

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2013 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utley		Chairman
	Lesley Greene	}	
	Mr P Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
	Jane Walker	}	
	Mr P Nairn	}	
	Val Nairn	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr J Ellis	}	
	Mr R N Budgeon	}	
	Mr C Stoker	}	Oakridge Ward
	Mr M Bell	}	
	Mr G Newton	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

13. 11 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Bob Brooks.

13. 11 2. **Declaration of Interests**
No interests were declared.

13. 11 3. **Public Participation**
Three members of the public attended.

Q. Is there any news regarding the health of District Councillor Mr D le Fleming?

A. The Chairman replied that he had been in contact with Mr le Fleming's family and been informed that he was still incapacitated.

Q. Who is S Foley and why was she paid expenses?

A. S Foley is a Parish Council Tree Warden and the expenses were to cover transport costs to attend a course as requested by the Parish Council.

13. 11 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 October 2013**
The Minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 2 October 2013 and Wednesday 4 September 2013 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

13. 11 5 **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Mr Neil Carmichael MP. The Chairman reported that he had checked with Mr Carmichael's office three times prior to last month's Parish Council meeting and being assured on each occasion that Mr Carmichael would be attending as arranged. Following the meeting he had telephoned the MP's office for an explanation as to his non-appearance. No explanation had been provided.

13. 11 6. **Planning Applications_**

S.13/1607/CPE

Cattle Trough, Lower Nashend, Bisley

Use of barn as a single residential dwelling.

Proposed by Mr R Utley, seconded by Mr M Bell, that the Parish Council write to SDC Head of Planning formally requesting that SDC apply for a planning enforcement order in respect of the unlawful development of the site. Following a request that the vote be recorded, Councillors voted as follows:

For the motion: Mike Bell, Peter Nairn, Val Nairn, Roger Utley.

Against the motion: Roger Budgeon, John Ellis, Lesley Greene, Gareth Newton, Chris Stoker, Peter Thorp.

Abstained: Jane Walker.

The motion was defeated.

S.13/2061/HHOLD

Bakers Farm Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NW

Application Description: Erection of single storey rear extension.

SUPPORT this application.

S.13/2147/HHOLD

2 Church Hill Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AB

Alteration to two retaining internal walls and relocation of steps in the rear garden.

Support this application.

S.13/2165/FUL

Maplewood Back Lane, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BG

Conversion of existing garage/workshop/studio into a two bedroom dwelling. Revised scheme following permission S.12/2240/FUL.

Support this application

S.13/2288/OUT

3 Broadway, the Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud

Outline Planning Permission

This application needs more detail, it is proposed in a line of Cotswold stone dwellings and is next to the Cotswold stone Old Mill - this may be Listed? The proposed building comes forward from the building line and partially obstructs the Old Mill. The reason of the dwelling to provide an "acoustic barrier" seems somewhat unusual.

The proposal is contrary to Policy BE1, particularly BE1-3 considering the building line.

The application cannot be considered against BE3 because there is not enough information.

The application cannot be considered against NE8 because there is not enough information.

OBJECT to this application.

S.13/2304/FUL

Birds Frith Farm Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PB

Repositioning of permitted dwelling.

1. We have no problem with the building changes made over the last year to the original application.

2 The repositioning of the new dwelling

3. We would like to make sure the condition attached to the original permission remains in place:- 5. The new dwelling hereby permitted shall not be occupied until a contract has been signed and is therefore in place for the demolition of the existing dwelling, known as Birds Firth Farm. A copy of the demolition contract including confirmation of the start date shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority. The existing dwelling on the site shall be demolished, and the materials cleared from the site, not later than 3 months after the first occupation of the dwelling hereby permitted. The complete demolition of the existing dwelling shall therefore be completed within 6 weeks from its commencement unless approved by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that no additional dwelling units are established on site and in accordance with Policy HN10 of the adopted Stroud District Local Plan, November 2005.

SUPPORT with "Condition 5 of Permission S.13/0009/FUL" in place.

13. 11 7. **District Council Matters** – (Councillor Daniel le Fleming)
No report submitted.
13. 11 8. **County Council Matters** – (Councillor Jason Bullingham)
A copy of County Councillor Mr J Bullingham's report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes

13. 11 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Bisley WI Village Hall Trustee

It was agreed unanimously to re-appoint Jane Walker as the Parish Council Trustee to the Bisley WI Village Hall Charity.

b) Bank Interest Rate

It was agreed unanimously that the status quo should prevail and not to commit funds to a set period of investment to achieve a minimal amount of increased interest rate. Councillors agreed that to do so would reduce the flexibility of the reserves for very little reward.

c) Planning

Councillors agreed that the Chairman write to request a meeting with the Head of SDC Planning to clarify issues raised by Planning Application S.13/1854/FUL

d) Parish Precept FY2014/15

The Clerk confirmed receipt of proposed Precept from each Ward and a meeting of the Finance Sub Committee would be convened to consider the proposals and report back to the Parish Council in December.

e) War Memorials

The Clerk reported that he had sought guidance from SDC Planning Department and the War Memorials Trust prior to submitting a Planning Application to renovate the War Memorials in Eastcombe and Bisley which included highlighting the engraved lettering with the use of paint. The War Memorial Trust indicated they do not recommend the use of paint on any surface that had not previously been painted. They did however make recommendations for cleaning which do not require Planning Permission.

f) Parish Council Attendance at Development Control Committee Meetings

In the temporary absence of a District Councillor to represent the views of Bisley-with-Lypiatt residents at DCC meetings, it was agreed that a Parish Councillor would attend to state the view of the Parish Council when required.

13. 11 10 **Finance**

Payments for November 2013

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code	Description	£	VAT	Total
4030	BT – Broadband	39.00	7.80	46.80
4300	W Davis – Wall repair _ Eastcombe Allot.	45.00		45.00
4037	GAPTC - Stationery	55.59		55.59
4009	Councillor Training	120.00		120.00
4400	Mole's Services – Burial Ground Maint.	790.00	158.00	948.00
4425	JNC (Fire Protection) Ltd – Oakridge Pav.	70.35	14.07	84.42
4000	Clerk's Salary – September 2013	860.97		860.97
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	221.05		221.05
4315	Severn Trent Water – Eastcombe Allot.	115.72		115.72
4015	GCC Bisley Blue Coat School - Drystone wall repair Bisley Churchyard (50% of cost)	875.00		875.00
4310	Wicksteed – Eastcombe Play Area Maint.	308.50	61.70	370.20
4410	Severn Trent Water – Oakridge Allotments	278.61		278.61
4200	Severn Trent Water – Oakridge Pavilion	148.34		148.34
4221	I Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley Allot's	165.00		165.00
4320	Grass Strimming Eastcombe	108.00		108.00
4250	Teeds Rise Maintenance	240.00		240.00
4055	R Utley – Mileage expenses	22.66		22.66
4037	Stationery (Get Well Card)	1.79		1.79
4261	Fence Palings/Gate catches	19.80	3.96	23.76
4055	Garage keys	10.00		10.00
4030	CIX – Web Services	67.44	13.49	80.93
4016	Graduate Gardeners – Oakridge Closed Churchyard Grass cutting	416.00	83.20	499.20
	Totals	4,978.82	344.22	5,321.04

13. 11 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received since the last Clerks & Councils Direct
Young Gloucestershire – Annual Review
Campaign to Protect Rural England - Countryside Voice & Field Work
Mole's Services – Letter informing Parish Council that they will no longer bid for the Maintenance of the Burial Ground and Tennis Court.

13. 11 12 **Ward Matters**

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

13. 11 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **4th December 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 2013

County Councillor's Monthly Report - November 2013

Javelin Park Planning Appeal Update

The public inquiry for the planning appeal by Urbaser Balfour Beatty (UBB) against the refusal of planning consent for an Energy from Waste facility at Javelin Park is due to start at Hallmark Hotel in Matson on 19th November 2013.

The Secretary of State has appointed Brian Cook BA (Hons), DipTP, MRTPI, an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, to hear the appeal at the Inquiry. Mr Cook was also the Inspector appointed to hear the evidence for the Waste Core Strategy which was adopted by the County Council in November 2012. Mr Cook will hear arguments for and against the proposal and will make recommendations to the Secretary of State about whether to permit the development.

The Inquiry is likely to run for 5 weeks and will start on 19th November; it is expected to be completed by 29th January 2014 having been underway for 20 working days. The County Council, as Planning Authority has recently appointed a Programme Officer, Yvonne Parker, to support the overall running of the Inquiry and to ensure arrangements go smoothly.

The parties being represented at the Appeal Inquiry will include the appellant, UBB, the County Council as Planning Authority, supporting the decision of the planning committee to refuse the application, plus three "Rule 6" bodies, Stroud District Council, Glosvain and Friends of the Earth, all of whom have committed to be involved in the process.

To date each party has provided a Statement of Case to the Planning Inspector, and a Statement of Common Ground has been agreed between the UBB and the Planning Authority. The next key date is the submission of proofs of evidence which is set for 22nd October, with the supplemental proofs on 8th November.

The Inquiry will be open to the public and any member will be able to attend in a private capacity. The Inspector has indicated that he wishes for an evening public session to be held in the locality of Javelin Park and arrangements are currently being made for a suitable venue and date to be identified.

Any individuals wishing to speak at the Inquiry should contact Yvonne Parker at posltd@virginmedia.com.

The County Council's own website contains details of the grounds of appeal. The Inspector at the Pre-Inquiry Meeting has also requested that a webpage is provided which will contain all key pieces of information and evidence in the lead up to the Inquiry. A link to this webpage will be provided at a future update.

Council's financial foundations are given a glowing review

Gloucestershire County Council's financial arrangements have been given a clean bill of health by external auditors.

The independent review, undertaken by Grant Thornton, examined four significant areas of the authority's financial resilience; key indicators of performance, strategic financial planning, financial governance, and financial control.

For each of the areas, the county council was given the top 'green' rating, meaning the arrangements all "meet or exceed adequate standards".

The result is particularly pleasing for the authority, with the report observing that the council has good arrangements in place to plan its finances for the next three years; that the leadership team fully understands the financial environment it operates in; and that the council has achieved its overall savings target for 2012/13 and is on track to exceed its total target of £114 million by 2014/15.

The annual assessment found that, within these four main areas, 22 of 24 sub categories received the same top rating – with two sub categories rated 'amber', meaning some strengthening of arrangements is needed.

Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Gloucestershire County Council cabinet member for finance and change, said: "I'm delighted that the council's financial dealings have been given such a glowing report as part of this review. It simply confirms what we believed all along – that we have very good and robust arrangements in place for ensuring residents are given the best service possible for their taxes."

County takes stock of road repair before winter

Before winter sets in Gloucestershire County Council is taking stock of all the work it has been doing across the county to turn the condition of roads around.

Since the start of the financial year, highway crews have resurfaced a mammoth 41 miles of highway – in real road terms that's the length of travelling from Cheltenham to Bristol.

The resurfacing work has seen a massive 56,000 tonnes of new road material laid down.

A further 131 miles of road – the same as travelling from Cinderford to London – has been protected from winter weather too, with new surface dressing treatments being applied to seal the surface with a new layer of bonded chippings protecting it from rain and frost.

Road crews still have more to do, and by the end of the financial year they will have carried out a total of 90 resurfacing schemes, rebuilding 60 miles of road and laying 85,000 tonnes of new highway.

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