

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2014 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE
HALL**

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

14. 05 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Stoker
14. 05 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interest.
14. 05 3. **Public Participation**
Four members of the public attended.
Concerns were raised regarding the planning application S.14/0749/FUL at Oakridge Farm, Oakridge. Having acknowledged the concerns raised, the Chairman explained that this planning application was on the Agenda for discussion later. Mr Keith Watson expressed gratitude for the public service provided by those Councillors who were standing down at the forthcoming elections.
14. 05 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 April 2014**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
14. 05 5 **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

14. 05 6. **Planning Applications_**

S.14/0749/FUL

Property Address: Oakridge Farm Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PF

Description: Conversion of stable building, to forge BI Light industrial use

Decision: **3 Support**

Reasons / Comments: Let's consider the Far Oakridge over the years, 100 years ago this was a very active hamlet, an inn, 3 farms, many active houses in the arts and craft field including The Frith - not mention the main house Iles Green. There was much local work and economic activity, supporting many people. Now, 100 years later, the village has become a residential village with most of those that are still economically active (not retired) commuting out. It will change again, many times we expect. Current Planning Guidance supports farm diversification, specifically NPPF Policy 3/28 supports the reuse of farm buildings. From a parish perspective, I and the Planning Authority have had many letters against the application, these do not reflect current policy but because currently the village is dormitory consideration needs to be given to the residents. Depending on the size of the operation, noise, vehicle movements, and any environmental and health considerations the residents points need addressing, limiting the operating times and taking care with forge emissions and noise.

Interestingly - do we consider the village residential or rural? If residential then it's no different from a housing estate but it is surrounded by a rural working environment, in fact this village contains a working farm and the landscape around is managed and created by the farm so the residents have moved into a rural working environment.

Many of the letters against describe the village as "residential" but in planning terms the area is "rural" so the proposed use is appropriate. The farm could be a dairy farm which would be noisy at 5.00am and again at 6.00pm which would be worse but again appropriate for a rural area.

Looking at the proposal the scale is obviously small and the noise and emissions likewise. We understand the proposal is for a farriers, not a blacksmith, which would also mean much working away from the site, therefore the local impact would be very small.

There is already a blacksmith in the centre of Oakridge Lynch surrounded by houses and this has never given rise to any noise or pollution problems – copy of email from a Parish Councillor neighbour living immediately above the forge - Chris Stoker' - "I would say Bill the blacksmith makes no noise of any significance and never noticed any smoke and we live next door in a similar situation to the houses in Far Oakridge and this farm."

There are two more blacksmiths in the next parish of Miserden, one being surrounded by houses, again with no noise or pollution problems. There are other mobile farriers in the area.

On balance we support the application but to consider the neighbour's concerns we would suggest:-

1. a limitation of the forging hours to between 7.30am and 7.00pm.
2. a visit and report by Environmental Health to identify any issues.
3. A farriers operation is not typically based around a workshop, they travel to the horses, so we consider the increase in vehicle traffic to the site will be negligible compared with the current activity and farm contracting movements.
4. We consider the farmyard is large enough to cope with the scale of parking which may be required - this could be confirmed by the officer.

The development is supported by the NPPF Policy 3/28 and complies with and supported by Stroud Policies EM6, EM7, all the criteria of BE17, NE8,

S.14/0694/HHOLD

Property Address: 32 Windyridge Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7DA

Description: Erection of single storey extension to side

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0492/HHOLD

Property Address: Orchard Cottage Bourne's Green, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NL

Description: Construction of two pitched roof dormer windows on rear (replacing existing flat-roofed dormer and velux window)

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0787/HHOLD

Property Address: Frith House Limekiln Lane, Waterlane, Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PG

Description: Glass single storey extension to rear/south elevation of property. Creation of two dormer windows to the front/east elevation

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0824/HHOLD

Property Address: Parkview Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7ED

Description: Single Storey porch/conservatory

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0817/HHOLD

Property Address: 1 Laburnum Cottage, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe
Stroud GL6 7DP

Description: First Floor Extension

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0855/VAR

Property Address: Grambler, Cheltenham Road, Bisley, Stroud

Description: Variation of Condition Inc Renewals

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0375/AGR

Property Address: Rectory Farm Limekiln Lane, Bisley, Stroud,
Gloucestershire, GL6 7AS

Description: Portal frame agricultural building

Decision: **3 Support**

S.14/0907/LBC

Property Address: 2 Church Hill Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AB

Description: Upgrade guttering to left aspect

Decision: **3 Support**

Reasons / Comments: This application is respectful of the traditional quality of materials in Bisley's Conservation Area so we welcome the removal of old plastic guttering and replacement with more appropriate cast iron

S.14/0757/FUL

Property Address: Barns Middle Lypiatt, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Proposed conversion of Barn 1 to dwelling house, including extension and rebuilding of the Long Barn

Decision: **3 Support**

Reasons / Comments: We support on condition that the now out of date bat survey is re-done (as advised), and that not only are the appropriate

mitigation measures taken but net gains for and enhancement of biodiversity implemented as per NPPF paragraph 109.

14. 05 7. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Daniel le Fleming)**

A copy of District Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell's report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes

14. 05 8. **County Council Matters- (Councillor Jason Bullingham)**

A copy of County Councillor Mr J Bullingham's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes

14. 05 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Town & Parish Market Survey**

Survey completed

b) **Annual Audit**

The Clerk presented the summary for audit purposes of the Parish Finances which was approved unanimously.

c) **Clerk's Delegated Authority for Churchyard Maintenance**

It was agreed that the Clerk's current delegated authority for Churchyard maintenance, namely that "The Parish Clerk, in consultation with the Parish Council Chairman (or in his absence the Deputy Chairman), may authorize expenditure of up to £500 on routine or emergency work required as part of the maintenance of the closed churchyards. Expenditure above this sum, or expenditure on work that is neither routine nor emergency, must be authorized in advance by the Parish Council." would be renewed until the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Council or until incorporated into a re-issued set of Financial Regulations for the Council, whichever was the sooner.

d) **Carry Forward Surpluses from Ward Budgets**

It was agreed that surpluses in Ward budgets for FY 2013/14 would be carried forward into FY2014/15 budgets as notified to the Clerk by each Ward Committee.

e) **Date of Parish Council meeting in June 2014**

It was agreed that the June Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 11th at 7.30pm in Bisley WI Village Hall.

14. 05 10 **Finance**

Payments for May 2014

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4055	Tree Maintenance Ltd – Tree Survey	450.00	90.00	540.00
4230	H Saunders – Kettle Bisley Allotments	26.60		26.60
4000	Clerk's Salary – April 2014	819.77		819.77
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	239.22		239.22
4315	S T Water – Eastcombe Allotments	16.67		16.67
4037	Viking – Ink Cartridges	149.88	29.98	179.86
4040	National Allotment Society	55.00	11.00	66.00
4015	Tree Maintenance Ltd – Bisley Churchyard	280.57	56.11	336.68
4200	S T Water – Oakridge Pavilion	39.77		39.77
4410	S T Water – Oakridge & Far Oakridge	50.57		50.57
4036	Computancy – Laptop repair	60.00		60.00
4020	BT Broadband	39.00	7.80	46.80
4221	I Trueman – Grass Cutting Bisley Allotments	240.00		240.00
4320	Strimming Eastcombe	111.00		111.00
4026	S Boden – Internal Audit	120.00		120.00
4008	R Utley – Mileage & Parking expenses	58.82		58.82
4250	R H Attwood – Grass cutting Teeds Rise	105.71		105.71
4400	Grass cutting Burial Ground	107.14	42.57	149.71
	Totals	2,869.72	237.46	3,107.18

Payment of Garage Rent to Stroud District Council by Direct Debit - £60.28 per month.

14. 05 11 **Correspondence**

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

R Binder – Parking in Bisley
 Clerks and Councils Direct
 Fields in Trust – Impact Report
 Long Distance Walkers Association
 Neil Carmichael – Council Tax Referendum Thresholds
 SDC – Sheltered Housing

14. 05 12 **Ward Matters**

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

Bisley

A meeting held at The Stirrup Cup to determine interest for the construction of a BMX cycle track had been attended by a number of enthusiastic supporters of the proposal. Volunteers were working on a design for the track and Ward Councillors would arrange a survey to gauge wider public opinion.

14. 05 13 Farewell to Departing Councillors

The Chairman presented framed Certificates as a record of their contribution to those Councillors who were not standing at the forthcoming elections in appreciation of their work in support of the Community.

14. 04 14 Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **11th June 2014** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 2014

District Councillor's Monthly Report – May 2014

The first stage of the examination in public of the local plan took place on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. At the end Inspector Pratt said that he hoped to issue his findings so far by the end of May. He indicated that the possibilities ranged from needing to go back and start again, included re-do some bits before proceeding, to all ok proceed to stage 2. There was, however, also a caveat that very few plans are passed without hitches somewhere in the process.

Council voted to move to all out elections every four years starting from 2016. There were varying views amongst Councillors but there were two main arguments in favour. One that it would be difficult to have 3 Councillor Wards throughout the District (as required by the Boundary Commission if Council decided to continue electing by thirds) because they would have to be enormous in the rural areas to include enough electors. The second was that taken all round it is a substantially cheaper option, partly in savings but also including additional expenses that would be necessitated by having elections in every ward in three out of four years. There is a knock on effect on Parish Councils who will have to follow the same pattern of elections. The next step is to decide on the number of Councillors overall.

The Code of Conduct has been amended so that paragraphs 4.4 to 4.6, which address personal interests (now called "other interests") reads:

"You have an other interest where a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as significantly advantaging or disadvantaging you, or your spouse, civil partner or person you live with (together referred to as "Your Partner") to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax, business rate payers or inhabitants of your ward. In interpreting and applying this part of the code, it is imperative that you always act in a manner which is consistent with the key principles set out in the Code at Part 2: Principles."

There is also now the chance to speak but not vote if the interest is as defined above and arises from representing the Council on an outside body, or membership of a body on which neither the Councillor nor his/her partner has a position of control/management.

All this amounts to a relaxation from the previous position, which was extremely restrictive, but requires Councillors to think carefully about their interests at all times. The working group looked at

numerous examples from other councils and there was a big variation in approach. SDC has opted for a middle way, but it will be kept under review to see if it works in practice.

Rhiannon Wigzell

ANNEX BTO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MAY 2014

County Councillors Monthly Report - May 2014

Big Health Check

On Wednesday 14th May the Learning Disability 6th annual Big Health Check will be hosted by a partnership of the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Voices and 2gether NHS Foundation Trust.

The theme this year is 'Healthy Eating and Healthy Living'.

There will be interactive workshops, stalls, outside sports and cookery activities, too many of each to list! For more details and address and event times [go here](#).

Please pop along to the event on 14th and do your best to advertise it within your community.

More Two-Year Old Free Childcare Places

1,000 extra two-year-olds will be eligible for free early learning childcare places in 2014.

Gloucestershire has received £4.98million to support even more two-year-olds into early education. Families on a low income could be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare a week and the extra funding will mean more places available at nurseries, child-minders, schools, playgroups and children's centres.

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