

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2013 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE  
HALL**

**Present:**

Mr R Utley		Chairman
P Thorp	}	
Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
Jane Walker	}	
Mr R Brooks	}	
Mr J Ellis	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mrs V Nairn	}	
Mr R N Budgeon	}	
Mr M Bell	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr P M Morris		Clerk

**In attendance:**

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

13. 4 1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Newton
13. 4 2. **Declaration of Interests**  
No Interests were declared.
13. 4 3. **Public Participation**  
Statement made declaring appreciation for the hard work done by Parish Councillors on behalf of the local community.
- Q.** Are minutes of the Community Renewals meeting available.  
**A.** Awaiting final version following request for amendments.
- A statement was then made thanking County Councillor Joan Nash for the service that she has provided to the community and wishing her a very long and happy retirement.
13. 4 4. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2013**  
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

13.4 5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
The Clerk informed the meeting that the S106 application for funds to resurface the access road to Eastcombe Scout & Guide Building had been submitted

13.4 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.

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

13.4 8. **Matters for Discussion**

**a) Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting**

It was agreed that R Utleby would attend the meeting and that the following question should be submitted:

Cautions, issued at the discretion of the police, allow the sanctioning of criminals without going to court. They were introduced as a way of dealing with minor offences and first-time offenders. It is now clear, however, that they are being used to deal with repeat offenders and for those who commit serious crimes. Nationally, 1/3 of all serious and violent offences are being dealt with by caution. As a result, not only are criminals escaping proper sanction for their actions, but the victims of crime are being denied the opportunity of being compensated by the court.

As part of the Police & Crime Commissioner's legal duty to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of her officers and staff, what requirements will he place on her regarding the appropriate use of cautions?

**b) Chairman's report to Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting was approved following an amendment.

**c) Bisley Sports Pavilion**

Minutes of the Sports Pavilion Steering Group meeting held on 20 December 2012 were received. Letter of resignation of the Steering Group was accepted. Councillors thanked all members for their sustained hard work on the project over many years.

It was agreed that an expression of interest should be submitted regarding the ComBI grant.

**d) HGV's: Proposal for Feedback to CEO's**

It was reported that it is acceptable to publish copies of letters to CEOs complaining about the use of over-large vehicles in narrow village streets, together with the replies from the

companies concerned, on the Parish website. The Council approved the wording of a standard letter for this purpose.

**e) Community Renewables Meeting 18 March 2013**

A verbal report was presented to the meeting.

13.4 9. **Finance**

**Payments for April 2013**

**The following payments were approved by the Parish Council**

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4040	GAPTC Annual Subscription	483.93		483.93
4000	Clerk's Salary – March 2013	844.91		844.91
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	208.01		208.01
4030	P Morris – AVG Internet security	28.33	5.67	34.00
4037	Ink cartridges	27.00	5.40	32.40
4201	JNC (Fire Protection) Ltd - Bisley Pavilion	24.90	4.98	29.88
4202	P Thorp reimbursement – Pitch line markers Bisley Pavilion	343.00	68.60	411.60
4055	H Watkinson – RFS membership fee	57.00		57.00
4045	Section S137 Payments:			
	Sue Ryder Leckhampton Hospice	250.00		250.00
	Frith Youth Club	500.00		500.00
	Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	200.00		200.00
	Stroud Victim Support Group	100.00		100.00
	WRVS	50.00		50.00
	Bisley News	100.00		100.00
	What's On Oakridge Newsletter	100.00		100.00
	Eastcombe Village Newsletter	100.00		100.00
	The Royal British Legion	100.00		100.00
	Eastcombe Scouts & Guides	250.00		250.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,767.08</b>	<b>84.65</b>	<b>3,851.73</b>

13.4 10. **Planning**

**Planning Applications April 2013**

**Bisley**

**S.13/0351/HHOLD** - 3 Little Close, Stroud Road, Bisley, Stroud. GL6 7BH - Replacement of existing wooden windows frames with new U-PVC window frames and replacement windows - **Comments only**. Little Close is a signature group of residential dwellings marking the 'beginning/end' of the

village. Bisley Village Design statement (Chapter 5 Buildings, p 14) states "Replacement windows in timber are preferred", given that "details of a genuine and intrinsic part of the building structure add to the overall character of the village."

**S.13/0575/TCA** - All Saints Church, Vicarage Lane, Bisley - Repollard and remove epicormic growths at base on 2 small Limes. Remove significant deadwood on Lime by Lych gate, Lime opposite main church door, 8 Limes, 1 Sycamore and Lime by School, sever Ivy at base also - **Support**

Reasons / Comments: Bisley Tree Wardens made the comment that when the ivy is cut, ideally it should be removed from the tree at the time, rather than be left to die and become unsightly. They suggest there is plenty of ivy in the Church Yard for insects and roosts for birds

### **Oakridge**

**S.13/0465/HHOLD** - Pipers Cottage, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, GL6 7NY - First floor extension over existing study. Erection of two storey extension and conservatory to south elevation. Installation of two roof lights in north elevation. - **Support**

Reasons / Comments: It is unclear on the application whether the conservatory glazing is in timber frames, providing it is we support this application. We would not support U-PVC conservatory frames. We would like confirmation of this.

**S.13/0454/VAR** - Butchers Arms, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, GL6 7NZ Variation of conditions 4 - Noise limit and 5 - Fumes and odour treatment from planning permission S.12/2013/FUL for commercial kitchen extract and revent system. - **Support**

**S.13/0360/FUL** - The Cottage, Far Oakridge, Stroud GL6 7PF - Demolition of existing two-storey house and replacement with a new 2-storey house - Support

There is a lot of local objection to this application mainly based around the design and materials, lowering the value of houses (not a planning issue) and taking the view from other dwellings (not a planning issue), so we have considered this from a policy perspective.

In considering this application some of the points we addressed are below.

Policies that may apply to The Cottage Planning Application.

Housing Policies

POLICY HN8

Within settlement boundaries permission will be granted for residential development or redevelopment, provided all the following criteria are met:

1. the proposed housing is of a scale, layout and design compatible with the part of the settlement in which it would be located, and would not cause harm to the character and appearance of that part of the settlement; The most relevant policy:- 1. the floor area is approximately the same, the ridge height is over a metre lower, the existing house is Bradstone with UPVC windows and concrete tiles, and the houses next and opposite are Cotswold stone. Elsewhere in the hamlet there are a range of architectural styles as depicted in the application. Opinion - The existing house design is a Bradstone town house which is not vernacular, the proposed house will not be any different in not being vernacular, but is built in timber and Cotswold stone.

#### POLICY HN14

The replacement of dwellings outside defined settlement boundaries will only be permitted where all the following criteria are met:

1. the residential use has not been abandoned; 2. the replacement dwelling is smaller than, or of a similar size to the existing dwelling, and does not detract from the character or appearance of its surroundings; The proposed house fits this criteria. Neither existing or proposed are vernacular.

Natural Environment.

#### POLICY NE8

Within the Cotswolds AONB, priority will be given to the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the landscape over other considerations, whilst also having regard to the economic and social well-being of the AONB. Development within, or affecting the setting of the AONB will only be permitted if all the following criteria are met:

1. The nature, siting and scale are sympathetic to the landscape; 2. The design and materials complement the character of the area; and 3. Important landscape features and trees are retained and appropriate landscaping measures are undertaken.

1. unchanged

2. Neither are vernacular but the proposed is more rural in design.

3. unchanged

Not really directly relevant but needs to comply with this.

The building has moved up the site away from the neighbour on the south side, there is no neighbour on the other side only a field.

The windows to the north on the proposed are smaller meaning less risk of overlooking the neighbour across the road. The lower ridge height will mean a bigger sky for this, and other neighbours to the north.

Built Environment.

#### POLICY BE1

New development will be permitted where:

1. it is physically integrated with its surroundings by preserving, extending and improving links with the existing public highway that provides safe, convenient and attractive through routes; 2. existing features which contribute to the area, landmark features, and views to them are retained in an appropriate manner or improved; 3. existing building frontage lines are maintained, or gaps result in benefits to the quality of the public space. Where there are no established building lines, streets and other public spaces, these should be defined by new building frontages;

#### POLICY BE2

New development, will be permitted where the proposal represents a high quality urban design, and is compatible with its surroundings. Where this is not appropriate, the development should create a strong and distinctive urban design itself. In all proposals the following considerations should be addressed:

1. the layout and form of existing and the proposed development, and where appropriate the historic pattern of the area; 2. the relationship of the proposed development with its wider landscape setting; 3. the scale and character of the existing and proposed townscape in terms of road and pavement width and alignment, building heights, building line, plot size, density, elevational design and materials; 4. any features or open spaces, buildings and/or structures of character on or adjoining the site;

Conservation Area policies do not apply but we considered this:- POLICY BE4 Applications involving the demolition of an unlisted building, buildings or other structure or structures, within a Conservation Area, will only be permitted if:

1. either (a) the structure to be demolished makes no positive contribution to the character or appearance of the area; or

(b) the condition of the building or structure is such that the cost of repairing and maintaining it outweighs its importance, and the value derived from its continued use; and

2. detailed proposals have been approved for the re-use of the site, including any replacement building or other structure that retains or make a greater contribution to the character or appearance of the area than the building or structure to be demolished.

On balance we can see no reason in Planning Policy to refuse this application.

### **Eastcombe**

**S.13/0330/HHOLD** - Gladstone Cottage, Eastcombe, Stroud, GL6 7DN - New parking and turning area. - **No observations**

**S.13/0540/TCA** - : Orchard Cottage, Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7ED - Reduce Dawn Redwood by approximately 20% - **No observations**

**S.13/0562/HHOLD** - 10 Bracelands, Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7DS - Installation of Koi pond and fencing - **Comments only.**

Reasons / Comments: There may be a road traffic visibility issue if the fencing is taken too far towards the corner

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#### **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received.

CPRE Newsletter

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#### **Ward Matters**

Bisley Ward reported that take-up of the Saturday Surgeries for local residents had been low. With effect from Monday 8 April 2013 Ward Meetings would be held in public at the Bisley WI Village Hall on the second Monday of each month. There would be a thirty minute window of opportunity prior to the commencement of each Ward meeting for Ward residents to raise any matters of interest/concern with their Parish Councillors.

There were no further 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 **1 May 2013** commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

## **ANNEX A TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 2013**

#### **District Councillor's Report to Parish Council April 2013**

##### **District Council**

There have been no council meetings in March. Much of the current focus seems to be on council housing, where I see the latest newsletter states that £68 million is going to be invested over the next five years. £2 million is being spent on economic development and protecting vulnerable communities. Work continues on the canal at Dudbridge and Capel's Mill.

##### **Local Plan**

Consultation continues on the proposals with a view to finalising the draft within the next three months.

##### **Parish Councils**

At the Executive meeting on 28 March it is intended to introduce a new committee to work with town and parish councils as part of the 'Corporate Consultation Strategy'.

##### **Community Infrastructure Reward Scheme**

Additional funding of £30,000 is being allocated for funding Community Infrastructure Projects put forward by Parish Councils which contribute to the provision of affordable housing within the parish.

##### **Low Carbon Homes Pilot Scheme**

The Council is allocating £150,000 to support a pilot scheme to improve the energy performance of private homes in the district.

**Daniel le Fleming**  
**April 2013**

## **ANNEX B TO**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 2013**

#### **County Councillor's Report April 2013**

**Purdah** Between the dates of 26<sup>th</sup> March and polling day, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 the County Council is in the period known as "Purdah". This means that there are strict rules about publicity. Any publicity given by the media team will be given in a way that does not influence voters in the forthcoming election.

There will be no publicity on controversial issues.

The number of Councillors in the next Council will be reduced from 63 to 53, each Division will have an increased number of electors. This will affect rural Divisions most of all, as the geographical area will be increased in order to take the extra electors.

**Fastershire.** The project for providing faster broadband across the county has started with 15,000 households and businesses in the Forest of Dean. This first tranche should be operational by the autumn, with the rest of the County connected by the end of 2016. A new website is set up for residents to gain further information, [www.fastershire.com](http://www.fastershire.com).

**Incinerator at Javelin Park.** The Planning Committee refused planning permission at the meeting last month. The future of the project is now unclear. Possibly the developer, UBB will take the decision to appeal. Whatever the outcome, it will be a huge problem for the next Council to find a way of disposing with the County's residual waste.

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