

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2014 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utley		Chairman
	Jane Walker	}	
	Mr P Thorp	}	Bisley Ward
	Lesley Greene	}	
	Mr R Brooks	}	
	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

Cllr Dorcas Binns, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities Gloucestershire County Council was in attendance.

Prior to declaring the meeting open, the Chairman paid tribute to Norman MacLeod, Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Clerk from 2005 until 2010, who had died suddenly on the 11 January 2014.

14. 02 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Nairn

14. 02 2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

14. 02 3. **Public Participation**

Three members of the public attended.

Q. Can the PC persuade BT to expedite Local Loop Unbundling of the Bisley exchange?

A Chairman explained that it would be advisable to wait until BT install fibre optic lines.

Q. Following the disbanding of the steering committee, has any progress been made to refurbish the Bisley Sports Pavilion?

A. Several contractors have been invited to provide estimates – no responses to date.

Q. Are there any plans for Bisley Blue Coat School to replace the Terrapin buildings and can the PC influence the School to progress this matter?

A. The school currently has no plans to replace these buildings. The PC has no authority to influence this decision.

14. 02 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2014**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

14. 02 5 **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at Bisley WI Village Hall. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

14. 02 6. **Planning Applications_**

S.13/2797/LBC & S.13/2796/HHOLD

Application Address: The Old Vicarage Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NS Application Description: Repair and alteration to outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation

Decision: **Support**

Comments: This building will benefit from this addition, making the spaces more useful for a building of this stature.

S.13/2664/FUL

Application Address: Land At Bournes Green, Stroud,
Description: Proposed new field access with stabling and feed store areas (change of use).

Decision: **Object**

Comments:

This proposal is to change the use of an agricultural field to private leisure for horses. It proposes a stable and store for 2 horse boxes, the applicant states horses will graze the field, this grazing density will be in excess of the recommended British Horse Society maximum grazing density of 2 horses/hectare. In view of the fact that this field is renown for the show of cowslips every year, which in turn supports insects and other wildlife, over grazing will destroy this biodiversity.

We are very concerned about the runoff from this site, Moons Lane becomes a water course, even a stream in heavy rain as recently, heavy grazing of this land will exacerbate this water runoff. In addition if the inevitable horse effluent pile from the stables is not dealt with by a suitable digester or effluent system, this will cause considerable problems where it floods the road further down the hill with vehicles driving, and pedestrians

walking through it. In the field to the south of the road where it floods is the first of the ponds, this and the continuing stream will suffer as a result of increase effluent.

We are also very concerned about the traffic exiting onto a particularly narrow lane, this lane is barely wide enough for a four by four vehicle to pass a pedestrian, and adding another entrance likely to be used by large vehicles or vehicles with trailers will overload the possibilities for this lane. In addition because of the slope in the field and the likely size of the vehicles, a considerable amount of land will be needed to be devoted to a turnaround, loading and parking area and banking on the site.

S.13/2733/FUL

Property_Address: The Old Farmhouse Nashend, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AJ

Description: A new part-subterranean dwelling

Decision: **3 Support**

Reasons / Comments: We believe that this application fulfils Para 55 of the NPPF because it is a truly innovative and unique building for our area, will help raise aspirations towards and help enhance standards of design in this rural area, and we appreciate the sensitivity of this design to the characteristics of the local area. Furthermore we welcome the applicant's commitment to energy saving, passive design, the applicant's aim to achieve zero carbon status, and the submission of this building to the BREEAM process. We would like to stress our interest that the landscaping proposals are adhered to, including the retention of the hedgerow (as proposed) and ensuring that the proposed supplementation of the landscaping is achieved to facilitate maximum reduction of visual impact and the maintenance of the rural landscape and wildlife.

S.14/0070/LBC

Property_Address: Eversley Van Der Breen Street, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BN

Description: Removal of a section of internal wall.

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0078/HHOLD

Application Address: Lyday Cottage The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NU

Application Description: Demolition of existing single storey extension and replacement with a new 2 storey extension at the rear, (on the same footprint). Internal alterations. Alteration to existing garage and conversion to home working office.

Decision: **Support**

Comments: We support this application, the materials are in keeping with the existing building and the nearby Listed Buildings.

Interests Declared: One Councillor expressed a possible interest and did not participate in the decision making.

S.14/0152/HHOLD

Property_Address: Ivy Cottage Cheltenham Road, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BJ

Description: Garage conversion and extension

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0123/HHOLD & S.14/0124/LBC

Application Address: Thatched Cottage Tunley, Sapperton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6LW

Application Description: Amendments to approvals S.13/1689/HHOLD and S.13/1690/LBC to extend outbuilding. New oil tank, walls and groundworks.

Decision: **Support**

Comments: We support this application, the materials are in keeping with the existing Listed Buildings. This improvement will make a positive difference to the comfort and the appearance of this building

S.14/0120/FUL

Property_Address: Address: Thomas Keble School Eastcombe Stroud Glos GL6 7DY

Description: Demolish Old Buildings & Erect New

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0135/TCA

Property_Address: 3 Rose Hill Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AQ

Description: Reduce crown of oak tree by 20% crown volume (remove 2.3 to 3m from the tops of branches to suitable growth points).

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0050/TCA

Property_Address: Martlets Manor Street, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AX

Description: Fell Sycamore adjacent to boundary wall on east side. Pollard Ash tree to south, fell x3 Sycamore and replant space with native species. Remove dead wood from Holly tree. Remove overhanging tree limbs

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0202/TCA

Property_Address: Bisley Blue Coat Church Of England Primary School School Road, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BE

Description: Removal of major deadwood from lime tree crown

Decision: **4 Comments only**

Interests declared: **Yes**

Details of any interests declared: This tree is within the boundary of Bisley All Saints Churchyard and overhangs the school playground. It is the responsibility of Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council. The application made by the Tree Surgeon provides the wrong address

14. 02 7. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Daniel le Fleming)**
No report submitted.

14. 02 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
In the absence of Councillor Jason Bullingham, Councillor Dorcas Binns was invited to address the meeting, she informed the meeting of her portfolio of responsibilities and offered her services to assist in any issues the PC might have.
Councillors enquired if the 'Big switch over' offered by the County Council included any of the smaller energy providers. Councillor Binns replied that she would check and inform the Clerk of her findings.

14. 02 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Standing Orders.

Amendments requiring items of a value greater than £25 to be purchased via the Clerk, and formalising a process for dealing with notifications of work to **Trees in Conservation Areas** were approved.

b) Alms House Proposal

A proposal from Oakridge Ward for the provision of suitable dwellings to cater for the particular needs of older residents of the Parish was supported. It was agreed that Oakridge Ward would seek advice from external bodies on how to proceed before the Council considered options for managing the project.

c) Consultation on Electoral Cycles in the Stroud District

It was agreed that Councillors would individually complete the online survey.

d) SDC Petition on National Planning Policy Framework

Chairman to write to the secretary of State for Communities and Local Government expressing the Council's concerns about the damage to the countryside being caused by the National Planning Policy

Framework. Clerk to forward reminder to Councillors to complete the online petition on the same subject.

e) Precept Setting and Referendums

Chairman to write to MP explaining the disproportionate impact that a referendum threshold of 2% would have on smaller Parish Councils.

f) Review of Green Spaces

Clerk to research reports from archives.

g) Community Planning Grant Scheme

Although both the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement required updating, it was agreed that any action would be deferred until the present uncertainties in the planning system had been resolved.

14.02 10 **Finance**

Payments for February 2014

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4040	Helen Watkinson – Royal Forestry Society Annual Subscription	59.00		59.00
4005	GAPTC – Clerk’s Taining	15.00		15.00
4000	Clerk’s Salary – September 2013	800.97		800.97
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	221.05		221.05
4405	D Magee – Oakridge handyman	208.75		208.75
4055	L Greene – Travel expenses	5.85		5.85
4325	Eastcombe Pavilion Trust – Cleaning	350.00		350.00
4230	JRB Enterprises Ltd – Dog Bin - Bisley	210.00	42.00	252.00
4047	K Harris – Eastcombe Pav. Refurbishment	4,020.00		4,020.00
4055	R Utley – Mileage expenses	28.44		28.44
4201	Misc. items Bisley Pavilion	30.93		30.93
4455	Oakridge Village Hall Trust – Pav. Electricity	81.00		81.00
	Totals	6,030.99	42.00	6072.99

The Chairman announced that the family of the late Michael Banyard had decided to donate half the proceeds of the collection at his funeral service to the Bisley allotments. The Clerk would write to the family thanking them for this generous gesture.

14.02 11 **Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

SDC Local Plan Examination (email)
Glos. Playing Fields Assoc. Annual Report
Clerks & Councils Direct
Npower – change of Terms & Conditions
Letter from Mr & Mrs Gibbons about highway gritting (this matter had been dealt with by the Bisley Ward Highways representative)

14. 02 12 **Ward Matters**

Bisley

Fly tipping in Catswood – reported to SDC and was collected within twelve hours. The post of Bisley Snow Warden was now vacant and Mr R Brooks had temporarily taken on the Parish-wide co-ordination responsibilities of the post.

Eastcombe

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

Oakridge

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

14. 02 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **5th March 2014** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 2014

County Councillor's Monthly Report – February 2014

New Highways Partner

Our new highways partner is Amey.

Make the Switch and Save

The council is concerned about the impact that energy prices have on Gloucestershire residents, particularly older people and those living in fuel poverty. That's why it is participating in the Big Community Switch to help people get cheaper gas and electricity by working together.

The Big Community Switch is bulk buying – if a large number of people want to change supplier together they are likely to get a better deal than just one person shopping around and switching on their own.

And the more households that register their interest in switching, the more attractive it becomes for an energy supplier to offer a competitive price and the more likely consumers are to achieve significant savings.

Residents need to register their interest with the Big Community Switch by Monday 17th February at the latest. You can do this either online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch or by phoning the council on 01452 42 57 57 between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

By doing this, you are under no obligation to switch supplier.

People only need to provide basic information at this stage: name, address, contact details, an indication of their energy consumption and whether they wish to consider switching for both gas and electricity or electricity only. It's a good idea to have a recent bill to hand as it makes registering easier and more accurate registration means a more accurate offer.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, the Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said: "Switching energy supplier is often the best way to save money on your bills. We know that about three-quarters of those who registered in November received offers that could save them money, with an average for those saving of £137 per year."

"We are continuing to support this scheme as we know the process of switching can often put people off. This way all you need is a recent energy

bill and the Big Community Switch will do the rest of the work and hopefully get you a better deal.”

Residents who have registered their interest will receive a personalised energy offer during late February or early March. Although this is likely to be lower than current bills, there is no guarantee of this, but there is also no obligation to accept the offer and switch supplier. People only need to sign up to the scheme and make the switch if it works for them.

In the last auction held on 19th November over 1100 people registered their interest in switching through the county council and received offers.

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