

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY AT BISLEY WI VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Present</b>	Mike Bell		Chairman
	Martin Brown	}	
	Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
	Hazel Saunders	}	
	Dave Partridge	}	
	Mr R Brooks	}	
	Mike Eccott	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Jenny Exley	}	
	Roger Budgeon	}	
	Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
	Rod Simcox	}	
	Mrs D Meredith		Clerk

- 9.1 1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Keith Rippington.
- 9.1 2. **Declaration of Interests**  
Expenses payments for authorisation – Lesley Greene, Dennis Robbins
- 9.1 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5 December**  
The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 having been circulated to all councillor were approved unanimously.
- 9.1 4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
None.
- 9.1 5. **Public Participation**  
Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for their constructive support in objecting to the application on change of use of paddock to dog exercise areas and erection of new dog unit/day room and stable block at Land at Bakers Paddock, Oakridge Lynch. Full permission has been given. Attendees stated that no provision was stated for the removal of dog excrement for up to 15 dogs in the application. Roger Budgeon confirmed that the PC raised this point in their comments back to SDC. Lesley Greene confirmed that it is possible to compost dog excrement in specific dog excrement composters. Members of the Public said that this could be mentioned to the business owner. They also stated that one reason consent was given was because it was deemed as a suitable site due to the turkey farm next door. This is not the case as the landowner was a 'hobby' turkey farmer, ended in July 2018, and the land is now owned by a different parishioner. Members of the public said the business has already been running 2 years and that it is noisy. They are happy to monitor this. Rod Simcox suggested Environmental Health could be notified on these points. They are also concerned that support for the application was not by local

residents but users of the business. Lesley Greene suggested that a follow up letter is written to Sarah Carruthers by the Clerk.

The Chairman also raised the issues of walking dogs on Strawberry Bank, (Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust site) commercially and by the general public and leaving dog excrement on the site. Lesley Greene mentioned that commercial dog walking can be asked to stop by SDC. Chairman suggested addressing this point at a later date.

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

a) **S.18/2521/HHOLD** – Mullions, Dr Crouch's Road, Eastcombe – **Support**

b) **S.18/2662/HHOLD** – 2 Farleys Close, Eastcombe - **Support**

c) **S.18/2502/FUL** - Land At Middle Lypiatt Cottage - **Support**

d) **S.18/2422/FUL** – Land at Field House, Fidges Lane, Eastcombe - **Object**

9.1 7. **County Council Matters - Councillor Keith Ripington**

None.

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

A copy of District Councillor Tim Williams' report to the meeting is at Annex A to these minutes.

9.1 9. **Matters for Discussion**

a) **Bisley Beer Festival** – Clerk and Hazel Saunders

A request has been received for hire of Bisley Pavilion for a local Beer Festival in June. Councillor Dave Partridge is on the Committee and confirmed that there will be limited tickets sold locally and monies are to go back into the village and locality. The Committee will write to residents prior to the event. The Chairman suggested conditions are set for noise, behavior and to ensure there is ample car parking. Dave Partridge reported that the committee is investigating additional parking and the possibility of live music. Bisley Ward are to report back a month before the event.

b) **GRCC advice on NDP writing** – Rod Simcox

Mike Eccott reported back following a meeting Monday evening with an independent charity resulting in very interesting insight into producing an NDP. It must not conflict with LP. Not a protective document but active improvement. It must be a community based document with hard data. Direct liason with SDC to ensure compliance was recommended. An A3 paper showing stages and processes was received to assist in a successful conclusion. He informed the meeting that grants are available and help with this paperwork after NDP can be given to expedite a fast turnaround. First priority is to comment on Emerging Strategy and he believes this will generalise situation for Parish. A variety of grants, costs and in-house surveys were suggested and the Chairman suggested a business plan as goalposts and monies needed prior to approval by the PC. Mike Eccott suggested it for next PC meeting. Rod Simcox suggested that reviews need to be more regular outside of the PC meeting and expressed concern about an informal nomination for a coordinator. Chairman said that the steering group will be one Parish Councillor from each ward and a Plan Lead. The Clerk is to investigate possible costs and report back.

c) **State of health – Rod Simcox**

Rod Simcox has sadly had a return to CRPS and is concerned that it may advance. He stressed that he is still available as a Councillor as requested and required until a replacement is found. He would then still like to be involved with the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked him for his statement and appreciated his candid comments.

d) **Road Safety Group Update - Speed Limits – Martin Brown**

The Stroud Road Safety group has asked for Parish Council wishes for speed reductions on any stretches of road in our parish. Bisley Ward has identified several stretches for reductions. They are through Stancombe to Bisley, Mare's Lane to Cheltenham Road, from Bisley past Stirrup Cup to the last house on Cheltenham Road. For Eastcombe Ward, Bob Brookes said that speed enforcement is required rather than speed limit changes. Oakridge Ward had no issues. Jenny Exley commented that the mirror on the junction approaching Bisley from Oakridge is ineffective. The Clerk is to inform Highways for the next meetings' agenda.

e) **Stroud District Local Plan Review Meeting – Roger Budgeon**

Roger Budgeon reminded the meeting that our points must be in to the Local Plan review by 18<sup>th</sup> January, so the process of a Neighbourhood Plan won't be completed in time for this. Points are therefore to go in to the Local Plan as from the Parish Council as suggestions for our policies and at some stage proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan. He reported that all Parish Councils at the meeting want SDC to take more notice of them. Result was the Neighbourhood Plan is needed. He reported that the meeting was centred around housing in spite of other points being raised such as jobs for the residents of additional housing. Parish Councillors were against the format of houses being built before the infrastructure to support them. The Government has imposed 648 houses for the district per year - the meeting was to determine where. SDC also have to work with GCC as some of their allocation is needed to go to SDC and the meeting had the impression that SDC had to comply. Councillor Tim Williams stated that SDC deal with more of Gloucestershire's planning issues too and there is a fear that developing urban areas means that they become one large place. The idea whether to clump build or mitigate impact by peppering builds in small pockets. He stated that 5<sup>th</sup> in the rankings of parishes in line for this. Mike Eccott said that we were not against organic development, preferable to small pockets and extensive development. Councillor Tim Williams stated that SDC officers prefer large areas of growth as their infrastructure is easier.

Lesley Greene stated that even with small pockets a large development would be required to achieve numbers. The Chairman stated that the papers are put forward at short notice today and need further explanation. Mike Eccott replied that the PC is to collate a formal response to put forward by the deadline of January 18<sup>th</sup> via the Clerk. Jenny Exley stated that clear information and recommendations are collated in her document are key to Eastcombe and she doesn't feel that we need a NDP as we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> tier. Mike Eccott feels that we need backup with a NDP. The Chairman responded that we decline development except organic ones. Roger Budgeon stated that policies need quoting, Mike Eccott said they should come out of research and Rod Simcox said they must be precise. Roger Budgeon stated that

an environmental plan should be part of a planning application. The Chairman commented that we want free draining off road parking and protection of various things such as vistas and dry stone walling.

Roger Budgeon stated that the detail must be collated for Clerk to send in on time next week and reminded the meeting that it is a consultation not a Neighbourhood Plan. Lesley Greene suggested Mike Eccott coordinate and asked that Bisley village boundary is extended to include Mugswell Nursery. SDC have no rural policies. Chair commented that SDC are selective about their policy choices but Lesley Greene replied that an NDP has statutory powers.

f) **Bisley Sports Pavilion replacement windows** – Hazel Saunders

Hazel Saunders reported that the Ward has received 4 quotes for wooden windows. Comparisons against the cheapest UPVC at £5767 against the cheapest wooden frames at £12493 was given and serious thought as to whether the difference is worthwhile. Bisley Ward is divided on this. Hazel Saunders feels that like for like UPVC replacement is perfectly adequate for the pavilion. Martin Brown stated that wood is non-toxic, has low carbon emission, is sustainable, has lower production emissions and disposal. He continued that UPVC deteriorates - wood does needs painting but can be repaired. Accoya lasts longer, looks better, has a longer lifespan of 50 – 60 years. He commented that this sets an example based on the Parish VDS. He would also like to use a local supplier. Dave Partridge said the quality of craftsmanship needs to be confirmed prior to manufacture. Hazel Saunders said that monies set aside for further Pavilion refurbishment would have to be used. The Chairman questioned what would get missed off refurbishment. Quotes to repairs to ceiling, flooring and seating required. Mike Eccott suggested that the Ward prioritises items to be fixed and Bob Brookes suggested costs are provided for other work to be done first before making a decision. The Clerk is to research whether FIT grant is paid off, if so, Roger Budgeon suggested that monies gained from FIT should supplement the pavilion running costs.

The Chairman asked the other Wards for their recommendations. Eastcombe agreed the use of timber frames if costs allow with other work. Oakridge prefer the timber option. Bisley Ward is to make a decision and inform the PC next meeting.

g) **Scouts Association Marathon** – Hazel Saunders

A request for use of Bisley Pavilion for an overnight walk by the Scouts has been received. This would entail use of the Pavilion as a checkpoint overnight from 8pm to 5am the following morning. The Scouts have detailed their careful use of the location in order to minimise any disruption to neighbours and the building. The Chairman asked the Ward to inform the residents nearby. The Parish Council approved this event.

9.1 11. **Finance**

- a) Approve payments of account.

<b>January Payments 2019</b>				
<b>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council</b>				
<b>Cost code</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
4070	Stroud District Council – Garage Rent - <i>Direct Debit</i>	53.95	10.79	64.74
4000	D Meredith – Clerk’s December Salary	1065.06		1065.06
	<b>Clerk's expenses December</b>			
4002	Clerk's mileage/expenses	6.99		
4004	Office rent December	20.00		26.99
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI December (Deborah Meredith)	173.44		173.44
4001	Clerk’s Pension December - <i>Direct Debit</i>	378.29		378.29
4460	Waterplus - Oakridge Village Hall - <i>Direct Debit</i>	23.39		23.39
4410	Waterplus - Far Oakridge allotments - <i>Direct Debit</i>	26.79		26.79
4200	Npower - Bisley Pavilion 23/08/18 to 4/12/18 - <i>Direct Debit</i>	85.75	4.29	90.04
	<b>R H Attwood – Grass cutting</b>			
4050	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		
4403	Strim Oakridge Play Area Soft Surface	17.50	144.92	869.51
4015	Graduate Gardeners Bisley Church grass cutting	560.00	112.00	672.00
4016	Graduate Gardeners Oakridge Church grass cutting	426.64	85.33	511.97
4008	Lesley Greene RFS membership	56.00		56.00
4201	Homefree - Bisley Pavilion cleaning	93.00		93.00
4330	Gift vouchers - Eastcombe allotment warden retirement	50.00		50.00
4010	Petty Cash	30.00		30.00
4401	Adrian Montague - Oakridge playing field boundary wall	2473.85		2473.85
4230	Adrian Montague - Bisley Churchyard wall	545.00		545.00
4450	Dennis Robbins - Replacement gate post Oakridge allotments	86.00		86.00
4320	Ian Trueman - Grass cutting Eastcombe Green Sep - Dec 2018	283.50		283.50
4219	Charity of the Ancient Parish of Bisley - Chestergate Allotments	50.00		50.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7212.24</b>	<b>357.33</b>	<b>7569.57</b>

Payment of the above accounts were approved.

#### 9.1 11. **Correspondence**

Various subscription magazines issued.

#### 9.1 12. **Ward Matters**

There were no Ward matters to report.

#### 9.1 13. **Date and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on Wednesday **6 February 2019** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:35pm.

## Annex A to the minutes of Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### January parish meeting

Good evening to you all, I hope you had an enjoyable festive holiday.

#### Bisley play area in Windyridge

Further to my comments, I understand Bisley Parish councillors raised a point on the way the 'play area' was phrased. To avoid ambiguity, the referenced '*bisley play park*' refers to the *Windyridge Play area*. Equally, the comment noted last month was the only one received from the ward when the notice went out in the Bisley/Oakridge Magazine.

Parking only represents one view, but it was one of the few received that had any detailed input for our discussion.

Over the festive period I chased Rozelle, Barry Wyatt and Michelle Elliott for an update.

I was informed that, contrary to what I had learnt from another office when I called in, Rozelle believes the next steps would be for the Parish council to submit a plan for the proposed, along with timescales. She did caveat this stating it wasn't her remit and was only surmising.

Michelle then followed up with:

*I have sought advice on whether we would consider transferring ownership to the Parish and am still awaiting a response. However, I will endeavour to search out further information before your meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January.*

In anticipation, would the parish council be able to put together a small proposal along with times scales?

#### Stroud District results

- Stroud has won '**Most Improved**' in the UK for its recycling rates.
  - It is 4<sup>th</sup> in the country
  - Making it 1<sup>st</sup> in the Southwest.
- Stroud is also 1<sup>st</sup> in the country for the LEAST amount of waste going to Landfill.

#### CIL-Community infrastructure levy

This, as you may know works along side the S.106 development funding. The key difference is that S.106 must be spent in the area the development took place whereas the CIL charge fund is able to be used throughout the district.

Background: CIL was adopted in 2017 under the environmental committee and implemented in April 2017 to partially replace the S.106. 16 months after the Launch of CIL, there could be as much as £793,567 to be used.

Caveating that with the fact that if you do not have any development in your ward, you cannot be allowed to take from this fund.

This levy charges are:

- £84.34m<sup>2</sup> for new dwellings

- £79.06m<sup>2</sup> for retail/ warehouse developments

15%-25% goes to the local neighbourhoods depending on their local neighbourhood plan status. A further 5% is then retained by SDC for admin charges.

### **Stroud Concordat**

We also had an update from the recent Stroud Concordat meeting.

For reference, this is a mixture of county, district, Town and local traders. They meet to discuss and review matters relating to the town and trade. Some of these have included Cycling, waste removal, emission and traffic build up in the town centre.

The report this week mentioned:

- Electric parking terminals for PHEV/ electric cars in Stroud.
- Parking charge increases and the fact traders weren't consulted\*
- How free parking would prevent the churn of shoppers in town.

\*Something that is not necessary under the District councils parking laws.

### **2030 - Climate change budgeting**

One of the items on the Agenda was:

*To ask Stroud District Council to endorse the 'Climate Emergency' announced by the administration on 16 November 2019 and pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Stroud District carbon neutral by 2030.*

*To recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee that initial funding of £200,000 from the business rate pilot gain, (expected to be a minimum of £500,000, and which has not been included in the base budget for expenditure) is ring-fenced to support scoping and delivery of the Stroud District Carbon Neutral 2030 Commitment.*

This produced a lively debate, which in honesty, was something that everyone supported so need not have been so divisive and cause some members of the public to be threaten with removal by security.

The debate was extended due to an amendment which removed the initial fund of £200,000 (0.5% of the council's fund) and replaced it with an action to refer the budget request to the budget setting meeting. The reason being, regardless of the topic or cause, circumventing the budget setting process is a dangerous precedent to set. Equally, it could budget allocation overall.

### **Supporting our Local Market towns**

We recommended to the strategy and resources committee to allocate the market town fund to the approved market towns:

- **Dursley** – £40,000
- **Nailsworth** – £50,000
- **Stonehouse** – £78,235
- **Stroud** – £50,000
- **Wotton** – £43,000

### **Ebley Mill Hydro**

The Ebley Hydro Mill has been discussed in both open forum and in officer meetings many times over the past few years. At the time, the cost of such a project was deemed too expensive. The Mill (or rather screw) was projected to create a rather costly maintenance bill from all the debris that would build up in the housing.

However, we have received news on the 14<sup>th</sup> December that, at zero cost to SDC, the Hydro Mill is at consent stage. This will provide the power for the council officers and hopefully set an example for other businesses to harness water power.

Yours,

Tim