Present:	Mr R Utley		Chairman
	Jane Walker	}	
	Mr Peter Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
	Mr B Brooks	}	
	Mr J Ellis	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mrs V Nairn	}	
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	
	Mr M Bell	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr D Hunt	}	
	Mr G Newton	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

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

12. 8 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Lesley Greene.
12. 8 2. **Declaration of Interests**
Mr R Utley declared an interest in item 9 – receipt of cheque as reimbursement of items purchased
12. 8 3. **Public Participation**
- Q.** Does the proposed Dog Control Order make it possible to ban dogs from the footpath through Bisley Bluecoat School playground?
A. Stroud District Council has been asked to clarify this.
- Numerous concerns were raised regarding the Bisley Pavilion. The Chairman asked for these to be placed in writing, to permit a considered response.
12. 8 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2012**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
12. 8 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
A reply had been received from SDC in response to the Parish Council's concerns regarding the Local Government Finance bill and a forum had been arranged on 25 September.

12. 8 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.
12. 8 7. **County Council Matters**
A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.
12. 8 8. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) Pavilion Steering Group**
After making one further amendment to Phase Two of the Terms of Reference, the document was approved.
- Minutes of the latest Steering Group meeting were accepted.
- b) Survey of Bisley Ward Residents**
Councillors decided that funds for the rebuilding of the Bisley Sports Pavilion would not be provided from the Annual Precept. It was therefore agreed the Survey would be reworded.
- c) Register of Members Interests**
Revised form accepted.
- d) SDC Dog Control Orders**
It was agreed that the Clerk should write to SDC requesting removal of the final sentence of the "applicability" paragraph of the revised Dogs on Leads Order and stating that the Parish Council expected to be consulted regarding which footpaths will be specified under the Order.
- e) Increasing Responsibilities**
Council discussed the steady increase in workload on individuals at Ward level. It was agreed that Wards would consider (and quantify if possible) what need they had for additional support and report for discussion at the next meeting.
- f) Draft Local Audit Bill**
It was agreed that the Clerk was to write to NALC expressing support for their proposed comments on the Draft Local Audit Bill.

12.8 9. **Finance**

Payments for August 2012

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4425	Ian Ridler Elect. Ltd – Oakridge Pavilion	80.00	16.00	96.00
4020	BT – Internet Services	48.60	9.72	58.32
4260	Wicksteed – Play Area Inspection – Bisley Eastcombe Oakridge	60.00	36.00	216.00
4310		60.00		
4445		60.00		
4330	JRB Enterprises - Dog Waste Bin Eastcombe	208.00	41.60	249.60
4050	T W Hawkins - Grass Cutting	772.80	154.56	927.36
4201	R Utley – Mop & Pail – Bisley Pavilion Mileage costs	13.12	2.62	15.74
4055		7.14		
4000	Clerk's Salary – July 2012	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
4009	GAPTC – Cemetery Mgt. Course	120.00		120.00
	Totals	2,482.58	260.50	2,743.08

12.8 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications – August 2012

Oakridge

S.12/1178/VAR – Horizon, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud GL6 7NY - Variation of condition 7 of permission S.09/1208/FUL (Reduction of macadam) - **Support**

S.12/1184/HHOLD - Iles House, Far Oakridge, Stroud GL6 7PD - Resubmission of S.12/0107/HHOLD - New porch and two storey extension - **Support**

S.12/1068/FUL - Birds Frith Farm, Far Oakridge, Stroud GL6 7PB - - Extension and alterations to dwelling. Change of use and adaption of stable building to provide ancillary home office accommodation and extension to domestic curtilage. – **Support**

Reasons - We support this application. We also support the inclusion of a Home Office as this contribution towards employment within the parish and not out-commuting is supported by many national policies.

Bisley

S.12/1211/HHOLD - 40 Windyridge Bisley, Stroud, GL6 7DA - Erection of carport over existing driveway with double gates to the entrance and replacement fence - **Support**

Eastcombe

S.12/1247/FUL - Eastcombe Scouts And Guides Building, Middle Hill, Eastcombe - Single storey extension to provide additional storage - **No observations**

S.12/1052/FUL - Woodlands Yard Eastcombe, GL6 7DY - Development of 26 dwellings and associated infrastructure - 16 private and 10 affordable - **Comments only** -

Reasons / Comments: 1. The provision for affordable housing does not include any shared ownership properties.
2. A good quality high fence (and an obligation for on-going maintenance) is required for the property boundary with adjoining properties on Brockley Acres. This was included in the previous approved application.
3. Potential overlooking issues for properties in Brockley Acres need to be addressed.
4. The siting of properties 22-25 close to the main road needs to be re-considered. This is a busy road not a village street. Also, this would not be in keeping with existing properties along this road which are set back and are less visually obtrusive.

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Correspondence

Clerk to write acknowledging receipt of letter from Neil Carmichael MP and that it has been forwarded to Councillors.

Letter from Mr G Taylor - alternative proposal for refurbishing Bisley Sports Pavilion.

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Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **5th September 2012** commencing at 7.30pm.

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

ANNEX A TO
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 2012

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council August 012

Corporate Delivery Plan

A revised plan has been produced. This is designed around the headings the Economy, Affordable Housing, the Environment, Resources and Health and Wellbeing. There will be new Advisory Panels to develop policies in these areas, which will meet in public session. The first three panels will be for Planning, the Environment and Housing.

Canal Regeneration

At the Executive meeting on 19 July the position was reviewed and a number of alternative strategies considered for taking the project forward in the light of the funding available and being applied for.

Standards and Code of Conduct

At the Council meeting on 5 July various changes were made to the SDC Code of Conduct and to the role of the Standards Committee. Where Parish Councils have adopted their own codes of conduct, the district council will retain a role in investigating whether breaches have occurred, but enforcement will be a matter for the town or parish council concerned.

Parking areas at Windyridge

I understand there is a problem with damaged walls surrounding these areas.

Dog Control Order

I note that the date for comments on the revised proposals is 29 August.

Daniel le Fleming
30 July 012

**ANNEX B TO
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 2012**

County Councillor's Report August 2012

Highways. When the weather turned hot and sunny again the council monitored and dusted all roads that had been recently dressed as a precaution against skidding. Four teams were out for twelve hours each day. Temporary speed limits were put in place on affected roads.

Highways Questionnaire. A random sample of 4500 residents were sent a questionnaire about highway issues in July. Feedback will be used to help assess which services need to be prioritised and improved. Gloucestershire is one of 75 local authorities to send out a survey, which has the same questions asked all over the country. National, regional and local trends will be compared. Results are expected later in the year.

Energy savings. Since the start of the Climate Change Campaign in 2006 the Council has reduced carbon emissions by over 17 % (target was 10 %) This has saved about £ 1 million in energy costs, and just over £500,000 for schools. Measures have included LED street lights, traffic signals and Bollards; improving heating and insulation in offices and schools; raising staff awareness to energy use and water consumption. There has been a reduction in Council owned properties as surplus buildings have been sold and staff moved into Shire Hall from "outposts"

Flood Risk in Gloucestershire. The County Council is now a "Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and so takes on new statutory powers and responsibilities for understanding and managing flood risk. This includes flooding from local watercourses, surface runoff and ground water, it excludes main rivers and the sea, which is the responsibility of the Environment Agency. In the Autumn there will be a series of workshops for Parish Council representatives to help understand views on local strategic priorities. It is important that the experiences of 2007 are not forgotten.

Homelessness. A review of existing services found that the support for the homeless across Gloucestershire was too concentrated on Gloucester City. More support is needed in rural areas and more beds needed in Cheltenham. A tender process is underway, worth £1.5 million to provide a scheme for both Gloucester and Cheltenham, and a community based floating support Countywide.

Independent Living Centre. This clinic, based in Cheltenham helps older and disabled people to get essential equipment to help live independent lives. Occupational Therapists can refer patients and family or friends to the clinic

to try out equipment to see what would help the patient and best fit into the home. This will speed up the process of getting the equipment into the home.

Healthy Schools Programme. This programme has been running for several years and is now being updated to help pupils to stay healthy, safe and well. Issues such as healthy eating and social problems relating to bullying are addressed, and additional expertise can be provided by NHS and Council staff. For the first time colleges will be part of Healthy Schools programme..

Troubled Families Programme. This programme has attracted £2 million of Government funding to work with 900 families over the next three years, helping them to get off benefits, drink and drugs , away from crime and into work and school. Existing teams will bring in specialist support to work with families with members involved with crime, antisocial behaviour and school attendance issues. If we can demonstrate real results, then another £ 1 million will be available to expand the work. County council is working with partners including schools, NHS, Police Job Centre and Probation Service to identify 300 families to work with in the first year.

Family Drugs and Alcohol Court (FDAC). County Council, NHS Gloucestershire and Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service are setting up a FDAC in Gloucester as part of the new Early Years Specialist Service. These courts will support families where parents have drug and alcohol problems and aim to shorten the time of care proceedings to enable children to have a safe, permanent home—with their own families or in an adoptive home. Parents will get fast access to other services such as housing issues, parenting advice and domestic violence and financial advice. Families will have more regular court hearings and see the same Judge throughout the case to speed resolution.

Police and Crime Panel. The panel has been formed and the inaugural meeting held with Brian Calway of Tewkesbury Borough council in the Chair. County council and all the District councils are represented and two independent members are to be appointed. The Panel will scrutinise the new Commissioners role and has power to veto the proposed Police budget.

Gloucestershire Charter. The new edition has been agreed after consultation with all involved parties and includes improving communication, consultation and the way the County works with Parishes. I hope that Parishes who have agreed the Charter, have the new edition and other Parishes will consider signing up to the Charter.

New Fire Stations and SkillZone. I had the pleasure of visiting the new Gloucester Fire Station and the SkillZone. The equipment and fire demonstration we were shown were very impressive. The new large animal rescue specialist service had rescued four horses in the first week of

operation. We saw the new equipment and watched a “dummy horse” being strapped up and slung to safety. This will be a huge help in rescuing cows, pigs, sheep and horses which all get trapped in unusual places at times. The Skillzone, opening in September, is an important preventative facility for young and old to learn about personal, home and transport safety and I hope all schools and community groups will try to book a session at the Centre. I was most impressed with the visit.

Joan I Nash Holcombe Farm, Painswick 813104.