

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2018 AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Mike Bell		Chairman
Hazel Saunders	}	
Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
Dave Partridge	}	
Martin Brown	}	
Mike Eccott	}	Eastcombe Ward
Mr R Brooks	}	
Roger Budgeon	}	
Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
Rod Simcox	}	
Mr P M Morris		Clerk

18. 06 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apology for absence was received from District Councillor Tim Williams

18. 06 2. **Declaration of Interests**
There was no Declaration of Interests.

18. 06 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 7 March**
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday
2 May 2018 having been circulated to all councillors were
approved unanimously.

18. 06 4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
Proposal by Lesley Greene and seconded by Martin Brown to record
the Parish Councils disappointment that the Parish Councils comments
had been ignored and the planning application S.18/0688/FUL -
installation of sewage plant at the Daneway Inn was approved.
The Chair's proposal that Lesley Greene would write to SDC
reiterating the concerns of the Parish Council about safeguards to the
quality of the River Frome and its wildlife was supported.

In answer to her query about the County's policy for replacing felled
trees Lesley Greene was told that this was raised at a Highways
Meeting. They said the policy was not to replace trees that were
felled at the edge of any highway. Applications to plant trees in other
areas would be considered on the basis of matched funding by the
Parish.

Cllr Keith Rippington agreed to clarify this.

Cllr Keith Rippington confirmed he would follow up Bisley Ward's

request to clarify the detail of the most recent County review of the Snow Plough operators hourly rates and expenses for their machines.

18. 06 5. **Public Participation**

Three members of the public were in attendance.

Michael Garratt reported that 24 people had declared an interest in learning how to use the Bisley Defibrillator and two qualified trainers have volunteered to supervise the classes.

18. 06 6. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**

a) **S.18/0926/FUL**

Property Address: Plots 1 & 2 Van Der Breen Street Bisley Gloucestershire

Description: Erection of 2 double garages (replacement of 4 bay car port from permission S.11/1250/FUL). | Plots 1 & 2 Van Der Breen Street Bisley Gloucestershire

Decision: 1 **No observations**

b) **S.18/0978/HHOLD**

Property Address: Old Police House Cheltenham Road Bisley Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7BJ

Description: Installation of dormer window to the front and rear of the property.

Decision: 1 **No observations**

c) **S.18/0965/LBC**

Property Address: Middle Lypiatt House Middle Lypiatt Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7LW

Description: Retrospective application to retain dry lings installed in main living room (387724 - 204684)

Decision: 1 **No observations**

Reasons / Comments: This is an internal heritage matter and in this case we feel we do not have the expertise to comment.

d) **S.18/0966/LBC**

Property Address: Middle Lypiatt House Middle Lypiatt Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7LW

Description: Replacement of wall previously removed

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: We support so long as this complies with the Heritage Officer's recommendations

e) **S.18/0967/LBC**

Property Address: Middle Lypiatt House Middle Lypiatt Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7LW

Description: Retention of rooflight already installed

Decision: 4 **Comments only**

Reasons / Comments: We note positively that the roof light cannot be

seen from any public viewpoint. We would have preference for a more traditional model as suggested as an alternative by the applicant.

f) S.18/0980/HHOLD

Property Address: 3 Broadway The Broadway Oakridge Lynch Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7NX

Description: Erection of a porch and open veranda (to replace existing conservatory)

Decision: 3 **Support**

g) S.18/1135/HHOLD

Property Address: Upper Southmead Farm Calfway The Camp Stroud Gloucestershire GL67BY

Description: Single Storey extension and internal refurbishment

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: An existing garage and annexe will be demolished and replaced by a single storey extension (in part to support a family member with special needs). The proposal is large but not overbearing, located in line with the area of the current annexe/garage. The design aesthetic is contemporary, and, we believe, creates a positive relationship and has sensitivity to the original C16th Grade II listed farmhouse and the landscape setting. We support the proposed 'agricultural' materials for the proposal, the etched roof in corrugated metal and walls clad in dark grey metal with some areas of untreated timber on elevations with few openings.

h) S.18/1136/LBC

Property Address: Upper Southmead Farm Calf Way The Camp Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7BY

Description: Single storey extension and internal refurbishment

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: The farmhouse was served with a BPN in October after an application to demolish and is now Grade II Listed. The applicant states he has relied on the BNP for the assessment of refurbishment. Much of the work is remedial (to remove damp, replacing modern windows, restoring previously covered flagstones, replacing cement render with limestone render). Where changes are proposed such as inserting a new roof light and increasing a doorway these seem to us to be sensible. We are aware that the applicant is in discussion with the Conservation Officer, so we feel confident that the work finally agreed will be beneficial not only to improved living conditions but also to the conservation of a listed building.

i) S.18/1133/HHOLD

Property Address: 1 Reform Cottages, Eastcombe

Description: Replacement Porch

Decision: 3 **Support**

Reasons / Comments: This is an improvement to the front porch. A new tiled roof, supported by the existing stone rendered walls, replaces a plastic structure. The wooden windows are replaced with pvcu (black outside) but they are in keeping with the adjacent dwellings, so

although the property lies within the Eastcombe Conservation Area, it is supported by the Ward

18. 06 7. **County Council Matters - (Councillor Keith Rippington)**
Keith apologised for being absent from recent meetings and explained that this had been due to illness.

Javelin Park Incinerator – progressing according to plan and will be completed summer 2019.

Waterlane incinerator – remains outstanding.

Issue with Bus service – now has a contact name and will follow up.

18. 06 8. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**
District Councillor Tim Williams was not in attendance and his report is at Annex A to these minutes.

18. 06 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) Green Infrastructure, Sport and Recreation Study

A proposal that each Ward should complete the survey and forward to Clerk to collate was approved.

b) Bank Signatories

The following additional bank signatories were approved.

Hazel Saunders and Martin Brown – Bisley Ward

Mike Eccott – Eastcombe

c) SDC Planning

The letter in response to correspondence received from Barry Wyatt was approved.

Clerk to copy all previous recipients.

d) Community Governance Survey

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council meets all the criteria and represents its parishioners effectively.

Current boundaries of Wards and Parish acceptable.

e) Clerk Vacancy

The Chairman informed the meeting that Debbie Meredith has accepted the post and will commence on 3rd September 2018.

A resolution for the position of Parish Clerk to be a member of GCC Local Government Pension Scheme was approved.

f) Stroud Town Council Cycling improvement Initiative

Mike Eccott attended the meeting at Stroud Town Council and his report is at Annex B to these minutes.

Lesley Greene enquired if there were any plans by GCC to support and encourage cycling.

Keith Rippington replied that due to reduction in budget there are no funds available and that cycling is given less priority

18. 6 10 **Finance**

Payments for June 2018

The following payments were approved by the Parish Council

Cost code	<u>Details</u>	£	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
4070	Stroud District Council – Garage Rent - <i>Direct Debit</i>	53.95	10.79	64.74
4009	GAPC – Councillor Training Course	170.00		170.00
4020	BT – Telephone & Broadband Direct Debit	183.19	36.64	219.83
4201	HomeFree – Cleaning Bisley Pavilion	124.00		124.00
4009	GRCC – Neighbourhood Plan W/Shop	20.00		20.00
4009	The Tree Council – Tree Warden Conference	15.00		15.00
4401	A Montague – Dry Stone Walling Oakridge	1,747.50		1,747.50
4200	Npower – Bisley Pavilion – Direct Debit	62.63	3.13	65.76
4000	P Morris - Clerk's Salary	937.41		972.61
4004	Office rent	20.00		
4002	Mileage expenses	15.20		
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI	189.07		189.07
4050	R H Attwood – Grass cutting Playing Fields	359.17		869.51
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		
4403	Strim Oakridge Play Area Soft Surface	17.50	144.92	
4320	I Trueman – Eastcombe Grass Strimming	214.50		
4055	S & L Kelland – Restoration of Eastcombe War Memorial	2,280.00	456.00	
4040	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd – Annual Maintenance	119.00	23.80	142.80
	Totals	6,876.04	675.28	7,551.32

18. 6 11 **Correspondence**

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

Allotment & Gardener magazine

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Ward Matters

Eastcombe

Bob Brooks reported that due to time restraints, Jacqui Ayers had stood down as Councillor and that he would like it placed on record his appreciation for the excellent service and contribution she had provided.

VDS – some interest in the village – target date September
Defibrillator training in Eastcombe Village Hall on 9th October.

Bisley

Bisley Ward was holding a series of meetings with small village interest groups to explore key issues that will help in the development of a 'grass roots' approach to the review of the VDS in the autumn Pavilion quotes for replacement of boiler and showers next month. Difficulty with allotment tenant – ignored correspondence from Clerk, Notice to quit issued and claims for return of various property being dealt with.

Oakridge

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

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Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **4 July 2018** commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

ANNEX A TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 2018

District Councillors Monthly Report – May 2018

June Parish meeting

A full council meeting was held on 17th May 2018. The majority of the meeting was taken up with assigning members to committees.

As this is the start of the civic calendar, there was the requirement to vote for a new chairman. Gary Powell was re-elected as the Council Chairman.

The Chairman of the relevant committees are below:

- Audit and Standard- Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
- Community Services and Licensing Committee- Mattie Ross
- Development Control Committee- Tom Williams
- Environmental Committee- Simon Pickering
- Housing Committee- Chaz Townley
- Strategy and Resources- Doina Cornell

Voting at 16

The other motion was to support the proposed voting age of 16, in line with the cabinet office pledge to promote national democracy week July 2nd - 8th 2018.

As you may know, young people in local elections in Scotland can vote at 16-17 and often have a higher turnout (Avg. 75%). Wales is also due to lower its age in line with the 2022 elections to 16 for local authority elections.

Members provided a range of reasons for and against the motion which altered opinions throughout the debate.

Those for proposed

- Age doesn't bring knowledge
- Young people can be as well read as others of voting age
- You can get married (with permission, at 16)
- Getting children excited about voting and taking part in a democratic process, will ensure a higher turn-out for future elections.

Those against proposed

- You now stay in full time education until 18 (or a work based learning course)
- You cannot do a whole host of other things until 18 (free marriage, smoke, watch certain films, pay regular tax, fight in active combat)
- Whilst a large group of young people are well read, how do you ensure others are educated on the different voting options objectively, without bias?
- How do you ensure people are manipulated to vote based on short term policies? This would be a form of abuse.
- Scotland have since reviewed other age limits and increased them.
- So, young people cannot control their health or watch violent films, but can vote.

The vote was passed, in front of Stroud youth council, to support this initiative.

Chief Executive Retirement

After Many years, our CE has decided to retire and step down. Interviews for his role are going to be conducted by officers with the involvement of elected members of the council.

Stroud Green Waste is at Capacity in certain areas

Stroud District Council's garden waste scheme has proved so popular that full capacity has been reached in some areas of the district. Over ten thousand subscriptions have been signed up to under the scheme which collects garden waste from people's homes fortnightly for ten months each year, from February to the end of November.

Residents who join the scheme receive a brown 180 litre bin as part of their first year's subscription charge, and then renew their subscription annually. Customers who have a garden waste bin but haven't yet renewed their subscription for 2018 will still be able to renew for this year.

Any new customers in the areas where the scheme is at full capacity (see list below) will be able to join a waiting list.

An alternative suggestion for dealing with garden waste for anyone who is currently unable to join the scheme is to get composting- particularly as we have one locally on our door step in Bisley.

The towns and parishes which have now reached capacity are:

- Alkington
- Arlingham
- Berkeley
- Brimscombe and Thrupp
- Cam
- Chalford
- Eastington
- Frampton on Severn
- Fretherne with Saul
- Hardwicke
- Haresfield
- Hillesley and Thesham
- Kingswood
- Nailsworth
- Painswick
- Pitchcombe
- Rodborough
- Slimbridge
- Standish
- Stonehouse
- Stroud
- Upton St Leonards
- Whitminster
- Wotton under Edge

ANNEX B TO PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 2018

Stroud Town Council – Parish Cycling Meeting Update

Aim:

To improve cycling safety within the Stroud district, and encourage more people to get on their bikes and out of their cars.

Two main initiatives:

1. Improve the Stroud – Nailsworth Cycle path.
2. Create a new cycle path between Stroud and Chalford.

As part of the 2nd initiative there is also a proposal to create a cycle path from the Toadsmoor junction up past the monastery to Brown hills. This would then give safer access for cyclists to and from the hilltop villages.

A study was conducted in 2008 and a subsequent report published in 2009 into the viability of creating a Stroud – Chalford cycle path either alongside the main road or by using the canal towpath. There is little evidence of any progress made since the report was published.

Next Steps:

Enquiries are being made to find a suitable firm to conduct an engineering survey into the Stroud – Chalford route to provide a proper costed estimate.

Stroud Town Councillors Rachel Smith and Sarah Lunnon have organised a bike ride from Stroud to Chalford on 17th June - see separate attachment.

Finally:

Bainton Bikes Cycle Hire is now up and running in Stroud and initial reports are favourable.

Mike Eccott
29th May 2018