

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2012 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

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| Present: | Mr R Utleby | | Chairman |
| | Jane Walker | } | |
| | Mr P Thorp | } | Bisley Ward |
| | Lesley Greene | } | |
| | Mr B Brooks | } | |
| | Mrs V Nairn | } | Eastcombe Ward |
| | Mr J Ellis | } | |
| | Mr R N Budgeon | } | |
| | Mr M Bell | } | Oakridge Ward |
| | Mr D Hunt | } | |
| | Mr P M Morris | | Clerk |

In attendance: District Councillor Daniel le Fleming and eight members of the Public.

12. 12 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Newton and County Councillor Joan Nash
12. 12 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests.
12. 12 3. **Public Participation**
- Q.** Will the Parish Council approach Stroud District Council regarding its announcement to remove the 'chipping service' from the Bisley Community Compost Scheme?
- A.** Item will be placed on Agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- Q.** Is it now time to accept the result of the Bisley Pavilion Survey and to refurbish the building.
- A.** The survey forms only part of the decision making process and will be placed on file until the Steering Group has addressed other issues.
- Q.** On tonight's Agenda there is an item that requires a response to the Covenant of Mayors, will this be placed on the Parish website?
- A.** Yes.

12. 12 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2012**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 7 November 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

12. 12 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

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

a) Covenant of Mayors

Councillors agreed that the amount of effort and time required to comply with the timetable imposed by the EU Covenant of Mayors Office was unsustainable for a small Council where the necessary work was being carried out by volunteers. It was agreed that, while the Parish Council remained committed to the production of a Sustainable Energy Action Plan, it would not be possible to do so by the April 2013 deadline and that the Council should therefore formally resign from the Covenant of Mayors process.

b) GCC Budget Consultation – Complete questionnaire

Each question was discussed by Councillors and completed with agreement..

c) NALC Policies – Agree responses

It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk would write to inform NALC that the Parish Council was in agreement with their response to the Review Of Planning Appeal Procedures and Improving Local Government Transparency.

d) Javelin Park Incinerator Planning – Agree response

Reply to Gloucestershire Planning informing them that the Parish Council have nothing to add to our previous response. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Eric Pickles MP Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government requesting that he 'call in' the planning application on the grounds that the issue of its visual impact in an area of

outstanding national beauty has not been addressed and taking into account the precedent that an application had been refused to construct four Wind Turbines on that basis.

e) Local Highways Budget – Consider bids for support

It was agreed that the Council’s priorities for financial support from the Local Highways Budget were, firstly, for a feasibility study on the proposal to construct a cycle track from Holbrook Garage to Thomas Keble School and, secondly, repair to potholes at specified “pinch points” on roads in the Parish.

f) Bisley Pavilion Survey – Note results

The results of the survey were reported to the meeting and will be placed on next month’s Agenda for discussion.

12.12 9. **Finance**

Payments for December 2012

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

| Cost code | | £ | VAT | Total |
|-----------|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 4020 | BT Telephone – Admin | 72.62 | 14.52 | 87.14 |
| 4230 | JRB Enterprise Ltd – Dog Waste Bin Bisley | 184.00 | 36.80 | 220.80 |
| 4201 | Robert M Stevens – Bisley Pavilion | 44.67 | | 44.67 |
| 4400 | Mole’s Services- Oakridge Burial Ground | 500.00 | 100.00 | 600.00 |
| 4223 | Lesley Greene – Allotment Keys | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| 4045 | Graduate Gardeners – Maintenance - St. Bartholomew’s Churchyard | 468.00 | 93.60 | 561.60 |
| 4221 | I Trueman – Strimming Bisley Allotments | 280.00 | | 280.00 |
| 4000 | Clerk’s Salary – November 2012 | 844.91 | | 844.91 |
| 4000 | HMRC – Tax & NI | 208.01 | | 208.01 |
| 4450 | D Magee – General Maintenance Oakridge | 208.75 | | 208.75 |
| 4223 | BCCS – Contribution towards Shed | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| 4216 | Darrell Richards – Bisley Handyman | 78.00 | | 78.00 |
| 4455 | AE Evans – Oakridge Play Area | 193.56 | 38.71 | 232.27 |
| 4200 | Npower – Electric Bisley Pavilion | 54.23 | 2.46 | 56.69 |
| | Totals | 3,356.75 | 286.09 | 3,642.84 |

12. 12 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications December 2012

Bisley

S.12/2185/TCA - Maplewood Back Lane, Bisley, GL6 7BG - Reduce Ash Leafed Maple tree - **Support**

S.12/2262/TCA - Bracebridge House, Calfway Lane, Bisley. GL6 7BL - Reduce height of Trees in front and back garden to a consistent height. Fell dead Silver Birch Tree in back garden - **Support**

S.12/2339/HHOLD - Lypiatt Park Cottage Bisley Road, Stroud, GL6 7LL - Proposed single storey extension to provide pool and changing room. Resubmission of permission - **Support**

S.12/2240/FUL - Maplewood, Back Lane, Bisley, Stroud - Conversion of existing garage/workshop/studio into a 2 bedroom dwelling - **Support**

12. 12 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received.

GCC Waste Core Strategy
Young Gloucestershire Annual Review
Letter from Neil Carmichael MP

12. 12 12 **Ward Matters**

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

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

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **9 January 2012** commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 2012

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council December 2012

Council House Building Programme

The Council has agreed a new Council House building programme, using the extra funding now available as a result of the transfer of responsibility for the housing stock to the Council. The plan is to build at least 100 new homes within the next 5 years.

Tenant services Energy Strategy

The Council has also agreed a new Tenant Services Energy Strategy, with a view to reducing fuel poverty and ensuring any capital expenditure is suitably applied.

Council tax and empty properties

The levels of discount on second homes and long-term empty properties are being reduced from April 2013. There will be no discount in future on the latter group.

Budget Strategy 2013/14

At the Executive meeting in November considered the Council's budget strategy for the next two years against a background of further reductions in support expected from central government. Some increase in council tax is likely to be required.

Tricorn House Stroud

An application for conversion to a care home has been submitted to the Council

Gloucestershire Enterprise

Gloucestershire Enterprise is providing support for entrepreneurs and new businesses in the Stroud area in the form of advice, training and workshops. The SDC contact is Gideon Darley on 754301.

Parking areas at Windyridge

I am trying to establish whether the transfers to the purchasers contain any relevant provision, but have not yet received any information.

Daniel le Fleming

ANNEX B TO

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County Councillor's Report December 2012

Broadband There has been recent publicity on the Broadband project for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. BT has been chosen as the preferred bidder to build a high speed fibre broadband network for the future across the two Counties. All premises in the Counties will access 2Mbps and 88% will access 30 Mbps, with a range up to 30 Mbps. The roll out will be complete by the end of 2015. I am still unable to find out which areas will be in the lower range of service. I am told that this information will be available as the scheme progresses, I hope this Division is not in the problem area!!

Floods. Around 80 homes were flooded in the County at the end of November. At the beginning of the month the County Council had agreed to commit £1 million into new flood alleviation projects and at the end of November an extra £50,000 was committed to help flood victims who have suffered hardship. The "emergency relief grants" give a flat payment of £250 to help with immediate needs, with further help considered. Gloucestershire Community Foundation will manage the grants.

Early Education . A Government grant of £4.78 million has come to Gloucestershire to support vulnerable two year olds to access early education. In the County around 1100 children are likely to be eligible for free places from Sept. 2013. The money will be used for revenue and capital funding.

Rail line to London. The work has started on the upgrading of the track from Kemble to Swindon, and extra car parking will be provided at Kemble Station.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Joan I Nash, Holcombe Farm, Painswick 813104