

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2015 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE  
HALL**

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Roger Utley		Chairman
	John Mulligan	}	
	Shelagh Utley	}	Bisley Ward
	Mr R K Brooks	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Mike Bell	}	
	Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
	Roger Budgeon	}	
	Sarah Maingot	}	
	Mr P M Morris		Clerk

**In Attendance:**

Mr Ricardo Rios                      SDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer

The Chairman recorded the Parish Council's sadness at news of the death of former District Councillor Daniel le Fleming, who had represented the Parish for a total of 8 years.

15. 04   1.    **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Peter Nairn, Rachel Wright, Jane Walker and District Councillor Tim Williams.
15. 04   2.    **Declaration of Interests**  
Roger Budgeon declared an interest under item 11 Finance in receipt of cheque for Greenshop Solar Ltd.
15. 04   3    **Neighbourhood Plan Presentation by Mr Ricardo Rios SDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer**  
Mr Ricardo Rios from Stroud District Council gave a comprehensive presentation on the process of constructing a Neighbourhood Plan, followed by a Q&A session.  
The Chairman thanked him for taking the time to do so in his very busy schedule.
15. 04   4.    **Public Participation**  
There were four members of the public in attendance.
- Q** Can the Parish Council lobby our MP and members of the County Council to improve signs prohibiting heavy vehicles from roads unsuitable for these vehicles?  
**A** This issue has been raised on several occasions at our

regular meetings with Highway representatives. They have indicated that they can only utilise signs approved by the Department for Transport.

15. 04 5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2015**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2015 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

15. 04 6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Clerk reported that the date set for the removal of tree roots at Far Oakridge allotments and the manure heap at the Oakridge allotment site had passed with only some of the work being completed.

It was agreed to monitor progress and place on next month's Agenda.

15. 04 7. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

**S.15/0539/HHOLD**

Property Address: The Laurels Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PF

Description: Addition of second storey over existing lower entrance to create new bathroom.

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: We support this application

**S.15/0552/HHOLD**

Property Address: Hazel Cottage Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PB

Description: Erection of new porch.

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: We support this application

**S.15/0519/FUL**

Property Address: Land North Of Robins Way Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Erection of a bungalow

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: In principle we support this application especially the fact that it is a small bungalow targeting the housing need identified in our Village Design Statement for older people. However we have one design point which prevents a whole hearted "support" response, this is the inclusion of UPVC fenestration. If this is amended to timber our response will change to support. The alignment of the building forward of the building line we consider is not an issue with the low profile of a bungalow.

**S.15/0344/FUL**

Property Address: Birds Frith Farm Far Oakridge, Stroud,  
Gloucestershire, GL6 7PB  
Description: Replacement dwelling and associated development.  
Decision: 2 **Object**  
Reasons / Comments: The application does not give sufficient clarity to confirm the proposed dwelling is a replacement for the original house on the site. The actual application form indicates the gain of one house.

**S.15/0468/HHOLD**

Property Address: The Old Cottage Oakridge Lynch, Stroud,  
Gloucestershire, GL6 7NR  
Description: Erection of a single storey extension  
Decision: 3 **Support**

**S.15/0518/DISCON**

Property Address: Parkview, Eastcombe, Stroud GL6 7ED  
No response required

**S.15/0668/DISCON**

Property Address: 1 Wellesley Cottage, Wells Road, Bisley  
No response required

**S.15/0660/HHOLD**

Property Address: Fennells Cottage Bisley Road, Stroud,  
Gloucestershire, GL6 7NE  
Description: Double storey extension to create additional kitchen/dining and ancillary accommodation on the ground floor, facing the garden. The addition of new double garage.  
Decision: 3 **Support**  
Reasons / Comments: Concerns regarding height of garage roof.

**S.15/0674/HHOLD**

Property Address: 17 Woodlands Close Eastcombe, Stroud,  
Gloucestershire, GL6 7AZ  
Description: Conversion of garage to accessible bedroom.  
Decision: 3 **Support**

**S.15/0643/FUL**

Property Address: Fennells Farm Lypiatt, Stroud, GL6 7NE  
Description: New Agricultural Field Access.  
Decision: 3 **Support**

**S.15/0655/HHOLD**

Property Address: 8 Brockley Acres Eastcombe, Stroud,  
Gloucestershire, GL6 7DU  
Description: Proposed single storey extensions to form porch areas and remove existing porch areas. .  
Decision: 3 **Support**

**S.15/0657/HHOLD**

Property Address: 1 Laburnum Cottages Fidges Lane, Eastcombe,  
Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7DP  
Description: Proposed timber storage shed.

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: Unable to express an opinion as no drawings or details appear on planning website!!

It was agreed that authority would be delegated to the Eastcombe Ward Committee to respond more fully to this application once details became available.

15. 04 8. **County Council Matters - (Councillor Jason Bullingham)**  
Councillor Bullingham was not present at the meeting and no report was submitted.

15. 04 9 **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**  
Councillor Williams was not present and no report was submitted.

15. 04 10 **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillors considered that the financial and human costs of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish would far outweigh any likely benefits to the Parish. It was therefore agreed not to proceed with a Plan.

b) **Amendment to Standing Orders**

Councillors agreed a revised wording of Standing Order 1.3 as follows:

“1.3 At least 3 clear days before a meeting of the Parish Council a summons to attend the meeting, specifying the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting and signed by the proper officer of the Council, shall be sent to each member of the Council by an appropriate method. When calculating the 3 clear days, the day on which the notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning shall not count.”

This revised wording implemented the provisions of the *Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order*

*2015* which permits e-mail service of the summons.

c) **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Chairman explained that public attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting had been in serious decline for some years, with only one member of the public attending the 2014 Meeting. He attributed this to the heavy involvement of the Parish Council in organising and staging the meeting, questioning whether members of the public now perhaps believed that it was a

meeting for the Parish Council rather than for Parish residents. In the last ten years at least there had been no Agenda items submitted by residents for discussion at the Meeting. He believed that it was time to hand back ownership of the Annual Parish Meeting to residents of the Parish and would therefore not be exercising his discretionary power to convene a Meeting in 2015. This would provide an opportunity for residents to decide what issues they wanted to discuss and to convene a Parish Meeting accordingly. He very much hoped that they would make the most of this opportunity.

**d) Outdoor Table Tennis Eastcombe**

Councillors agreed to support a proposal by Eastcombe Village Group to install a table in Eastcombe Playing Field. The Parish Clerk was to write to Gloucestershire County Council in support of the proposal.

**e) Tree Works at Cherry Piece**

The contract to complete recommended work to trees at Cherry Piece Waterlane was awarded to Ecoarborist who had submitted the most competitive quote.

15. 04 11 **Finance**

**Payments for April 2015**

**The following payments were approved by the Parish Council**

<b>Cost code</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b><u>VAT</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
4055	Spinneywell Nurseries – Yew Trees – Tennis Court	82.50	16.50	99.00
4200	Npower – Bisley Pavilion	97.09	4.85	101.94
4040	GAPTC – Annual Subscription	550.86		550.86
4261	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Spares Bisley Play Area	322.46	64.49	386.95
4000	Clerk’s Salary	837.44		
4030	AVG – Computer Security Software	33.33	6.66	877.43
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	243.82		243.82
4017	Bisley Fencing – Repair Dry Stone Wall – Bisley Church Yard	1,650.00	330.00	1,980.00
4410	CR Signs – No Tipping Far Oakridge Allot’s	15.00	3.00	18.00
4455	Greenshop Solar Ltd – Replacement Solar Panel – Oakridge Pavilion	200.00	10.00	210.00
4025	AON Parish Insurance	1,322.93		1,322.93
4047	J Sutton – Install Water Troughs -	4,740.74		4,940.00
4300	Eastcombe Allotments	199.26		

4201	K Harris – Cleaning – Bisley Pavilion	165.00		165.00
4261	Bisley Walling – Repair Wall- Van Der Breen Play Area	175.00		175.00
4055	Smiths Gloucester Ltd – remove asbestos from Stancombe House, Bisley	350.00	70.00	420.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,985.43</b>	<b>505.50</b>	<b>11,490.93</b>

Payment of Garage Rent to Stroud District Council by Direct Debit - £61.01per month. (£61.05 for first month)

15. 04 12 **Correspondence**

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

CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine  
Clerks & Councils Direct

15. 04 13 **Ward Matters**

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

15. 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 **6<sup>th</sup> May 2015** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47pm.