

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Mike Bell		Chairman
Hazel Saunders	}	Bisley Ward
Hannah Hurst	}	
Lesley Greene)	
Peter Nairn	}	Eastcombe Ward
Jacque Ayres	}	
Mike Eccott	}	
Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
Roger Budgeon	}	
Mr P M Morris		Clerk

17.02 1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apology for absence had been received from Bob Brooks, Michael Garratt and District Councillor Tim Williams.

17.02 2. **Declaration of Interests**

Lesley Greene declared an interest in item 10 expenses. Claim for mileage expenses to attend VCS Forum.

17.02 3. **Public Participation**

Eight members of the public were in attendance.

Q. Mr Keith Watson enquired to references made previously regarding a Parish Office.

A. This matter has been raised over a period of many years and Bisley Ward have been tasked with considering options for a possible location and providing a feasibility report.

Residents from Oakridge Lynch raised their concerns regarding the developments at "Summerfield" and SDC Planning Office having little if no regard to observations made by residents and the Parish Council.

The Chairman indicated that these issues are on the Agenda for discussion this evening.

17. 02 4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2017**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously.

17. 02 5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

17. 02 6. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

a) S.17/0036/LBC

Property Address: Eversley Van Der Breen Street, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7BN

Description: To remove a section of internal wall.

Decision: 3 **Support**

b) S.17/0014/TCA

Property Address: Church House Church Hill, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7AB

Description: 1. Holly and Ash - Fell to near ground level. 2. Yew - Reduce all over by approx. 3m to leave approx. 4m tall and with a radial crown spread of approx. 3m. 3. Cherry - Remove the smaller co-dominant stem

Decision: 1 **No observations**

c) S.17/0058/FUL

Property Address: Former Rabbit Farm at Stancombe Catswood Lane, Stroud, Gloucestershire

Description: Change of Use and replacement of agricultural barns to three Work/Live Units. Resubmission following permission S.15/1399/COU

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: The Parish Council supports Stroud District Council's concerns that this proposed new build – rather than the already supported and permitted conversion and refurbishment for three work/live units - does not sit happily with SDC Local Plan Core Policies 15 (Quality Living and Working Countryside) and CP3 (Settlement Hierarchy), and, if permitted, may create an undesirable precedent. The Parish Council supports high levels of energy efficiency, but in this case feels that the principles of Local Plan Core Policies CP15 and CP3 take precedence. We support living and working in the countryside, but we would not like to see this proposal develop into just a country residence, and are uncomfortable about any escalation in the size of, or change to, the permitted building work at this stage. We would like to see a condition attached that clearly cements the link between the residential accommodation to the use of the workshop space.

Furthermore the applicant states that the current permitted conversion of the “existing structure is feasible and possible”.

Should permission be granted we expect that the current permission conditions regarding size, location, materials, ecology, landscape and hedgerow protections as in S.15/1399/COU are reinforced, particularly Conditions 3, 4 & 5 ensuring that the development is only for live/work units, to safeguard the provision of employment space to support the rural economy.

17. 02 7. **County Council Matters - (Councillor Jason Bullingham)**
Councillor Bullingham was not present and no report to the meeting has been received.
17. 02 8. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**
Councillor Tim Williams was not present and no report to the meeting has been received.
17. 02 9. **Matters for Discussion**
- a) Police & Crime Commission**
It was agreed to request the following items to be placed on the Agenda of the Police & Crime Commission meeting:
Road Safety & Rural Crime.
- b) Tree Surgery**
It was agreed to award the contract for removal of basal growth from Lime trees at several locations within the Parish to Ecoarborist. This work is required to be completed prior to Tree safety survey taking place.
- c) Tree Survey**
It was agreed to continue with the current provider and method for surveying trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council.
The Survey was awarded to Tree Management Services Ltd
- d) Grant Application**
Having received a grant application from Eastcombe Primary School, Councillors suggested that further information was required.
- e) Parish & Town Council Meeting**
Roger Budgeon gave a brief report to Councillors.
- f) Correspondence regarding ‘Summerfield’ Development**
The Clerk had received a copy of a letter from a Parishioner written to SDC Planning Department listing several concerns regarding the “Summerfield” development at Oakridge Lynch. Councillors agreed unanimously that the Clerk write to SDC Planning requesting a site meeting with two Parish Councillors.

g) Little Sherwood

Roger Budgeon to write to Planning Officer regarding concerns of development at Little Sherwood

h) Community Event France Lynch

An application to use the playing field at Eastcombe as an overflow car park for a public event to be held at France Lynch had been received. It was agreed to allow parking at the football pitch located next to the allotments/Scout Hall subject to weather conditions.

i) Stroud VCS Forum

Lesley Greene attended the Stroud Voluntary Community Service forum organised by GRCC. The forum was attended by a range of approximately 20 voluntary organisations in Gloucestershire and is designed to share information and discuss issues. The focus was on recruiting, supporting and retaining volunteers.

The second part of the meeting was a presentation by the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group on the NHS Sustainability and Transformation Strategy. Feedback is extremely important and people are urged to respond on their website by 24th February.

Lesley suggested a page on the Parish Website with voluntary contacts/links would be helpful to parishioners as well as the NHS feedback information.

j) Parish Planning Issues

Roger Budgeon gave examples of several planning applications that have got out of hand and suggested that a previous decision not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan should be reconsidered. This did not receive support.

It was agreed that he should prepare a report to be forwarded to Stroud District Planning Office.

17.02.10 **Finance**

a) Payments for February 2017

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code	<u>Details</u>	£	VAT	<u>Total</u>
4070	Stroud District Council – Garage Rent - Direct Debit	61.62		61.62
4040	Helen Watkinson – Royal Forestry Society Subscription	60.50		60.50
4320	Chalford Parish Council – Grass cutting Eastcombe	82.50		82.50
4300	A Montague – Walling Stone Oakridge	2,044.50		2,044.50

4008	Lesley Greene – Mileage expenses	14.40		14.40
4000	P Morris - Clerk's Salary	834.75		834.75
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	258.10		258.10
4050	R H Attwood – Grass cutting Playing Fields	359.17		
4221	Bisley Allotments	30.00		
4250	Teeds Rise	37.50		
4405	Oakridge Footpaths & Waterlane	128.75		
4421	Oakridge & Far Oakridge Allotments	60.00		
4400	Oakridge Burial Ground	62.50		
4405	Oakridge Fountain Piece	29.17	141.42	848.51
4201	K Harris – Cleaning Bisley Pavilion	180.00		180.00
4210	R H Attwood Bisley Pitch Winter Maintenance	290.00	116.00	696.00
4330	Eastcombe Pitch Winter Maintenance	290.00		
	Totals	4,823.46	257.42	5,080.88

17. 02 11 **Correspondence**

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

Amendments to Cotswold District Council Local Plan

17. 02 12 **Ward Matters**

Eastcombe & Oakridge

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

Bisley

Bisley Ward registered their disappointment at the failure of Bisley News to include their monthly report.

Report regarding Parish Office completed and will be issued to Councilors prior to March Parish meeting.

17. 02 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **1 March 2017** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.