

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 JULY 2014 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE
HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utley		Chairman
	Jane Walker	}	Bisley Ward
	Shelagh Utley	}	
	Mr R K Brooks	}	
	Mr P Nairn	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Rachel Wright	}	
	Roger Budgeon	}	Oakridge Ward
	Dennis Robbins	}	
	Sarah Maingot	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

14. 7 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Mike Bell and John Mulligan.
14. 7 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests.
14. 7 3. **Open Forum with Jo Randall & Mathew Winter (The Casual Vacancy Productions Limited) – Plans for Filming in Bisley**
Mathew Winter outlined the production company's plans for filming in Bisley during July and August. In advance of each visit an explanatory letter would be delivered to households likely to be affected. Every attempt would be made to minimise disruption whilst filming; however, Bisley High Street would be closed to through traffic from 8.00am on 28th July until 8.00pm on 29th July. Access for residents of the High Street during this time would be maintained.
14. 7 4. **Public Participation**
Seven members of the public attended the meeting.
- Q.** Can heavy Lorries be banned from our villages?
A. The Parish Council has no authority to ban vehicles. This problem is raised with Gloucestershire Highways at our monthly meetings.
- Q.** Several concerns raised over the Planning Application for 'Trussalls', will the Parish Council support these objections?

A. Planning applications must be dealt with within specific regulations. This particular application will be carefully considered later in this meeting.

14. 7 5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11 June 2014**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 June 2014 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book

14. 7 6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

14. 7 7. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

a) **S.14/1299/OUT**

Property address. Trussalls, Van Der Breen Street, Bisley GL6 7BP

Description. Erection of a 3 bedroom dwelling

Decision. **Object**

Reasons/Comments: In the Parish Council's view, the Design and Access Statement paints an unduly rosy picture of the ability of Van Der Breen Street to absorb additional vehicles. It is incorrect to say that on-street parking "is not common". For the four dwellings immediately opposite the proposed development there is nowhere else for the inhabitants to keep their vehicles and as a result cars are parked on the road at most times of the day and night. The road is narrow and parked vehicles both here and elsewhere in Van Der Breen Street frequently cause problems for large vehicles, including the agricultural vehicles which regularly use the road to access Lower Barn Farm. The proposed new entrance to Trussalls would be particularly affected by the presence of parked cars on the opposite side of the road. The diagrams provided to support the application misrepresent the position of a telegraph pole immediately adjacent to the proposed entrance, thus making it appear that it will be possible to make the entrance wide enough for vehicles to enter the drive at an angle. We do not believe that this could be achieved.

While the application form acknowledges the presence of a tree on the site, the Design and Access Statement makes no

mention of the fact that the development would require the felling of this tree, an attractive young oak which appears to be about 20 years old.

There is also no mention of the problems frequently experienced by Van Der Breen Street residents as a result of inadequate sewerage capacity. Blockages are common and the situation will only be made worse by the connection of a further dwelling to the main sewers.

In a rural location the site as proposed would be severely over-developed, with little or no space available for a garden area once the footprint of the dwelling, car parking for 2 cars, and external waste storage provision are taken into account. This fails to meet the requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework for high-quality design and a good standard of amenity.

The information supplied in the application is incomplete and in some areas incorrect. As a result it is not possible to make a balanced assessment of the merits of the application. We consider that the proposed design does not take into account the plot size and rural setting, the average amenity space with the surrounding plots, or the design and access problems associated with this proposal - in short the proposed development has not considered the environment it is situated within. If SDC is minded to grant outline planning permission then the Parish Council asks it to include a requirement for a s106 contribution towards the costs of improving the sewerage in Van Der Breen Street.

b) **S.14/1354/DISCON**

This application relates to a Discharge of Conditions to which the Parish Council is not entitled to respond.

14. 7 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.

14. 7 9 **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

Awaiting report. District Councillor Williams was also asked about the delay in determining planning application S.13/2733/FUL, submitted in January 2014. He would make enquiries.

14. 7 10. **Ward and Parish Appointments**

Oakridge

Roger Budgeon - Ward Chairman, Planning.

Mike Bell - Highways, Finance, Handyman coordination, Burial Ground Walling Project.
Sarah Maingot - Snow Warden, 'What's On' report, Tennis Court (Liaison with Charley Crisp)
Dennis Robbins - Playing Field, Allotments,
Ex-officio Appointments
Juliet Alexander - Tunley and canal footpaths - Confirmed.
Nick Holiday - Oakridge Lynch, Waterlane and Bournes Green footpaths.
Phil Dawes - Children's Playing field equipment and Trim Trail.
Bob Gardiner - Burial Ground. - Continuing.

Bisley

Jane Walker - Ward Chairman Footpaths Community Engagement
Roger Utley – Planning & Finance
Shelagh Utley – Play Areas
John Mulligan – Highways
Ex-officio Appointments
Lesley Greene - Allotments Warden
Peter Thorp - Snow Warden

Eastcombe

Ward Chairman - Bob Brooks Roads & Transport. Snow Warden
Planning Chair - Rachel Wright
Peter Nairn - Recreation Ground Trees, Paths, Open Spaces & Grass Cutting
Ex-officio appointments
Rex Clack - Allotments Warden
Representative on Eastcombe Pavilion Committee - Chris James (tbc)

Parish Appointments

Parish Council Vice-Chairman: Bob Brooks (elected unanimously)
Bisley WI Village Hall Trustee: Jane Walker
Oakridge Village Hall Trustee: Mike Bell
Tree Wardens: Stephanie Foley/Helen Watkinson

14.7 11 **Matters for Discussion**

a) Tree Surgery

Following a discussion regarding quotes received to complete tree maintenance as recommended in a previous report, it was agreed to appoint Ecoarborist to complete the necessary work.

b) Training

The following training courses were approved:
Three newly elected Councillors to attend 'Being a Better Councillor'.

Lesley Greene to attend 'Allotment Management'.

c) **Parish Notice Boards**

It was agreed that the Notice Board at Bourne's Green would be replaced and repositioned; costs to be met by the Administration budget. All other Notice Boards would be repaired as necessary by each Ward.

14. 7 12 **Finance**

Payments for July 2014

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4026	Grant Thornton – Annual Audit	325.00	65.00	390.00
4326	Jelf Insurance – Eastcombe Pavilion	1,046.00		1,046.00
4000	Clerk's Salary – April 2014	808.77		808.77
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	250.22		250.22
4040	RBS – Software Maintenance	109.00	21.80	130.80
4405	R H Attwood – Grass cutting Oakridge	294.64		
4250	Teeds Rise – Bisley	105.71	80.07	480.42
4050	T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting	772.80	154.56	927.36
4221	I Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley Allotments	120.00		
4320	Grass cutting Eastcombe	421.50		541.50
4008	R Utley – Mileage	1.25		
4210	Grass seed – Sports Field	4.04		29.83
4201	Cleaning materials – Sports Pav	24.54		
	Totals	4,283.47	321.43	4,604.90

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Audit had been approved by the external Auditors.

14. 7 13 **Correspondence**

GAPTC – Annual Report & Financial Statement
The Pension Regulator

14. 7 14 **Ward Matters**

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

14. 6 17 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **6th August 2014** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

ANNEX A TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2014

County Councillor's Monthly Report – June 2014

Micro Surfacing

This year's micro-asphalt surfacing programme will start this week and will see around 100,000 m² of new road surface laid across the county.

The county council is beginning a multi-pronged attack to turn roads around, including a programme of resurfacing in addition to patching, surface dressing and micro-asphalt resurfacing. Micro- asphalt surfacing is a cost effective solution for resurfacing roads showing the early signs of wear and tear. It fills in all the cracks, potholes and voids in the carriageway, improves skid resistance and seals the road preventing water getting into the road and extending its life. The road does not need to be planed off, saving time and money and reducing disruption to local highway users as the road can be reopened soon after treatment. Micro-asphalt can only be applied to dry roads so the planned work is subject to weather conditions.

In total at least 20 sites across the county will get the micro surface treatment, improving the condition and life of roads.

Signs will be placed two or three days prior to the works taking place. Residents should make sure they do not park at the sites on days when the work is planned.

Public Services Rethink

Come and tell us what you think – that's the message from Gloucestershire County Council as it launches a second major consultation on the future of public services. From Monday 9th June, people across Gloucestershire are being invited to give their views on a significant change in direction for the council.

Social care – support for vulnerable adults and children - is the council's biggest job and accounts for almost two thirds of the annual budget. Unlike most other councils in England, Gloucestershire has consistently protected spending on social care while cutting back in other areas to make ends meet. But now, with health services improving and people living longer with complex needs, the council is having to help more people than ever. With the number of over 65s in the county increasing by 3.5% a year on average in Gloucestershire, there could be as many as 40% more new customers every decade and that is not affordable.

We also want to move away from a one size fits all approach and help more people to live fulfilled independent lives in their own communities. Working with its partners, the council is looking at a fundamental re-think of how support is delivered to individuals, families and communities.

It is looking at a four-stage approach to support:

- **Supporting active individuals:** intervention and support to help people make the right life choices, like being fit and healthy. Providing support for people to do more for themselves and their families in their own communities
- **Supporting active communities:** communities offering support closer to home. Valuing community capacity and building on existing support to signpost people to what they need within their own local area
- **Getting people back to independence:** investing in providing intensive help to enable families to recover from a crisis or managing long term conditions. That way people can get back to normal as soon as possible without the need for long term care or support
- **There when we're needed most:** working with our partners to provide specialist support for those who really need our help. We will target our resources on people and families with the most complex needs and ensure that the right decisions are made for the long term.

Back in 2010, the council launched *Meeting the Challenge* and it is on track to make £114million of savings, reduced its staff by 2,500, including 25% less managers, reduced its debt by £30million and has 82 less buildings. The council is looking to make savings of around £75million over the next three years.

People will have eight weeks, until Monday 4th August, to tell us what they think and they can do that in person at one of the public roadshows or online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/togetherwecan.

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District Councillor's Monthly Report – June 2014

Awaiting report.