

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Lesley Greene	}	
Mr P Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
Jane Walker	}	
Mr R Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mr R N Budgeon	}	
Mr C Stoker	}	Oakridge Ward
Mr G Newton	}	
Mr P M Morris		Clerk

In the absence of Mr R Utley, the meeting was chaired by Mr R Brooks who welcomed Mr C Stoker as the new Councillor for Oakridge Ward.

13. 9 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from R Utley, Val Nairn, J Ellis, M Bell and County Councillor J Bullingham.
13. 9 2. **Declaration of Interests**
No interests were declared.
13. 9 3. **Public Participation**
Four members of the Public were present.
13. 9 4 **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 August 2013**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 7 August 2013 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
13. 9 5. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
13. 9 6. **Planning Applications_**

S.13/1689/HHOLD & S.13/1690/LBC - The Thatched House, Tunley, Sapperton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6LW

Amendments to approval S.12.2565/HHOLD - Rebuild stone walls, new roof finish. - **Support**

Reasons / Comments: We fully support the renovation of this property.

S.13/1677/HHOLD - Brittany, Wells Road, Eastcombe Stroud
Replacement of glass roof to conservatory with slate-covered, insulated, mono-pitch timber roof. - **No observations**

Interests declared: Yes

John Ellis has declared an interest and taken no part in any discussions on this application.

S.13/1563/FUL - Land At Bakers Paddock Oakridge Lynch, Stroud
Gloucestershire

Erection of poultry shed (part retrospective). - **Support**

We support the continued agricultural use of this land and support the erection of a poultry shed of this scale.

S.13/1776/FUL - The Cottage, Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PF

Demolition of an existing two storey dwelling and replacement with a new two storey dwelling. - **Support**

The applicant has addressed the local residents concerns in the previous application about appearance and scale, and the Notice of Refusal's point about the building being offset at an angle to the highway. We consider this application complies with Policies HN14, NE8 and NPPF paragraphs 17, 58, 115 also stated in the last refusal notice. It also complies with Bisley-with-Lypiatt Village Design Statement policies S1, B1, B2, B3, B4 & B5. We support this application.

S.13/1710/DISCON - Grambler Cheltenham Road, Bisley, Stroud,
Gloucestershire, GL6 7BJ

Discharge of conditions 3, 4 and 7 from permission S.11/0916/FUL

(Demolition of existing garage and erection of dwelling).- **No observations**

S.13/1713HHOLD - The Old Vicarage George Street, Bisley, Stroud,
Gloucestershire, GL6 7BB

New entrance gate and enlargement of entrance. – **Support**

S.13/1815/LBC – Brotherstones, Eastcombe, Stroud Gloucestershire
GL6 7ED

Replacement of three uPVC Double Glazed windows on the 1st floor with three traditional cottage style wooden double glazed units finished in pebble grey (RAL 7032). Existing uPVC windows all have at least one failed sealed unit which requires replacement. - **Support**

The new windows will improve the appearance of the cottage as well as its energy efficiency.

S.13/1798/HHOLD - Martlets Manor Street, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AX

To add a black aluminium lean-to conservatory to rear of property. -

Comments only

Martletts is in the Bisley Conservation Area so we have concerns about the use of aluminium. The Conservation Area Statement Policy B4 (para 2) request the use of materials that are 'sympathetic' and the Bisley Village Design Statement Policy B1 similarly requests "extensions and adaptations respect the traditional and vernacular". We would therefore recommend the use of wood - a traditional material - for this extension

S.13/1791FUL - New Conversion Througham Slad Manor, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AW - Extensions to the existing dwelling (including removal of conditions on approval S.03/1172).

Councillors agreed that due to the complexity of this application it would be prudent to request an extension to the response date from SDC Planning Department.

S.13/1819/FUL – Quarry, Bisley Road, Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire
Replace existing post and wire fencing and gate.- **No observations**

The Clerk had not received a notification from SDC on The Gramblers, S.13/1725/MINAM and it was not included for discussion in the Agenda. The Clerk told councillors that he would investigate as there was apparently a 'glitch' in the new system. He also said there was no alternative to our current protocol but to report it at the next PC meeting.

13. 9 7. **District Council Matters** – (Councillor Daniel le Fleming)

No report was received

13. 9 8. **County Council Matters** – (Councillor Jason Bullingham)

No report was received

13. 9 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) S106 request Eastcombe Pavilion

Agreed to support in principle, awaiting copies of three quotes.

b) Low Impact Development – Planning Considerations

R Budgeon to provide draft response for October Parish meeting, copy to be forwarded to GAPTC for comment.

c) Letter from Chief Executive, SDC

Following the request by residents for an election to fill the Councillor vacancy in Oakridge Ward, the Chief Executive SDC had written to the Parish Council about the protracted election process. The wording of a formal reply to that letter was agreed.

d) Contacting the Police

Efforts to contact the Police on the non-emergency number 101 by Councillors on two separate occasions recently had proven to be almost impossible. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Constable expressing our concerns and send a copy to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

e) Petition for Amendment of the National Planning Policy Framework

It was agreed that Councillors would canvass support from individuals and information would be placed on the Parish Council Website, Village Newsletters and Noticeboards.

f) Rural Fair Share Petition

It was agreed that Councillors would at their discretion canvass Parish residents.

g) SW Region Allotment Officers Meeting

Report from Lesley Greene attached as Annex A to these Minutes. Arising from the meeting it appeared that the current tenancy agreement needed revision. It would be brought to a future Parish Council meeting for approval.

h) Stroud District Youth Work Network Meeting

Lesley Greene reported that the main issue within all areas was a lack of transport. Susan Newson Frith Youth Centre agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss local issues.

i) Invitation to Tracks and Trails Group Meeting

A proposal to request one or both of the Parish Tree Wardens to attend on behalf of the Council and to report back was carried unanimously.

13.9 10 **Finance**

Payments for September 2013

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4020	BT - Telephone	63.91	12.78	76.69
4047	Abbey Surfacing – Access Road, Eastcombe Scout & Guide Hall	16,775.50	3,355.10	20,130.60
4050	T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting	772.80	154.56	927.36
4035	GAPTC – Stationery	133.20		133.20
4230	JRB Enterprise Ltd – Dog waste bins –	621.00	124.20	745.20

	Bisley			
4055	L Greene – Travel expenses	31.50		31.50
4000	Clerk's Salary – August 2013	873.01		873.01
4036	Computer Cable	10.00		10.00
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	234.81		234.81
4320	I Trueman – Grass Cutting Eastcombe	96.00		96.00
4221	Grass Cutting Bisley Allot's	120.00		120.00
4230	Playground Services – Grass Tiles – Vanderbreen Street Play Area – Bisley	1,496.00	261.80	1,757.80
4200	Npower – Bisley Pavilion	79.93	4.00	83.93
	Totals	21,307.66	3,912.44	25,220.10

b) Local Government Salary Review

Increase in National salary award for Clerks noted.

13.9 11 Correspondence

The following item of correspondence had been received since the last Parish Council Meeting.

Stroud & District Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd. – Invitation to Annual General Meeting.

Cotswold Care Hospice – Letter thanking R Utley & P Thorp for attending the Vintage Tea Party

Gloucestershire Community Council – Offer for representative to attend Parish Meeting to discuss Affordable Housing in the Stroud district.

Copy of letter from Parish resident objecting to Planning Application S.13/1791/FUL.

13.9 12 Ward Matters

Bisley

P Thorp gave a brief report regarding the Bisley Allotment Annual meeting.

Oakridge

R Budgeon welcomed C Stoker as the new Councillor for Oakridge Ward.

Eastcombe

No matters to report not covered in the meeting.

13.9 13 Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **2nd October 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.47pm

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2013

Summary Report of the SW Region Allotment Officers Association

I attended the above meeting on 25 July at Lawrence Weston Community Farm Bristol. I made a presentation on the 'revitalisation' of the Chestergate Allotments Bisley, with special reference to the Bisley Community Composting scheme and the community orchard.

The Allotment Regeneration Initiative (ARI: <http://ari.farmgarden.org.uk/>) facilitates the meeting (www.nasalg.org.uk). 'ARI' work is now complete, so the NAS has taken on its coordinator and will maintain the website for three years as a 'legacy'. Both websites are a valuable source of information. The meeting was attended mainly by paid officers from large towns and cities in the region, including Bristol (two f/t allotment officers with over 5000 allotments), Plymouth, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Exeter, Cheltenham, Swindon, Frome, etc.,.

There were three voluntary Parish representatives. Kim Bedford the Gloucestershire GAPTC Officer was in attendance.

Issues discussed:

◆ **Supporting self-management:** In the context of local authority budget

cuts self-management of allotments interests local authorities i.e. Parish /

voluntary run models in which the LA is responsible only for waiting lists

and monitoring. Most had experience of easily initiating self-management

when an allotment site was new but virtually impossible on established sites. There was a half-wry picture painted of allotment holders as an "awkward" lot; but the well-respected aspect of this was recognition that

cultivating an allotment is hard work- if holders are juggling families,

working as well as growing, they don't have the time never mind the inclination to be bothered with bureaucratic structures, running meetings and managing finances and the like. Sites are usually statutory, meet the government's key "Health & Wellbeing" agenda (LA's have a

new responsibility for public health) so encouragement to self-manage

will continue appropriate to local circumstances.

◆ **Information on allotments:** Much grumbling about TV series presenting vegetable growing as easy and glamorous, creating what many thought was a 'false' demand for allotments (most of the major towns had in excess of 300 on waiting lists); popular interest in allotments drops off as the TV loses interest. Achieving the balance between encouraging those who will make a 'go of it', ensuring young people got a positive message, encouraging healthy life styles and good eating via allotments etc, yet discouraging faddists, concerned most officers. The NAS has produced a new series of excellent leaflets explaining allotments, how to start one and grow well, etc. but not underplaying the work involved. Their website is excellent and practical.

◆ **Eviction processes:** shared processes; the importance of a robust

tenancy agreement as key to resolving disputes- critical to those with

waiting lists.

◆ **Robust Tenancy Agreements:** Flagged a possible issue in Bisley.

◆ **Water:** 'Recent' legislation (1999) - Water Companies are now

scrutinising this (for opportunities to charge more!). Allotments are category 5 (like farms) so have to prove there is no risk to users. There was some concern about water hygiene, putting lids on tanks etc. Encouraging rainwater harvesting / systems was discussed.

Lesley Greene

Bisley Allotment Warden

