

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY 2013 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utleby		Chairman
	Mr P Thorp	}	
	Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
	Jane Walker	}	
	Mr R 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 four members of the Public.

Prior to commencing the meeting, the Chairman paid tribute to Lyn Hemming, Parish Tree Warden and former Parish Councillor, who had died suddenly on 13 January.

13. 2 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Newton and County Councillor Joan Nash.
13. 2 2. **Declaration of Interests**
No Interests were declared.
13. 2 3. **Public Participation**
Q. Following the recent bad weather, when will the Grit Bins be replenished?
A. This task has commenced with bins in Eastcombe and part of Oakridge already refilled.
13. 2 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 January 2013**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2013 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

- 13.2 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
Stroud District Council has offered £2,500 to the Bisley Community Composting Scheme towards the cost of hiring a Shredder for one year.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.2 7. **County Council Matters**____
A copy of County Councillor Mrs J Nash's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes.
- 13.2 8. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) Precept 2013-14**
Councillors agreed unanimously with the original recommendation by the Finance Sub-committee that the Precept be raised from this Fiscal Year's level of £53,090 to £57,515 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The tax base has been reduced from 1078.27 to 1035.95. This meant that the portion of Parish Council Tax applicable to Band D properties would increase by 8.50% (£4.20)
- b) Right to Buy**
District Councillor Daniel le Fleming was requested to enquire if Stroud District Council had given any consideration to the fact that if Tenants exercised their right to buy then the Council would lose out financially on each sale.
- c) Bisley Closed Churchyard**
The PCC had written to the Parish Council formally requesting that the Council take over maintenance of the closed All Saints' Churchyard. In accordance with Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council was required to do so 3 months after the date of the PCC's letter. It would therefore assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Churchyard with effect from 23 April 2013.
- d) Conduct of Urgent Business**
Councillors had enquired if it was possible to introduce items they considered urgent to be discussed at Parish Council meetings. The Clerk explained that rules dictated that any item for discussion has to be declared on the Agenda which in turn must be displayed a minimum of three working days on Public Noticeboards.

e) Air Balloon Roundabout

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Highways Agency and our local MP regarding the lack of consultation on the proposed changes to this roundabout with copies to neighbouring Parishes.

f) Parish Tree Warden

It was agreed that the Wards would seek suitable candidates for the post of Parish Tree Warden.

g) Police and Crime Commissioner (P&CC)

The P&CC had invited comments on the level of the Police Precept for the coming fiscal year but had only allowed 2 ½ days for responses. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Commissioner explaining why Parish Councils could not respond in this timescale and asking him to allow more time for responses in future consultations.

13.2 9. **Finance**

Payments for February 2013

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4310	Wicksteed – Repair Eastcombe Play Eqpt.	254.00	50.80	304.80
4455	Repair Oakridge Lynch Play Eqpt	337.06	67.41	404.47
4000	Clerk’s Salary – January 2013	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
	Totals	1,643.98	118.21	1,762.19

13.2 10. **Planning**

Planning Applications February 2013

Bisley

S.13/0039/TCA - Paul Mead, Wells Road, Bisley - Ash Tree (T1) Remove low branch over Cherry tree completely, prune branch alongside to crown raise a little. Variegated Holly (T2) Reduce its height by approximately 1.5m and shape sides as required – **Support**

S.12/2293/FUL - Middle Lypiatt House, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud - Conversion of existing barns (Barn 2 and 3) to dwelling – **Support**

Reasons / Comments: These barns are distinct from the main Listed Residential building, separated by a road/footpath. We therefore believe that the proposed conversion will not affect any historic integrity of the listed house, and not impinge negatively on the landscape setting. Barn 3 has special features of interest (feeding troughs and stall partitions) that we would wish to be respected as per the Design Statement. We believe that it would be extremely difficult to find an alternative use than residential for these buildings in this remote rural setting, hence our support.

However our support for this application is wholly conditional on the applicant properly fulfilling the recommendations of the Bat Survey including carrying out works to Barn 3 as per the formal Bat Preliminary Survey Method Statement proposed (paragraphs 7.3-7.9), including commissioning/retaining an ecologist to detail the survey, supervise the installation of bat access/crevices and undertaking professional dawn to dusk surveys carried out to inform the detailing of the mitigation

S.12/2291/FUL - Middle Lypiatt House, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud - Conversion of existing barns (Barn 1 and Long Barn) to residential dwelling and annexe. – **Support**

Reasons / Comments: These barns are distinct from the main Listed Residential building, separated by a road/footpath. We therefore believe that the proposed conversion will not affect any of the historic integrity of the listed house, and will not impact negatively on the landscape setting. Indeed the Long Barn is already converted and we believe this proposed conversion will improve the overall visual quality of both buildings. We believe that it would be extremely difficult to find an alternative use than residential for these buildings in this remote rural setting.

However our support for this application is wholly conditional on the applicant properly fulfilling the recommendations of the Bat Survey including carrying out works to Barn 1 as per the formal Preliminary Bat Survey Method Statement proposed (paragraphs 7.3-7.8) including commissioning/retaining an ecologist to detail the survey, supervise appropriate provision for bats plus undertaking professional dawn to dusk surveys carried out to inform the detailing of the mitigation.

S.12/2291/FUL - Middle Lypiatt House, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud - Conversion of existing barns (Barn 1 and Long Barn) to residential dwelling and annexe – **Withdrawn**

S.12/2293/FUL - Middle Lypiatt House, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud - Conversion of existing barns (Barn 2 and 3) to dwelling - **Withdrawn**

Eastcombe

S.12/2315/HHOLD - Stick Heaven, Eastcombe GL6 7DN - First floor extension, alterations and erection of utility room outbuilding - **No observations**

Oakridge

S.12/2567/FUL - Land Adjacent To Woodside Cottage The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud - Erection of dwelling, revised scheme with external balcony and store – **Support**

S.12/2565/HHOLD - The Thatched House, Tunley, Sapperton GL7 6LW - Restoration and alterations to outbuilding to provide ancillary studio - Support

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13.2 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received.

Clerks & Councils Direct
Invitation to attend Community Assets Event
Gloucester Playing Fields Association Annual Report
R H Attwood Ground Maintenance Ltd
Samaritans (Request for funding)
Three quotations for Parish Insurance

13.2 12 **Ward Matters**

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

13.2 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **6 March 2013** commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 2013

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council February 2013

Council Budget meeting

The Budget meeting took place on 24 January. The Council has some increased investment plans using the money recovered from Iceland. £1.25 is to go to promote employment in the District. Council tax is being frozen.

Composting/Shredding

I endeavoured to propose an amendment to the budget to reinstate the shredding service, but the Council resolved not to accept amendments but to accept the list as proposed.

Stratford Park.

There has been an increase in usage of the facilities and in gym membership, and an investment of £100,000 is being brought in to improve equipment.

The Canal

Work continues in the Dudbridge area

Rubbish & Refuse

Veolia are carrying out a review to identify problems and find hotspots. The contact at SDC is Michael Kelly on 754503.

Flooding

The useful contribution made by Neighbourhood Wardens in identifying and dealing with flooding problems has been pointed out by the Chief Executive.

Planning

A recent successful appeal against a Council decision in Cam (24 Jan) is causing to our planning department concern. We now have to lodge our local plan submission as a matter of urgency.

Council tax changes

I note that a meeting with parish councils took place in January 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
Feb 2013**

ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 2013

February 2013 County Councillor's Report.

Council Tax. The budget meeting takes place in the middle of February, so the final decision on next year's budget will be announced after that.

January snow. The County's 33 gritting teams worked for the week of the bad weather to keep the main roads passable. Some 26,000 miles were covered using 3,500 tonnes of salt. The salt domes have been replenished with more than 1,000 tonnes of salt and there is 7,000 tonnes in stock. Local help was so important in helping with villages and more minor roads. Parish snow ploughs, hand gritters and just shovels and brooms were all part of the snow clearance operation across the Division. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Launch of "Yes2 Jobs" website. Later in February the County will officially launch the new website www.yes2jobs.co.uk. Businesses around the County will be asked to register on the site and confirm what opportunities they have available for young people, work experience, apprenticeships or long term employment. It is hoped the new initiative will be used by young people and by employers. More information available from Andrew Webster 01452 425659

Air Balloon Roundabout The proposed new arrangement for traffic going from Birdlip to Cheltenham and Stow is instigated by the Highways Agency. The County Council has made it clear to the Highways Agency that the Agency should engage with residents and Councillors at all levels. More information can be obtained from nigel.riglar@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Healthwatch Gloucestershire. This organisation is set up to give people a stronger voice to improve health and care. The County Council Cabinet selected Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to set up Healthwatch Gloucestershire to provide independent advocacy to people who want to make a complaint about health services. The new organisation will begin on 1st April and views will be sought from all sections of the community who are actually using the services.

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