

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

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

**In Attendance:**

Four members of the public were in attendance

15. 07 1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Peter Nairn, Jane Walker, John Mulligan and Tim Williams.
15. 07 2. **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest.
15. 07 3. **Public Participation**  
Concerns were raised regarding the apparent reluctance of Stroud District Council to take action when Planning Conditions were not strictly adhered to.  
The Chairman explained that the Parish Council is not required to comment on applications identified as DISCON.
15. 07 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2015**  
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2015 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.
15. 07 5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
Access to Blandfords Cottage: information requested from the County Council had not arrived in time for the matter to be added to this month's Agenda. It would appear on next month's Agenda.

Trespass at King George V car park: as agreed the Chairman

had submitted a formal complaint to Severn Trent Water, following which a verbal commitment had been made to re-route the water pipe and seal the edges of the tarmac repairs.

Grass Cutting Eastcombe Scout & Guide Hall: The Clerk had uncovered several documents relating to various leases, all of which required more detailed study. He would report at the next meeting.

Funding for Eastcombe Primary School: following the Chairman's letter expressing the Parish Council's concern about funding for the School, a response had been received from the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People. A copy would be sent to all Councillors.

15. 07 6. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

a) **S.15/1112/DISCON**

Property Address – Summerfield, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch.

Decision: No response required.

b) **S.15/1326/TCA**

Property Address – Nydene, Wells Road, Eastcombe.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

c) **S.15/1131/HHOLD**

Property Address: West Tythe, Hayhedge Lane, Bisley, Stroud, GL6 7AN

Description: Addition of two roof lights

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: The West aspect of the Tithe Barn is – as the applicant's photographs show – particularly good-looking and we regret the impact that the installation of 2 roof lights will have upon it. We understand, however, that buildings such as this will only survive by meeting the needs of the people who live in them and we accept the applicant's reasons for wanting to install the roof lights. We recommend that planning permission for these changes should include a requirement that the roof lights be of a design which blends, as far as possible, with the design and materials of the existing roof.

d) **S.15/1327/TCA**

Property Address: Hilltop, Middle Hill, Eastcombe, Stroud

Description: Reduce Walnut Tree (Tree 1) by up to 2 metres, cut back to previous pruning points.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

e) **S.15/0956/TCA**

Property Address: Priests Barn, Calfway Lane, Bisley, Stroud, GL6 7AT

Description: Remove one limb of tree and cut back another to healthy tissue.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

f) **S.15/1330/HHOLD**

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

Description: Erection of extension, alterations to house and replacement garage (Revised scheme following permission S.14/2162/HHOLD).

Decision: 3 **Support**

g) **S.15/1357/HHOLD**

Property Address: New Homestead Middle Hill, Eastcombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7DY

Description: New dormer windows in roof and ground floor extension to kitchen

Decision: 3 **Support**

h) **S.15/1322/FUL**

Property Address: Bismore Farm, Bismore, Eastcombe, Stroud

Description: Demolition of old wooden farm buildings and replacement with weather proof lambing and hay storage barn.

Decision: 3 **Support**

i) **S.15/1413/HHOLD**

Property Address: Field House Waterlane, Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7PJ

Description: Two storey extension.

Decision: 3 **Support**

j) **S.15/1399/COU**

Property Address: Former Rabbit Farm at Stancombe (Highdown Farm), Catswood Lane, Stroud GL6 7NG

Description: Conversion of existing barns to three live/work units, including infill extension and refurbishment of existing structures.

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: As the Parish Council well knows, promoting economic activity in the Parish is not simply a matter of providing employment sites. It is also necessary to consider where potential employees will live and how they will travel to work. In this case the existing buildings of Highdown Farm are too remote to be attractive for general employment use, not least because potential employees would have difficulty in travelling to work by public transport. The mixed live/work proposal for the site overcomes these drawbacks and would contribute to the creation of more sustainable development

patterns. We consider that the applicant's proposals respect the setting of the site and offer a genuine prospect of sustainable economic growth in this rural area. We particularly approve of the energy efficiency measures and the use of renewable energy inherent in the proposals. We ask that the LPA follows the principles contained in para 4.59 of the emerging Local Plan and includes the following conditions in any approval of this application:

1. The business floor space of the live/work units shall be finished ready for occupation before the residential floor space is occupied and the residential use shall not precede commencement of the business use.

2. The residential floor space of the live/work units shall not be occupied other than by a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed in the business occupying the business floor space of that unit, a widow or widower of such a person, or any resident dependants.

15. 07 7. **County Council Matters - (Councillor Jason Bullingham)**

Councillor Bullingham's report to the meeting is at Annex A to these Minutes

15. 07 8 **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

No report received from District Councillor Tim Williams..

15. 07 9 **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Tree Maintenance Bisley All Saints Church**

Following consideration of the quotes submitted, it was agreed unanimously to award the contract to Sam Kelly Tree Surgery Ltd.

15. 07 10 **Finance**

**Payments for July 2015**

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

<b>Cost code</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
4200	Npower – Bisley Pavilion	59.08	2.95	62.03
4015	Graduate Gardeners			
	Churchyard Maintenance – Bisley	687.50	137.50	1,305.00
4016	Churchyard Maintenance - Oakridge	400.00	80.00	
4000	Clerk's Salary	837.64		837.64
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	244.90		244.90

4040	R B S – Accounting Software Subscription	111.00	22.20	133.20
4009	GAPTC – Planning Training Course Rachel Wright	15.00		15.00
4015	Bisley All Saints PCC – Churchyard Maintenance	683.00		683.00
4326	Jelf Insurance – Eastcombe Pavilion	1,046.00		1,046.00
4216	P Thorp – Handles for Bisley N/Board	9.99		9.99
4201	K Harris – Cleaning Bisley Pavilion	165.00		165.00
4050	R H Attwood – Grass cutting Playing Fields	359.17		
4221	Bisley Allotments	30.00		
4250	Teeds Rise	54.17		
4405	Oakridge Footpaths & Waterlane	128.75		
4421	Oakridge Allotments	60.00		
4400	Oakridge Burial Ground	62.50	138.92	833.51
4320	I Trueman – Strimming Eastcombe	366.00		366.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,319.70</b>	<b>381.57</b>	<b>5,701.27</b>

15. 07 11 **Correspondence**

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

Clerks & Councils Direct

15. 07 12 **Ward Matters**

**Bisley Ward**

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

**Oakridge 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

15. 07 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

## **ANNEX A TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES July 2015**

### **County Councillors Monthly Report - June 2015**

#### **Road deaths continue to fall in the county**

Figures released from the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership show the number of people killed on Gloucestershire's roads is still decreasing year on year. Compared to ten years ago, last year saw a welcome reduction in fatal casualties and this is against a backdrop of an increase in road traffic. Far from being complacent, the road safety partnership realise that each one is one too many, and are determined to continue their work to reduce these numbers even more.

Between January and December, there were 29 fatal collisions. This figure is amongst the lowest since 1974. There were also 195 serious injury collisions, and in addition the total casualties, which include slight injuries, are the second lowest ever. The Road Safety Partnership has been collecting and analysing road collision data received from the police since 1974, and it is this data that guides the work of the partnership and also enables the effectiveness of their work to be monitored and measured.

Fatal casualties in the county have reduced from 33 deaths in 2012 to 32 in 2013 and 29 in 2014. Each month in Gloucestershire an average of 19 people are killed or seriously injured on the roads, with a further 79 people receiving slight injuries.

#### **Gloucester leads the UK with communications project ahead of Rugby World Cup**

Work is underway on a pioneering project which aims to convert Gloucester into one of the best connected cities in the UK, partners Gloucester City Council and BT announced on 15th June. A landmark deal, the first of its kind in the UK, will see the introduction of a free public wireless (wi-fi) service for tourists and people living and working in the city centre, a new state-of-the-art CCTV service and control room and improved mobile phone coverage for 4G and other new services.

Gloucester is believed to be the first UK city to combine all three in one project with BT. The investment will improve public safety and help people to stay in touch more easily as they shop, work and socialise in the city centre. It's also been confirmed the new CCTV and wi-fi services will be up and running to coincide with the start of the Rugby World Cup in September, in which Gloucester is playing a major role.

Once the planning and surveying work is complete, the partners will begin installing the wireless access points and 50 new high-definition CCTV cameras in the heart of the city centre and Gloucester Park. Where possible, existing structures will be used to house the new equipment which will replace the current analogue CCTV network, now more than 15 years old. The new digital service will provide clearer images, enable security teams to zoom in on potential trouble-spots and gather evidence with high quality images. Access to the Gloucester wi-fi service will be free and unlimited to all. It will extend from Westgate and Eastgate, along Northgate and Southgate and into

Worcester Street towards Kingsholm Stadium. Laptops, tablets and mobile devices, including smartphones, will be able to connect to it via a specially tailored page being developed by the partners.

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