

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2014 AT BISLEY WI
VILLAGE HALL**

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

14. 10 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Jason Bullingham.

14. 10 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interests.

14. 10 3. **Public Participation**
There were six members of the public in attendance.

Q. There are nineteen objections lodged on the SDC Planning website regarding Planning Application S.14/1967/FUL, has the Parish Council taken note of these?

A. P C will discuss this at item 6d on the Agenda

Q. If the P C does object, is it likely that the Planning Officer will refer it to the Development Control Committee?

A. Not likely.

Q. If we object is it automatically forwarded to the DCC?

A. This is not automatic.

Q In the absence of a Local Plan it appears to encourage developers to 'try it on'

A. No doubt about it.

Q. Does the PC have concerns regarding the suspension of bus services to Eastcombe?

A. This will be discussed at item 9c on the Agenda.

14. 10 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2014**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2014 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

14. 10 5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

14. 10 6. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

S.14/1900/FUL

Property Address: Bisley Blue Coat Church of England Primary School, School Road, Bisley, Stroud

Description: Creation of outdoor learning area, including wrap-around canopied area

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: The Parish Council was fully consulted prior to the submission of this application, which it supports.

S.14/2005/HHOLD

Property Address: Windmill Cottage, Througham, The Camp, Stroud

Description: Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a new single storey extension, construction of a new bay window and replacement windows.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

S.14/1915/HHOLD

Property Address: The Old Bakehouse Eastcombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7DN

Description: Alteration of lean-to utility room, erection of single storey extension, replacement of windows and internal alterations. (Renewal of planning permission S.11/1058/HHOLD

Decision: 1 **No observations**

S.14/1967/FUL

Property Address: Summerfield The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NY

Description: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of three dwellings with associated landscaping.

Decision: **2 Object**

Reasons / Comments: The Parish Council strongly OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons:-

1. Traditionally the buildings in this part of the village are oriented to face south, this proposal ignores this and orientates the building at right angles to, and positions the houses, forward of the building line.
2. This proposal is situated in part of the village that has a low housing density and the houses have generous gardens and green space around them, this proposal attempts to maximise the development value and disregards the local vernacular.
3. The vehicle access the Plot A is onto a narrow road and inadequate space is allowed for this. This road is used for access to houses situated down a footpaths and the turnaround at the end is used for parking, this proposal will overload and restrict a difficult access road.
4. The 2010 Village Design Statement strongly reflects the "Local View" in "Some existing small dwellings should be kept to provide an affordable and suitable mix of dwelling houses for the community". The Parish Council strongly support this and as Oakridge has a large number, which is steadily increasing, of three and four bedroomed houses and an ever decreasing number of smaller houses, we would not support an application to target a need that is already adequately catered for.
5. The VDS also comments about the not obstructing the long distance views resulting from the character of the houses set into the hillside and stepping down the hill, this proposal will change that character. The proposed buildings are all of a much greater mass in appearance and present a much higher visual barrier on the hillside than the existing houses. The use of timber instead of stone increases the visual impact.
6. The D&A is inaccurate and misleading in a number of statements, for example the position of Sunfold is to the west, the site has mains water but no main sewage, "House type and size. The feedback indicated a need for slightly smaller houses but..... "We have re-visited etc" but the proposed houses are still 3 and 4 bedroomed, no one or two bedroomed, or bungalows more suitable for elderly residents. The "plot B" drawing is labelled with the wrong orientation, etc
7. The south facing windows in Plot A could give rise to considerable overlooking issues for the other two plots.
8. Just considering the dwellings in this area of the village it can be seen on the application site plan that the density and the amenity area are not consistent with the others around.
9. Careful consideration should be given to the extra sewage loading to the area contributed by three large dwellings. Some years ago this was

considered an issue and septic tanks were replaced by sewage treatment plants, the village size has increased and so has the average water use per dwelling so this development will exacerbate an already precarious ground pollution problem.

10. To sum up this application fails to comply with :- HN8, HN15, BE1, BE3 & NE8.

S.14/2121/TCA

Property Address: Gleann Fionn Eastcombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7DN

Description: Ash (T1) - Fell due to decaying cavities at base

Decision: 1 **No observations**

S.14/2090/HHOLD

Property Address: 1 Little Close Stroud Road, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BH

Description: Replacement of all wooden window frames with UPVC window frames, replacement of rear wooden door with UPVC door and replacement of wooden French windows with painted aluminium French windows.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

S.14/2006/HHOLD

Property Address: Valley Villa Waterlane, Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PJ

Description: Erection of wood store, utility room and car port with office over.

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: Sited in the valley this proposal will have little impact on its surroundings, and will not be visible from any through road.

S.14/1673/AGR

Property Address: Fennels Farm – No response required

S.14/2162/HHOLD

Property Address: Whitespring, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NY

Description: Erection of extension, alterations to house and erection of replacement garage

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: This extension does not impact on any other site, the only part that is commonly seen is the garage and the proposal looks more attractive than what currently exists.

14. 10 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. 10 8 **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

A copy of District Councillor Mr T Williams's report to the meeting is at Annex B to these Minutes..

14. 10 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Allotment maintenance**

Proposal to use funds from General Reserves to tidy up overgrown allotment sites in Oakridge Ward was agreed in principle. Clerk to obtain quotes for final approval.

In principle it was agreed to channel rent from allotments to be available for expenditure, Clerk to report to next meeting.

b) **Green spaces**

It was agreed to identify green areas within the Parish that are not registered, establish land that the Parish owns and prepare a list including land that the Parish wish to acquire. Clerk to enquire regarding cost of registering land with the Land Registry.

c) **Withdrawal of Eastcombe bus service.**

Proposal for Clerk to write to Stagecoach West condemning the proposed withdrawal of services to Eastcombe was carried unanimously.

Copy of letter to Councillors and local MP requesting they support Parish concerns.

d) **Noticeboard at Bournes Green**

Agreed to purchase replacement noticeboard from *J B Joinery* at a cost of £385 plus VAT. Clerk also authorised to purchase posts and arrange installation.

e) **Electoral review**

Parish Councils had been invited to make submissions to the Boundary Commission's Electoral Review of the Stroud District. A number of

points were raised in discussion and it was agreed that the Chairman would compile these into a response.

f) Parish Council Standing Orders

Standing order amendments approved.

g) Preparation of Budget for FY2015-16

Agreed that Wards would submit their budgets for the next financial year to the November Parish Council meeting. The Finance & Personnel Sub-Committee would use these to draw up a recommended Parish Council budget for submission to the December meeting. Precept would be agreed at the January meeting.

h) GCC Active together grants

Rachel Wright gave a presentation on the Active Together grants scheme promoted by Gloucestershire County Council.

14. 10 10 **Finance**

Payments for October 2014

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code	Details	£	VAT	Total
4325	Eastcombe Pavilion Committee - Cleaning	350.00		350.00
4037	Viking – Printer cartridges	66.35	13.27	79.62
4000	Clerk’s Salary – April 2014	819.77		819.77
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	239.22		239.22
4330	Rob Hunt – Eastcombe Notice Boards	590.00		590.00
4050	T W Hawkins – Grass Cutting September	772.80	154.56	927.36
4200	Npower – Bisley Pavilion	65.18	3.26	68.44
4040	Glos. Playing Field Assoc. – Annual Subs.	50.00		50.00
4325	I Trueman – Grass cutting – Eastcombe	355.50		355.50
4201	R Utley – Keys for Bisley Pavilion	20.00		
	Washing up Liquid Pavilion	1.50		
	Car Parking	3.00		
	Refreshments GIS Training	4.17		
4225	Fuel for borrowed tipper truck	60.00		
4008	Mileage costs	10.25		98.92
4201	K Harris – Cleaning Bisley Pavilion	198.75		198.75
	Totals	3,606.49	171.09	3,777.58

14. 10 11. **Correspondence**
There were no items of correspondence.

14. 10 12 **Ward Matters**

Bisley Ward.

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

Eastcombe Ward

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

Oakridge Ward

Damage to Solar Panel on Pavilion roof caused by a cricket ball – to be added to the November Agenda.

14. 10 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 November 2014** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

ANNEX A TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OCTOBER 2014

County Councillors Monthly Report - September 2014

Gloucestershire Libraries awarded Heritage Lottery Fund grant

Gloucestershire County Council libraries are celebrating the award of a £9,700 grant made under the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Sharing Heritage programme. The grant will support the Gloucestershire Libraries Remembers project, which will include a series of events and displays to commemorate World War One across the county over the next three years. The libraries will work closely with Gloucestershire Archives and local history societies to produce displays and arrange activities for the community to get involved in.

Events to date include:

Monday 6th October, Newent Library, 7.30pm – 9pm. Jeff Cooper, Friends of Dymock Poets Society, will give a talk about the Dymock poets and World War One, including readings of their poetry. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and look at a collection of World War One poetry books. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Saturday 18 October, Coleford Library, 3.30pm – 5pm. Grant Repshire will give a talk about "F.W. Harvey: The First World War's POW Poet", including readings of his poetry by The Harvey Society. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Saturday 29th November, Tewkesbury Library (Elmbury room), 7.30pm-9.30pm. Tewkesbury Library will host an evening of music and entertainment. The music company Trenchfoot Troubadours will perform a medley of songs from World War One, which will be followed by Spaniel in Works Theatre Company performance of the Tommy Atkins & the Canary Girl. Admission is free.

Cllr Andrew Gravells, cabinet member responsible for Gloucestershire County Council libraries, said: "It's great that we have been awarded this grant and we can't wait to get started. We love where we live and know there's so much more to discover about our past. We are all really excited about telling other people about our findings and sharing our heritage and history about World War One with them."

Nerys Watts, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund South West, said: "Sharing Heritage is a wonderful opportunity for communities to delve into their local heritage and we are delighted to be able to offer this grant so that the Gloucestershire Libraries Remembers WW1 project can embark on a real

journey of discovery. Heritage means such different things to different people, and HLF's funding offers a wealth of opportunities for groups to explore and celebrate what's important to them in their area."

The Missing Link – Support the A417 Loop Solution

In May next year central government will make its decision on funding for the A417 Loop, Gloucestershire County Council's solution for the 'missing link'. Earlier this year the 'missing link' was added to a Highways Agency list of roads in the south west that need major improvements because of capacity, safety and environmental issues. The road's appearance on the list means it is one step closer to finding funding when the Government allocates cash, but more pledges are still needed to make it known how much local support there is for the scheme. So far, more than 5780 people and businesses have signed up at www.a417missinglink.co.uk.

Local county councillors, Paul Hodgkinson, Robert Vines and Nigel Robbins have joined forces and are backing the campaign, reminding anyone who travels this route that there is still time to pledge their support.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, local county councillor for Bourton-on-the-Water and Northleach said, "I urge you to join the Gloucestershire residents and businesses who've already signed up to finally fix this controversial road. If we join together, we can make the difference."

Cllr Robert Vines, local county councillor for Brockworth said, "We're asking central government for £255 million to build the A417 Loop, and your votes will help show the level of local support for the solution."

Cllr Nigel Robbins, local county councillor for Cirencester Beeches said, "With more than 34,000 vehicles a day, it's a bottleneck which holds up commuters and business on a daily basis; let's get it fixed once and for all. Please pledge your support today."

Local business owners and commuters are encouraged to show their support for the A417 Loop by signing up and pledging their backing at www.a417missinglink.co.uk or emailing info@a417missinglink.co.uk. You can also follow at [@A417Loop](https://twitter.com/A417Loop) on Twitter.

Worried about rising energy costs?

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 13th October 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, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said:
"Switching energy supplier is often the best way to save money on your bills."

"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 October or early November. 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.

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ANNEX B TO

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2014

District Councillor's Monthly Report October 2014

Multi service contract review.

As written in my previous article, the multi service contract review for waste collection that commenced in 2001 is due for renewal on the 30th June 2016. The meeting was held on September 4th 2014 and sought to finalise the plans for the upcoming renewal.

Peter Antill (interim multi service contracts manager) presented to the us (the Environmental Committee) the recommendations from the task and finishing group. The recommendations sought to examine not on the design but the delivery of that service. It was reported that a broad understanding was gained from members, officers, and public participation in order to formulate a comprehensive plan for the future.

I feel it is extremely important for each member of our ward to know every recommendation from the task and finishing group as this will affect us all in the future:

1. Refuse and Recycling

- The current system of collecting dry recyclables remains unchanged although, if economical to do so, the plastic film and bags will be added to the collection.
- Collections are to going to be based around the most efficient routes instead of the being based around parish and town boundaries.
- Food waste will be collected weekly in a caddy- this is a small green box that will be given to homes.
- Residual waste will be collected fortnightly offsetting the cost of weekly food collection.
- Wheeled bins will be used in most cases but black plastic bags will still be provided to properties where bins are not suitable. The price of purchasing these bins will be offset against the saving of black plastic bags.
- An agreement is signed with the joint waste committee whereby the council will receive an incentive payment scheme based on meeting targets to reduce waste sent to landfill. Based upon projection, the payment will be about £200,000 but could increase, as it is performance based.

2. Garden Waste

- An opt-in chargeable garden waste collection service is to be introduced at a cost of around £36 per annum per wheeled bin plus a one off charge of £20 for the purchase of the bin. Currently the final setting of charges is in a consultation period.

3. Bulky Waste

- A £15 charge* is introduced for the collection of three items and that after 12 months a review is carried out to ensure that the costs are covered by the income received. Changes to the charge are to be delegated to the strategic head.

* As we live in a rural area the concern would be fly tipping. The issue has been raised and the conclusion was that the link between higher prices for bulky items and fly tipping has no correlation. However it has been stated that it will be monitored in the future to insure fly tipping does not occur due to this issue.

4. Street Cleansing

- Future service delivery has been slightly amended. Our ward fits into Zone Four-Rural villages. The previous frequency was 30% of villages twice a year. The current trial period is twice a year but is suggested to increase to four times per year.

5. Grounds Maintenance

- There is no significant change to the current service schedule
- There is a £10,000 reduction in budget for the use of fertiliser and herbicides

6. Building Cleaning

- The frequency of and the systems for cleaning of municipal buildings are to be re-examined at this time.

7. Implementation

- In order to phase the implementation of service changes it is delegated to the Strategic head who is in consultation with the chair of the Environment committee.

All of these recommendations were accepted by the council and subsequently will be implemented from 2016

8. Preferred Supplier

- With a unanimous vote the council committee opted for option B- the council will join the local authority company, UBICO Ltd as a shareholder and enter into an agreement to deliver the contract.

9. Depot

- The council had another unanimous vote for the decision to buy, subject to a full cost analysis report, it's owns depot.

10. Sale of Recyclables

- The council has also voted to become responsible for the sale of recyclable materials.

Parish Council on the district website

I contacted the District council on the matter raised at the last parish meeting. They advised that the parish clerk should contact the office so that records can be updated.

“Register of Interests has to be updated when the interests change of a parish councilor or there is a new parish councilor. These updated forms need to be published onto the parish council website and a copy sent to us at Democratic Services. The onus is on each parish council to keep these forms updated and ensure that their parish councilors are aware that if their interests change they must update their form”

“We are currently in the process of publishing all register of interests from all parish councils onto our new computerised system CMIS”

Timothy E R Williams

District Councillor of the Bisley Ward