

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2014 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

Present:	Mr R Utley		Chairman
	John Mulligan	}	Bisley Ward
	Shelagh Utley	}	
	Mr R K Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mr P Nairn	}	
	Rachel Wright	}	
	Mike Bell	}	Oakridge Ward
	Dennis Robbins	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

14. 8 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Jane Walker, Sarah Maingot, Roger Budgeon and Tim Williams.
14. 8 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests.
14. 8 3. **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.
14. 8 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 2014**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2 July 2014 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book
14. 8 5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
There were no matters arising from the Minutes
14. 8 6. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**
- a) **S.14/1420/HHOLD**
Property Address: Sylvanas Eastcombe Stroud GL6 7DN
Description: Extension of dwelling to provide annex
Decision: **3 Support**

b) S.14/1438/HHOLD

Property Address: 9 Bearsfield, Bisley Stroud GL6 7DB
Description: Erection of temporary wooden close weave trellis 850mm high as 'topper' to existing 2 metre high fence.

Decision: **3 Support**

c) S.1530/DISCON

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

d) S.14/1546/HHOLD

Property Address: Fairview Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NS

Description: Erection of replacement one storey extension.

Decision: **3 Support**

e) S.14/1612/FUL

Property Address: Scout & Guide hut, Eastcombe

Description: Extension

Decision: **3 Support**

Reasons / Comments: Similar to agreed application in 2012. Some distance from residents and will not adversely affect amenities.

f) S.14/1636/LBC

Property Address: The Thatched House Tunley, Sapperton, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6LW

Description: New window in garden store and restore door opening.

Decision: **3 Support**

g) S.14/1646/HHOLD

Property Address: New House At Fennells Farm, Lypiatt, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Two storey side extension.

Decision: **3 Support**

h) S.14/1619/FUL

Property Address: Paddock, Bournes Green, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Erection of a barn for equestrian use, formation of a riding arena and creation of hard standing at entrance gate to field

Decision: **3 Support**

i) S.14/1678/LBC

Property Address: Toadsmoor View, Thimble Cottage And Middle Cottage, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Removal of C20 partition walls, opening up C20 fireplaces and installation of wood burners, creation of internal doors to connect the three cottages internally to create one property

Decision: **3 Support**

14. 8 7. **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. 8 8 **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

A copy of District Councillor Mr T Williams reports to the meeting are at Annex B to these Minutes..

14. 8 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Financial Regulations

Following proposed amendments it was agreed unanimously to adopt the Financial Regulations.

b) Standing Orders

The proposed amendments to Standing Orders were approved unanimously.

c) Bank Signatories

Due to the change in Personnel following the local elections, it was necessary to update the bank signatories. These amendments were approved unanimously.

d) Bisley Pavilion Hire Procedures

Approved unanimously

e) Bournes Green Noticeboard

Decision postponed to enable Clerk to seek quotes from local providers.

f) GIS Support Costs

Annual support costs of £200 approved unanimously.

g) Proposal by Roger Budgeon

It was agreed that the Clerk would check if planning application S.13/2733/FUL had been dealt with by 7th August as indicated in District Councillor Tim Williams's letter (Annex B), if not, the Clerk would write to SDC and request that it be referred to DCC.

h) Upgrade Footpaths to Bridleways

PC to report that it has no evidence to support or oppose this Request.

i) Confidentiality Agreement

The Casual Vacancy Productions Ltd had requested the Parish Council to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Approved unanimously.

14. 8 10 **Finance**

Payments for August 2014 - The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code		£	VAT	Total
4009	GAPTC – Allotment Course	60.00		60.00
4020	BT - Broadband	52.50	7.80	60.30
4000	Clerk's Salary – April 2014	819.77		819.77
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	239.79		239.79
4250	RH Attwood – Grass cutting Teeds Rise	105.71		
4400	Grass cutting - Burial Ground	107.14	80.07	480.42
4405	Grass cutting - Oakridge	187.50		
4016	Graduate Gardeners – Oakridge Churchyard Maintenance	312.00	62.40	374.40
4261	Wicksteed – Play eqpt. spares Bisley	110.84	22.17	133.01
4037	Viking – Telephone & A4 Paper	60.67	12.13	72.80
4221	I Trueman – Grass cutting Bisley Allotments	120.00		
4320	Grass cutting Eastcombe	148.50		268.50
4260	Wicksteed –Play Area Inspection Bisley	80.00		
4310	Eastcombe	80.00		
4445	Oakridge	80.00	48.00	288.00
4435	Ecoarborist –Oakridge Tree Maintenance	672.00		
4015	Bisley Church Yard Maint,	450.00		
4017	Church Yard Contingency	1,498.00	524.00	3,144.00
4008	R Utley - Mileage	18.69		
4201	Bisley Pavilion lock & keys	81.03		99.72
4330	Steve Smith – Install Goal Post - Eastcombe	150.00	30.00	180.00
4201	The Dust Angel – Pavilion cleaning Bisley	235.25		235.25
4201	R M Stevens – Supply & Fit new door, repair external plaster. – Bisley Pavilion	1,452.33		1,452.33
4201	D J Hemming – Use of workshop by R M Stevens to fabricate door-Bisley Pavilion	54.62		54.62
4300	Town & Country Grounds Maintenance – Supply & install Gate - Eastcombe	433.00		513.00
4320	Re-erect fallen sign post	80.00		
4300	R Brooks – Supply lock & additional keys	16.83		16.83
4215	D Richards – Grass Strimming – Bisley	96.00		96.00
4405	RH Attwood – Grass cutting Oakridge	187.50		
4400	Grass Burial Ground	107.14	80.07	480.42
4250	Grass cutting Teeds Rise	105.71		
	Totals	8,202.52	866.64	9,069.16

- 14.8 11. **Correspondence**
The following items of correspondence had been received since the last meeting:
Clerks and Councils Direct
Countryside Voice
- 14.8 12 **Ward Matters**
Minutes of Bisley Ward meetings were available on the Parish Council website for public viewing.
- 14.8 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**
The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **3rd September 2014** commencing at 7.30pm.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES August 2014

County Councillor's Monthly Report – July 2014

Surface Dressing to Begin on County Roads

Work will start shortly to improve 325,000 square metres of the county's roads. The work will be carried out over four weeks, from 28th July to 24th August. In the majority of cases, the road will be closed while the works take place, which will usually be for one or two days.

Surface dressing will be used for 28 schemes during the summer. The treatment works by sealing the surface of the road against water and air, which causes damage over time. Then chippings are added to a binder for better grip, improving the skid resistance of the road. It is a commonly used, cost effective surface treatment that prolongs the life of roads and enhances skid resistance, improving road safety.

Although the programme will be published in advance, surface dressing is weather dependent and can't be used when the weather is either too hot or too cold, both when it is applied and in the days following its application, so the schedule may change at short notice.

County Council to Invest a Further £115,000 in Flood Defences

Even more homes in Gloucestershire will receive flood protection as funding for a further three schemes is announced. In June Gloucestershire County Council announced that within two years hundreds of local homes will receive flood protection allocating £758,000 to 13 different schemes to reduce the risk of flooding.

Today the council announces further funding of £115,000 for three extra schemes to reduce the risk of flooding in Upper Lydbrook, Stroud Road in Tuffley and Sheepscombe Brook and Dillay Brook in the Stroud valleys.

The total cost of £1.3m for all 16 schemes will cut the risk of flooding for over 700 homes in the county; all of which have previously flooded on one or more occasions since 2007. Preparation for these projects is starting immediately and the county council expects most of the work to be finished in this financial year.

The work is being carried out in partnership with local councils and the Environment Agency. Flood defences will be put in and improvements will be made to the watercourses which will give better protection for individual

houses. The funding for Sheepscome Brook and the Dillay Brook in Painswick will go towards the Stroud Rural Drainage Project which is working to reduce flooding throughout the Stroud valleys. The work, which is in partnership with the Environment Agency, National Trust, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and Stroud District Council, will start this autumn.

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ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES August 2014

District Councillor's Monthly Report – July 2014

Boundary commission note

The boundary commission wanted applications regarding the boundary change by the 14th July 2014.

Point of interest-- Multi-service contract renewal

As part of the environmental committee, the key issue debated was the multi service contract review for waste collection. The contract commenced in 2001 and is due for renewal on the 30th June 2016, which entails; refuse collection, recycling, grounds maintenance, building cleaning, bulky item collection and sand bag delivery.

Firstly, approval of the “working groups” finding was acknowledged before moving onto the next steps of the project.

Purpose of report:

“to agree the future service provisions in respect of the council’s sheltered housing service”

Background

85 years of age or above rises by 45% in urban areas and 95% in rural areas. It was reported that the health of the elderly members of our community is higher than the national average.

It was made clear that the supporting independent living was crucial and that full time care “one size fits all” was not the answer.

The review will have two aspects:

People-which is happening now

Assets- this will be addressed in due course.

The chartered institute of housing (CIH) have conducted a survey to over 900 residents in sheltered housing to found out their thoughts. 4 major strategies were created, narrowed down to the fourth option being most plausible. It was proposed to the council that:

“Provide housing management that provides and supports independent living and not enter into a further county council contract to provide housing related support”

Questions:

Q-Two years looking at this issue and now consultation will be undertaken, does this indicate that it was not before?

A- No, this is just a stage for refinement.

Q- Can the current deficit be reduced?

A- The deficit has been looked with the hope that a reduction could be made, but unfortunately at this moment in time, the general fund is not stable enough to support a change. In the future if the situation improves then it will be reviewed again.

Q- Is the sheltered housing service available to all?

A- Yes, anyone in the Stroud district area is eligible. The aim is to provide short, sharp support.

Q- with reference to “H” in the report, stating Stroud has given priority to the future of support service review, what is the actual time scale on this?

A-Commencing September then plans will be drawn up.

Q- with regard to looking at the implementing of new allocations and lettings policy for older peoples housing, when is this going to happen.

A-We are all in agreement, sooner rather than later!

Q- When does the 12 month review period start?

A- It will begin from the implementation of this project or the 6th Oct 2014. Anything past this date will result in the deficit increasing.

Conclusion

Bar one abstention, the council voted to approve the proposal.

Application: S.13/2733/FUL

Last month the issue was raised about the planning application concerning Nash End Old Farm.

I had contacted the council several times and written a letter, which yielded no results.

Consequently I spoke in person with the officer dealing with the case.

This is what he had to say:

They visited the site yesterday (5th August 2014) looking at the listed and conservation details of the site. The officer informs me that Stroud District Council has made it very clear that without working co-operatively on the case would result in the council unable to support such an application.

There was a meeting prior to the verification of the application whereby the local planning laws and regulations were made clear.

From the outset it was regarded as difficult and time demanding because residential development is restricted in the countryside and the route that the applicant has taken is one of very few exceptions to the rule.

There are only three applications of this nature in the district. One is built, one has been running for more than 20 year without approval and one was approved in 2009 and not yet completed.

The Council did not want to say no right away, as this would be stifling innovation. But must ensure, as the policy is intended, that the exceptions are truly exceptional.

Further details were asked for from the agent but resulted in further resistance. A list of items to be addressed was forwarded to the agent for the applicant to complete, but none of these suggested requests were adhered too.

The line of trees hiding the property from the road is not shown on the maps so is presumed that they will be cut down. Furthermore, upon inspection it was deemed that the path was tricky to access the site from and deemed almost impassable without further work.

The application is being finalised today (6th August 2014) and will be considered by the principle officers on Thursday (7th August 2014)

It was reported that for every step forward, another barrier occurred resulting in the pushing back of the final date or application decisions.

Tim Williams