

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2012 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Jane Walker	}	
Mr P Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
Lesley Greene	}	
Mr B Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs V Nairn	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	
Mr M Bell	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr D Hunt	}	
G Newton	}	
Mr P M Morris		Clerk

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

12. 11 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Roger Utley and John Ellis. In the absence of Roger Utley the meeting was chaired by Mr B Brooks
12. 11 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests.
12. 11 3. **Public Participation**
The Parish Tree Warden, Lyn Hemming requested the Parish Council to raise awareness regarding the spread of the Ash Tree dieback Chalara Fraxinea disease. It was stated that there is a warning on the Parish website including a video explaining how to identify the disease. It was agreed that information should be placed on Noticeboards and in Parish magazines.
12. 11 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2012**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3 October 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
12. 11 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
Mr B Brooks informed the meeting that 'Woodlands Close' had been selected by Eastcombe Ward as preferred

street name for the new housing development at what was previously known as Woodlands Yard.

12. 11 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. 11 7. **County Council Matters**

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

12. 11 8. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Oakridge Village Hall Committee – Appoint representative

It was agreed unanimously to appoint Michael Bell as the Parish representative on the Oakridge Village Hall Committee.

b) Bisley WI Village Hall – Appoint Trustee

It was agreed unanimously to appoint Jane Walker as Parish Trustee to the Bisley WI Village Hall Committee.

c) Parish Precept 2013/2014

1. The Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee met on 9 October 2012 to consider the Parish and Ward Budgets for the financial year 2013-14.
2. A significant query over last year's budget concerned the payments made under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to All Saints' Church in Bisley and St Bartholomew's Church in Oakridge. According to Parish Council folklore these were discretionary contributions to the cost of churchyard maintenance incurred by the relevant Parochial Church Council (PCC). The Parish Council had been informally advised that such payments were of dubious legality. Research in the course of 2012 had revealed that St Bartholomew's PCC had some years ago, formally handed its responsibilities for churchyard maintenance to the Parish Council. It appeared from the few surviving records that the All Saints' PCC might have done the same, and the PCC has now resolved to clarify the matter by making a further formal declaration to this effect. It has therefore been necessary to make a substantial provision in the budget for the next and subsequent years to cover the likely cost of this statutory commitment.
3. There are also other major items of expenditure that must be accommodated in next year's budget. These include play area resurfacing work in Oakridge and Bisley as well as substantial tree maintenance works in Oakridge. These are all safety-related issues that cannot be postponed.
4. There is limited scope for offsetting savings elsewhere in the budget as it is expected that our contractors will respond to the

continuing high prices of fuel by increasing their prices. It is also expected that insurance premiums will probably rise after a period of fairly stable prices in recent years.

5. Overall, therefore, the Sub-Committee has no choice but to recommend a significant increase in the Parish Precept for FY 2013-14. The recommendation is that the Precept be raised by 8.33% from this year's level of £53,090 to £57,515.

Councillors were minded to accept the budget unanimously.

d) Section 137 Payment 2013/2014

The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been two late applications received for grants from the S137 funds, these being from the Frith Youth Club and the WRVS.

These applications had been prompted by Councillor B Brooks as both these applicants had received payments in previous years.

Councillor G Newton informed the meeting that a decision had been taken at the Finance Sub-Committee not to 'chase up' late applicants to submit their applications as they had already been informed in writing of the closing date. Following a lengthy debate it was proposed that the Frith Youth Club should receive £500 and the WRVS £50. A counter proposal by Councillor G Newton that a reduced amount should be offered failed and the original proposal was carried by a vote of 4 for- 2 against and 2 abstentions

The following list for S137 payments was agreed for payment.

Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice	£250.00
The Frith Youth Club	£500.00
Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	£200.00
Stroud Victim Support Group	£100.00
WRVS	£ 50.00
The Bisley News	£100.00
'What's On' Oakridge Newsletter	£100.00
Eastcombe Village Newsletter	£100.00
The Royal British Legion	£100.00
Eastcombe Scouts & Guides	<u>£250.00</u>
Total	<u>£1,250.00</u>

12. 11 9. **Finance**

Payments for November 2012

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4030	BT Internet Services – Admin	48.60	9.72	58.32
4315	I Trueman - Strimming Allotment area – Eastcombe	75.00		75.00
4050	Chalford Parish Council - Strimming Fourways Crossroads Eastcombe	30.00		30.00
4455	Oakridge Village Hall Trust – Water & Electricity – Oakridge Pavilion	312.00		312.00
4455	JNC (Fire Protection Ltd) – Service Exting.	22.95	4.59	27.54
	JNC (Fire Protection Ltd) – Purchase CO2 Extinguisher – Oakridge Pavilion	49.00	9.80	58.80
4315	Severn Trent – Water – Eastcombe Allot's	37.62		37.62
4050	T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting	772.50	154.50	927.00
4000	Clerk's Salary – October 2012	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
4202	Charity Ancient Parish of Bisley – Allotments Annual Rent	50.00		50.00
4410	Severn Trent – Water – Oakridge Allotments	74.15		74.15
4455	Severn Trent – Water – Oakridge Pavilion	86.32		86.32
4030	CIX Online Ltd	67.44	13.49	80.93
4455	R Dainton Ltd – Water Meter Oakridge Pav.	78.00		78.00
4045	St. Bartholomew's Church Oakridge – Churchyard Maintenance	390.00	78.00	468.00
4055	Severn Trent Water – Quote request	133.14		133.14
4201	R Utley – Bulbs & L/Shades Bisley Pavilion	11.59	2.31	13.90
4201		18.64		18.64
4201	Carpet laying materials B&Q	39.24		39.24
4261	Carpet laying materials	8.27	1.65	9.92
4230	Homebase	65.00		65.00
4230	Repair Play Area Fence	16.66	3.33	19.99
4230	Postage stamps for Survey	17.00	3.40	20.40
4037	Envelopes for Survey	18.20	3.64	21.84
4037	Address labels for Survey	13.71	2.74	16.45
	Inkjet cartridge			
	Printer Paper			
4230	G C C – Salt Hand Spreader – Bisley	101.00	20.20	121.20
4450	D Magee – Oakridge Handyman	113.36		113.36
	Totals	3,702.31	307.37	4,009.68

12. 11 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications – November 2012

Oakridge

S.12/1849/HHOLD - 6 The Crescent, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud GL6 7NP - Extensions. - **Support**

S.12/2028/HHOLD - Springbank House, Tunley, Sapperton GL7 6LP - Erection of single storey extension to form a glazed hot house/entrance porch - **Support**

S.12/2013/FUL - Butchers Arms, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud GL6 7NZ - Commercial kitchen extract and revent system - **Support**
Reasons / Comments: We support this application. The change will not directly affect any surrounding property, and will assist the pubs business activity.

S.12/2131/HHOLD - Hill House, Oakridge Lynch, GL6 7NZ - Single storey extension - **Support**

12. 11 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received.

Allotment & Leisure Gardener
CPRE – Countryside Voice Newsletter
Mark Hawthorne GCC Leader – Response to PC letter regarding Incinerator at Javelin Park
Neil Carmichael MP - Newsletter

12. 11 12 **Ward Matters**

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

12 11 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 2012

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council November 2012

New Housing

The Administration figure of 9260 new houses (rather than the proposed lower alternative of 7785) was agreed by the Council on 3rd October.

Loan Sharks

At the Council meeting on 3 October a motion condemning 'loan sharking' with excessive interest rates and the opening of High Street credit shops was passed. The resolution supported the work of Stroud District Credit Union

Committee Structure

At the Executive meeting on 13 September it was agreed that the Administration's new committee structure proposals should be pursued. The development control and licensing committees will continue as now; the audit and standards committees will be combined. There will be new committees on strategy and resources, community services, sustainable development and housing and well-being (replacing the previous scrutiny committees).

Chuggers and Charity collections

New rules are being proposed limiting the activities of chuggers to one collection per week and further limits on collections made by charities from households.

Parking areas at Windyridge

It appears that neither the developer nor the Council are ready to accept responsibility for the damaged walls. I am enquiring whether the transfers to the purchasers contain any relevant provision.

Environmental targets

The Council has updated its carbon management plan and has expressed its aim to become carbon zero by 2030

Canal developments

Further work at Ebley, Dudbridge, Wallbridge, Capels Mill is in progress

NHS

Gloucestershire has voted for community services to be run by an NHS Trust rather than competitive tender

Council housing

Plans have been put forward for creating new organisational structures to deal with the building letting and management of council housing

Daniel le Fleming
1 November 012

ANNEX B TO

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County Councillor's Report November 2012

Highways and winter weather. A team of 33 operators will be available around the clock in the event of freezing temperatures. Test runs have been carried out so that teams are prepared and familiar with routes. G.C.C. has just over 11,000 tonnes of salt stored around the County with the new domes at Cannop and Stroudwater ready for use. Over 100 salt hand spreaders and 5,500 bags of salt are out in communities and more Parish and Town Councils are encouraged to come forward to work with the County in bad weather. Grit bins have been filled this month. However it should be noted that in extreme freezing, below -7, salt is not so effective.

Flood Guide relaunched. The original Flood Guide went out to every home in the County in the autumn of 2007, with advice on coping in an emergency, recovery from a flood and resilience for homes. Five years on from the severe floods of 2007 the Flood Guide has been relaunched for 2012 and the future. Since 2007, the County council, District councils and the Environment Agency have invested heavily in alleviation works and drainage schemes to reduce flood risk. The new guide can be downloaded on www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/flooding.

Carers' Survey. It is thought that around 61,500 carers in Gloucestershire are providing unpaid support to family members or friends due to age, physical or mental illness, disability or substance misuse. The survey will identify whether carers are getting the support they need for themselves and the person they are caring for. In the past 12 months G.C.C. has assessed the needs of over 6,000 carers and arranged a specific carers service for them or provided information to support them in their caring role. The survey is going out to a random selection of approx. 650 carers in the County and is part of a national survey under the guidance of the Health and Social Care Information Centre. Carers will have until mid-December to complete the survey.

Personal budgets for Carers. G.C.C. Cabinet is discussing the introduction of personal budgets for Carers across the County. This will give more flexibility on the help that is required to care for dependants in their own homes. The overall funding is not being reduced and there will be a gradual shift of budgets in order to generate personal budgets. The services already in place will have a chance to adapt to respond to carers choosing for themselves. A range of services will be tendered in May 2013.

Young Offenders Community Panels. Volunteers are being recruited to sit on Community Panels to meet with young offenders, aged 10 to 17, and their parents or carers to take steps towards repairing the harm done to victims and to help to prevent further offending. The Gloucestershire Youth Support Team is looking for a cross section of people from local communities, over the age

of 18, to sit on Panels, male and female, working and retired, employers and employees. Volunteers will need to attend 6 days training and travel expenses will be paid. For more information contact Emma Bennett on 01242 242203 or emma.bennett@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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