

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2013 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utleby		Chairman
	Mr P Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
	Mrs V Nairn	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr J Ellis	}	
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr M Bell	}	
	Mr G Newton	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

In attendance: County Councillor Joan Nash and nine members of the Public.

13. 1 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mr B Brooks, Mr D Hunt, Lesley Greene, Jane Walker and District Councillor Daniel le Fleming

13. 1 2. **Declaration of Interests**
In the light of Agenda item 8b on the Bisley Community Composting Scheme (BCCS), advice had been sought from the SDC Monitoring Officer regarding the status of Parish Councillors who were also members of the BCCS. The Monitoring Officer had ruled that membership of the BCCS fell within the ambit of Appendix B of the Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council Code of Conduct and that Councillors who were members of the BCCS should not vote on item 8b but could speak on the matter if members of the public were also allowed to speak at the meeting. He also noted that only one Councillor had recorded membership of the BCCS on the Register of Interests.

Mr R Utleby, Mr Peter Thorp and Mr R Budgeon declared that they were members of the BCCS. The Chairman pointed out that, as members of the public were present and were welcome to speak on the BCCS during item 3, these Councillors would be able to speak at item 8b but not to vote on it.

The Chairman also asked all Councillors who were members of the BCCS to update the Register of Interests within 28 days.

13.1 3. **Public Participation**

Q. Does the Parish Council have to abide by the result of the survey regarding the Bisley Sports Pavilion?

A. There is no legal requirement for the Parish Council to abide by the result of the survey, but the Council will of course take it into account.

13.1 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 December 2012**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2012 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

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

Clarification had finally been received from SDC regarding the applicability of Dog Control Orders to the Bisley Bluecoat School playground. It read: "The Dogs Exclusion Order does not apply to public footpaths and therefore cannot be enforced if the dog owner and dog are walking along a public footpath that runs through a play area".

Following the submission of the Parish Council's bid for support from the Local Highways Budget, work had started on filling potholes in the Bisley-Oakridge road.

13.1 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.

13.1 7. **County Council Matters**

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

13.1 8. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote for the Grass Cutting of the Parish Sports Grounds and the Green at Stonecote Ridge from T W Hawkins at the same cost as last year. It was agreed unanimously to accept this quote.

b) BCCS Shredding Costs

As the Chairman was debarred from voting on BCCS matters, and in the absence of the Deputy Chairman, Councillor J Ellis

was elected to take the chair for this item. The draft letter to Stroud District Council was approved and Mr R Utley returned to the Chair

c) Precept 2013-14

The Chairman and Clerk were to attend a meeting at Stroud District Council on the evening of Monday 14th January to receive an explanation of the latest rules issued by the Government regarding the setting of the Precept. It was required that the Parish Council should submit its Precept application by 1st February 2013. To comply with this request it was agreed to bring forward the date of the next Parish Meeting to Wednesday 30th January 2013.

d) Covenant of Mayors

Severn Wye Energy Agency (SWEA) had suggested that the Parish Council review its decision to resign from the Covenant of Mayors and had offered to undertake a substantial proportion of the work required to complete a Sustainable Energy Action Plan as required by the Covenant. Councillors acknowledged the generosity of SWEA's offer but agreed unanimously to stand by the original decision to resign.

e) Right to Buy Policy

Due to the absence of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming it was decided to postpone this discussion to next month.

f) Oakridge Pavilion

The Clerk reported that the current supply of water and electricity to the Oakridge Sports Pavilion were shared with the Oakridge Village Hall and calculated from separate meters. Quotes had been requested from Severn Trent Water and Western Power Distribution to provide individual feeds to each building.

The cost to provide a separate water supply was £2,769 and for electricity £7,729.

Councillors agreed that this was far too expensive and to remain with the current arrangements.

g) AONB Consultation

Response approved unanimously

h) King George V Project

Following a review of the various different, but interdependent, plans relating to the King George V Playing Field in Bisley, Bisley Ward Councillors had proposed that all workstrands should be brought together as the King George V Project. It was agreed a team from Bisley Ward would pursue this project with some vigour.

The Booking Form and Conditions of Hire for the Bisley Sports Pavilion were approved.

i) Meetings 2013

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 17th April at Oakridge Village Hall.

Councillors agreed that there would be no Parish Council Meeting in August 2013 on a trial basis.

13.1 9. **Finance**

Payments for January 2013

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4320	T W Hawkins – Prune trees Eastcombe	75.00	15.00	90.00
4230	JRB Enterprises – Post for dog waste bin - Bisley	30.25	6.05	36.30
4455	Oakridge Village Hall Trust – Pavilion Electricity	141.42		141.42
4400	Mole’s Services- Oakridge Burial Ground	100.00	20.00	120.00
4202	Mike Turner – Supply & Install Heaters – Bisley Pavilion	398.00	79.60	477.60
4320	I Trueman – Strimming – Eastcombe	30.00		30.00
4250	Teeds Rise – Bisley	240.00		240.00
4000	Clerk’s Salary – December 2012	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
	Totals	2,067.59	120.65	2,118.24

13.1 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications January 2013

Bisley

S.12/2563/TCA - Brattons, Far Wells Road, Bisley - : Fell Lawson and Leylandii trees to ground level - **Support**

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Correspondence

The following items of correspondence had been received.

Response from the Department for Communities & Local
Government

GAPTC Precept

Suffolk Association of Local Councils

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Ward Matters

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

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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 **30 January 2013** commencing at
7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 2013

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council January 2013

Apologies for a very brief report. I have been out of action for the last three weeks with flu.

New Council Houses

I attach a brief note with information the new building proposals

Windyridge

I understand repairs to these Windyridge properties are due very soon.

Council tax changes

I understand there is to be a meeting at Ebley Mill on 14 January to provide information on the proposed changes to council tax, the grant to the District Council and the changes to the Band D council tax rate.

**Daniel le Fleming
Jan 2013**

ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 2013

County Councillor's Report January 2013

Budget plans. The County Council is working on the Budget for the year 2013 - 2014 ready for the full Council meeting in February. The proposals are to keep Council Tax at the present rate and to protect budgets for Adult Care and Care of the vulnerable residents, as in the previous year. Funding from Central Government will reduce by 4.5% from £425 million this year to £405 million next year. Work has been in progress for the last few years to accommodate these anticipated cuts in funding.

Needs of Carers. County Council and NHS are redesigning the services to Carers and will be commissioning them later in 2013. Before the tenders are invited from potential providers, Carers are being asked to fill in a survey to identify their most important needs. Website available on <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/surveys/Carers-Services-Survey>

Severn Barrage. A Commons Select Committee is calling for evidence on a proposed Severn Barrage. Gloucestershire County Council has not singled out the Severn Barrage proposal as a preferred option for energy provision, however it does believe that the barrage could generate some 5% of the UK needs. This would have to be balanced against the loss of wetlands and damage to the environmental benefits along the estuary, including Slimbridge The Estuary is of worldwide importance for habitats and wildlife and has many national and international protection designations.

Sheepscombe School Good News ! Ofsted recently carried out a second monitoring inspection since the school became subject of "special measures" in January last year. It has judged the school to be making good progress in all areas. The County Council has funded additional training for Governors and Staff and encouraged Staff to visit other schools to see new ways of working. Ofsted reported that the acting Headmaster, from October 2012, "has transformed the way in which the school works".

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