

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

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

17. 05 1. **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Michael Garratt.

17. 05 2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Chairman explained that it was his responsibility as outgoing Chairman to open the Annual General Meeting and conduct the election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman. M Bell was unanimously re-elected as Chairman. R Brooks was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

17 05 3 **Ward and Parish Appointments**

The following appointments were agreed by the Parish Council:

**Councillor Appointments – Eastcombe Ward**

Mr B Brooks – Ward Chair, Snow Warden, Highways

Jacqui Ayres – Planning

Peter Nairn – Recreation Ground

Mike Eccott – Trees, Paths, Open Spaces & Grass Cutting

**Ex Officio Appointments**

Mr Rex Clack – Allotment Warden

Mr C James – Pavilion Representative

**Councillor Appointments – Oakridge Ward**

Roger Budgeon – Ward Chairman and Planning

Dennis Robbins – Allotments, Playing Field, Pavilion, Grass Cutting  
Mike Bell – Finance, Snow Warden, Burial Ground and Highways

**Ex-officio Appointments**

Footpaths Wardens - Nick Holliday and Juliet Alexander  
Playing Field in Oakridge – Phil Dawes  
Burial Ground – Bob Gardiner  
Tennis Court – Alex Davis and Charles Crisp

**Councillor Appointments – Bisley Ward**

Hazel Saunders \_ Ward Chairman, Highways, Footpaths and  
Sports Pavilion  
Lesley Greene. \_ Allotments and Planning  
Michael Garratt. \_ Planning and Police Liaison  
Hannah Hurst \_ Finance and Play Areas

**Parish Tree Warden**

Helen Watkinson remains tree warden.

17 05 4 **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest.

17. 05 5. **Public Participation**  
Five members of the public were in attendance.

**Q.** The April Minutes indicated that both Public Houses in Bisley are in danger of being closed, and the Parish Council was asked if it would support an application to register them as community assets? In response, it was indicated that this matter would be placed on this months agenda. Why is this not the case?

**A.** Because this is the Annual General Meeting it was considered to be a time issue and will appear on the June agenda.

**Q.** How many yards of Dry Stone Walling is provided for the £3,000 Spent in last months budget?

**A.** The contract is for £7,000 in total and will cover the repair of 41 metres.

**Q.** Has the Parish Council received a response from SDC regarding the Summerfield development in Oakridge?

**A.** Yes

**Q.** Stroud District Council Planning Development Document November 2015 states that it will assist the resistance to planning applications in villages like Oakridge, will the Parish Council raise this matter with SDC?

**A.** Will include this in planned meeting with SDC.

17. 05 6. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 having been circulated to all councillors were

approved unanimously.

17. 05 7. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

17. 05 8. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

**a) S.17/0754/FUL**

Property Address: Cattle Housing, Copsegrove Farm, Bisley GL6 7AH

Description: Cattlehousing & hay storage

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: seems to comply with all criteria e.g. AONB, tree screening, need, materials, employment, access, economy, etc.

**b) S.17/0555/VAR**

Property Address: The Garage Oakridge Lynch

Description: New garage

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: This repositioning will improve the site layout

**c) S.17/0851/HHOLD**

Property Address: Chapel House Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NZ

Description: Erection of a single-storey lean-to front extension including addition of an external flue.

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: We see no reason not to support this application

**d) S.17/0861/FUL**

Property Address: Bisley C of E Bluecoat Primary School, School Road, Bisley GL6 7BE

Description: minor extension & enclosure

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: minor works & satisfies criteria e.g. materials, listed setting, AONB, conservation area.

**e) S.17/0886/FUL**

Property Address: 2 The Laurels Eastcombe Stroud GL6 7DN

Description: Demolish existing detached garage and erect a detached dwelling

Decision: 2 **Object**

Reasons / Comments: The proposed 2 bedroomed dwelling is a considerably larger mass than the previous application. The 3 dormer windows look directly into the private amenity space of 2 The Laurels.

The current application would have a harmful impact on the character of the conservation area. At the very least this proposal should be scaled back to what was originally approved.

**f) S.17/0822/FUL**

Property Address: Springfield House Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NY

Description: Site oil tank

Decision: 4 Comments only

Reasons / Comments: We support the application in principle but for the maintaining of a good visual design we would like to see the oil tank hidden behind a continuation of the waste bin screen.

The planning application for High Lea (**S.17/0606/HHOLD**) was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that there was a contradiction between the submission to SDC of Comments only by the Ward and the Parish Council's agreement to Object to this application.

17. 05 9. **County Council Matters - (Councillor Jason Bullingham)**

No report due to local election taking place.

17. 05 10. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

Councillor Tim was not present and no report to the meeting has been received.

17. 05 11. **Matters for Discussion**

**a) Tennis Court Membership**

The Clerk reported that membership of the Tennis Court was declining and should requests for membership from outside the Parish be considered..

Councillors proposed to advertise the Tennis Court in relevant newsletters and the Parish website and report back next month.

**b) SDC Planning**

Stroud District Council Planning has proposed a meeting should be convened at their Ebley Mill office to discuss the planning issues in the Parish and Summerfield development in particular. The Clerk would respond with dates that would be acceptable to relevant Councillors.

**c) Community Grant Application**

A request for a Community Grant had been received from the Allsorts Charity. It was agreed to send the application form to be completed and would be considered with other applications at the Finance Sub-committee meeting later in the year.

**d) Vehicle Speed Indicator**

It was agreed unanimously to purchase an extra battery for the Vehicle Speed Indicator. .

17. 05 12 Finance

a) **Payments for May 2017**

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

<b>Cost code</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
4070	Stroud District Council – Garage Rent - Direct Debit	65.47		65.47
4465	OVHT – Oakridge Pavilion Electricity	86.75		86.75
4460	Water Plus – Oakridge Pavilion –Direct Debit	54.98		54.98
4000	P Morris - Clerk's Salary	873.35		873.35
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	229.90		229.90
4050	R H Attwood – Grass cutting	359.17		
4221	Playing Fields	30.00		
4250	Bisley Allotments	37.50		
4405	Teeds Rise	128.75		
4421	Oakridge Footpaths & Waterlane	60.00		
4400	Oakridge & Far Oakridge Allotments	62.50		
4405	Oakridge Burial Ground	29.17		
4210	Oakridge Fountain Piece	190.00		
4330	Weed control Bisley Sports Field	310.00	241.42	1,448.51
4040	Weed control Eastcombe Sports Field	55.00	11.00	66.00
4040	National Allotment Society – Annual Subs.	29.00	5.80	34.80
4030	CIX Online – Domain Registration	36.00		36.00
4040	CPRE – Annual Subscription			
4045	S137 Community Grants	150.00		
	What's On Magazine	150.00		
	Bisley News	150.00		
	Eastcombe Newsletter	500.00		
	Frith Youth Club	500.00		
	Eastcombe Scouts & Guides	150.00		
	Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	100.00		1,700.00
	Royal British Legion			
4401	A Montague –Oakridge Walling	1375.00		1,375.00
4009	Stroud District Council – Councillor Training	20.00		20.00
4201	K Harris Cleaning Bisley Pavilion	72.00		72.00
4330	J C Peacock & Co Ltd – Eastcombe Salt Spreader	205.00	41.00	246.00
4026	S Boden – Internal Audit	120.00		120.00
4115	Tree Maintenance Ltd – Parish Tree Survey	495.00	99.00	594.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,624.54</b>	<b>398.22</b>	<b>7,022.76</b>

**b) Approve Annual Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman.

**c) Approve Report to External Auditor**

The Annual report to the external auditor was approved and signed by the Chairman.

17. 05 13 **Correspondence**

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

Parish Tree Survey Report  
Houses of Parliament "Parliament Week".

17. 05 14 **Ward Matters**

**Eastcombe**

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

**Oakridge**

Roger Budgeon reported that he had removed part of a tree that was overhanging the road at Lillyhorn crossroads.

District Councillor Tim Williams had organized the collection of rubbish resulting from fly tipping.

**Bisley**

Members of the Bisley Cricket Club have volunteered to paint the wicket fence at the sports field. Paint supplied by the Ward.

17. 04 13 **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Tuesday 6 June **2017** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.