

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
2 OCTOBER 2019 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Mike Bell		Chairman
	Martin Brown	}	
	Lesley Greene	}	Bisley Ward
	Dave Partridge	}	
	Hazel Saunders	}	
	Bob Brooks	}	
	Mike Eccott	}	Eastcombe Ward
	Jenny Exley	}	
	Scott Sissons	}	
	Roger Budgeon	}	
	Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
	Tony Martin	}	
	Mrs D Meredith		Clerk

- 2.10 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Tim Willams.
- 2.10 2. **Declaration of Interests** - None
- 2.10 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously.
- 2.10 4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council has declined funding of Parish defibrillators in the past.
- 2.10 5. **Public Participation** – Members of the public are invited to address the Council.
A member of the public read a statement supporting traffic control in the village of Bisley. The north end of the village has little or no pavement alongside dangerous roads. They wish measures to be taken to assist the safety of the road and 20mph to cover the whole village. They also would like further signage for concealed entrance ways and speed enforcements. They proposed for consideration an extension to the footpath from Windyridge to Wysis Way/Calfway as the road is narrow due to overgrowth from fields and erosion of the banks benefitting all users of the Wysis Way and those going to the businesses en-route.
Another new member of the village was shocked at the speeds in the High

Street and states that it needs traffic calming and speed cameras. She rides horses through the village and stated that drivers are abusive.

Another member of the public agreed with the speeding issue in the heart of the village and felt the police should cease issuing warnings, but prosecute. Their speed recordings show cars going up to 50mph in the village with regular offenders and people racing through the village. The public asked for the film money from The Pale House to be used for a speed camera.

PCSO King informed the meeting that she had performed speed tests outside The Stirrup Cup and reported that there were 15 drivers in 20 minutes at over 30mph, which is breaking the law. The Chairman said due consideration of the public thoughts will be taken and he will bring the issue up with Highways.

Item 9b) on the agenda was brought forward to this point of the meeting.

Public participation continued with a member of the public's concern for a Neighbourhood website letter received. PCSO King stated that this is a genuine site but it is new and she has investigated the website which appears to be a forum site. Hazel Saunders reiterated the statement in the Bisley News that this website has nothing to do with the PC. The Chairman pointed out that this was discussed in a previous meeting and generally Councillors advised caution.

The member of the public also requested that we, as public representatives, speak up during the meeting.

2.10 6. **County Council Matters – (Councillor Keith Rippington)**

County Cllr Keith Rippington KR was a Conservative Councillor but informed the meeting that he resigned from the party on 9th September and informed the full County Council meeting on 11th September that he is now an Independent. He will not step down as a County Councillor as he enjoys his work for the parishes. He mentioned that some District Councillors now refuse to talk to him.

Roger Budgeon asked if roads can be quickly closed to remove damaged limbs from trees with ash die back when necessary. The answer was no, but Cllr Rippington will investigate further. Lesley Greene asked for the GCC policy on ash die back. Roger Budgeon stated the problem is increasing along the roads in the area but accepts that it's not just in our parish.

Councillor Rippington shared an article in the Stroud News and Journal on flowers in Bisley and congratulated the village.

Repairs to The Calfway is planned to start on 31st October to Southmead Farm for 13 days. The hours are currently unknown. Oakridge Farm Lane/Holloway Road planned before end of March along with Slad Road/The Camp. Roger Budgeon expressed concern about access for workers and his staff and also informed Cllr Rippington that timing will coincide with a tanker delivery. Cllr Rippington will liaise with Dan Tiffney at Highways regarding timings and access. He also reminded the meeting that works at Pitchcombe will commence next Monday.

2.10 7. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

No report.

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

a) **S.19/1930/TCA - Bracebridge House, Cheltenham Road, Bisley** - Trim the trees along northern boundary. These trees are largely conifers with two "Pussy Willows" and one Poplar in the front garden. We need to reduce the height of these trees by up to three metres, and reduce the height of the conifers by around two metres. The height line would be continued for the conifers into the rear of the garden to give a consistent level

Decision: Support

b) **S.19/2008/TCA - Falkland House, Eastcombe** - Trees in a conservation area - Conifer (T1)- Complete removal

Decision: Support

9. **Matters for discussion**

a) **July 2020 Parish Council meeting venue/date – Clerk** – The WI cannot find another date for an event that month which coincides with the Parish Council booking. The Clerk proposed meeting in the Pavilion that date – carried.

b) **Seek advice from PCSO on traffic control in Bisley, including the establishment of a Community Speedwatch Group – Martin Brown**

Due to the direct links and PCSO visit this item was moved after public participation. There is a serious speeding problem in the 3 stretches of road in Bisley, the High St, Cheltenham Rd and Stroud road between Bisley and Stancombe. Martin Brown asked the PCSOs in attendance for advice and asked what the police can do about it. PCSO King stated that they would work with village and group as they don't have manpower. She advised speed cameras and stated that funding can be obtained from various options she has investigated. The road safety team can train a community speed watch group with borrowed equipment, so can work alongside the village that way. Dave Partridge said that this is not enforceable. PCSO King stated that elements are enforceable within the speed watch and that many people are unaware of this. Accredited cameras give vehicle registrations of repeat offenders and when a vehicle is over certain speed limit the police issue letters or visit the driver. SDSG see a reduction in data from offenders after visits and letters. Antisocial driving matters can be dealt with too. Martin Brown asked about the value of a group if set up. PCSO King replied that there are several community groups in the county that run well and the police work with the villages.

Martin Brown confirmed that a camera could cost approximately £9000 and PCSO King suggested that if the Parish Council invests in the speed camera, to ensure it reads vehicle registrations.

County Councillor Rippington suggested caution as to how practical this is to make a difference because the police can't always support. This is an issue affecting the whole of the Stroud area and we need to work with the police and have more money for resourcing. Martin Brown confirmed that David Hawker, of Gloucestershire Constabulary Criminal Justice Department, has told the council that following recent enforcement in Birdlip and the Camp "it seems only logical that we also have a look at potential enforcement sites

within Bisley itself". Roger Budgeon asked County Cllr Rippington about traffic calming to which he replied that funding is an issue. Roger Budgeon said funds from the filming could be used. Martin Brown is liaising with Highways and suggestions have been speed bumps, chicanes. Highways do not advise speed bumps but have suggested a change in physical paving to slow vehicles down. Roger Budgeon suggested a calming island could be set up for less money than a surface change. PCSO King said having visited site those suggestions can be effective. Highways have confirmed that speedbumps in a 20mph zone do not need illuminating. The Chairman stated that any changes should not generate a PC liability and then suggested a one way system in the village. Martin Brown said it might encourage speeding however the Chairman said that cars parked along the High Street naturally slow traffic. A member of the public commented that speed bumps generate pot holes and causes cyclists problems, whilst Jenny Exley said that in a conservation zone they will give listed buildings vibrations.

Lesley Greene supported the suggestion of a footpath link to Wysis Way.

PCSO King suggested asking local opinion on use of the filming money. She informed the meeting that the Police Crime Commissioner has a fund for special objectives including safe and social driving on his which can be applied for on his website. She informed the meeting of Awards For All, Growing our Communities Fund, Lottery Community Fund, Community Infrastructure Levy.

Tony Martin suggested Highways alter the road junction priority markings and signage for access to the village only on approaching from Stroud.

Dave Partridge produced a petition signed by 300 people which Hazel Saunders will take to the next Highways meeting and confirmed that accidents have occurred on these roads.

PCSO King stated that she has an issue with villagers who get angry at drivers who they perceive to be speeding. She stated that she has unpleasant dash cam footage of villagers abusing a driver in the village which was not nice to watch. She stated that if a PCSO was around at that time they would have been arrested and advised care in how villagers react to drivers, as even during speed checks officers can feel visually a driver is speeding, but the speed guns show differently.

A Community Speed Watch Group will be set up in liaison with Martin Brown. A date in November will be obtained for training to monitor speed over a period of time at the problem points.

County Cllr Rippington ended saying this is not unusual throughout the area and will liaise with Highways – he then left the meeting.

- c) **Ward tree replacement sites – Lesley Greene** – Roger Budgeon, Jenny Exley and Lesley Greene met to discuss Ward outcomes. Bisley Ward wishes to plant edible hedgerows/trees at the north eastern edge of the Pavilion playing fields which would also be a good wind break for the field. Eastcombe Ward looked at the Recreation Ground and determined that the junior sports pitch could have landmark trees for the future. Oakridge Ward plans to continue the apple tree line between the Taut and Far Oakridge on the wide verge and would like Oakridge to suggest sites that might be a possibility, subsequent to that funding for buying apple trees. The Clerk clarified the amount ear-marked for this project and is to place an item on the next agenda to agree CIL money for Eastcombe Ward. The Chairman asked for a cost benefit analysis and for site plans for the Clerk to display for Parish Council

approval at the next meeting. Bob asked for clarity on the S106 money and what was left over.

- d) **Eastcombe Defibrillator – Mike Eccott** – The Village Group suggested CHT would offer a managed solution instead of Parish Council ownership. CHT would retain ownership of the equipment with a maintenance agreement for £400 per annum for 4 years or 8 years. At the end of the period the village will be offered the chance to buy it for £1 or buy a replacement. Hazel Saunders commented that the defibrillator in Bisley does not have a maintenance contract and has been repaired free of charge by CHT as in the agreement. Eastcombe Ward propose that the Parish Council pay for the maintenance contract and will add these costs to their precept for next year's budget and subsequent years. Motion was carried, but not unanimously.
- e) **Carbon Neutral 2030 report – Lesley Greene** – report circulated prior to the meeting. Tony Martin, Roger Budgeon and Lesley Greene attended this meeting. Roger Budgeon reported that attendees feel that the AONB need to review their policies on renewable energies and all town and parish councils share their views. He would like an agenda item to write to the AONB on this issue. Lesley Greene said that we can register the Parish and Community Groups and this is to share actions and expertise across the district. Tony Martin informed the meeting that practical guides are available to help us as residents.
- f) **Dog waste bin enquiry from SDC Environmental Protection Manager – Clerk** – SDC have asked for a voluntary contribution from councils to empty dog waste bins. Hazel Saunders wishes to decline this request. Bob Brooks stated that dog waste is emptied with the black waste bins and wishes to decline. The motion against a contribution was carried, not unanimously.
- g) **NDP – Quick update on Public Meetings, Finance, and Way Ahead – Mike Eccott** – attendees across the 3 meetings were Eastcombe 35, Bisley 45, Oakridge 22. The atmosphere in Eastcombe and Oakridge was jovial with free flowing discussion, however Bisley was intimidating with residents more forthright. The Chairman had feedback from Oakridge that not enough younger generation attended. Mike Eccott agreed this was the case across the 3 venues and there is a need to determine how to encourage younger people going forward. General feedback was good with lots of data received to move forward with. Data Analysis is required and professional advice needed from GRCC and SDC to go forward. The Locality Grant is approved with £2714 available to spend by end of March 2020 in accordance with the NDP Group budget.
- h) **Approve costs for the educational talk on trees and dates for workshops – Jenny Exley** – Wishes to enlighten residents on our environment and trees. The Clerk requested costs from Tree Maintenance for the talk, this is free but they ask for contributions for tree charities. She hopes to arrange the content of the talk with Lesley Greene. The Chairman stated that the procedure for authorising spend is to present a proposal at the Parish Council Meeting for the members to approve. Jenny Exley replied that this idea came from the back of the NDP workshops, however no workshops are to be set up and the tree talk is on the back of public feedback. Councillors felt the agenda item was badly worded. The item is to be on the agenda for the next meeting with a clear item heading.

- i) **Rename Tree Replacement Policy to Tree Management Policy – Lesley Greene – carried.**
- j) **Management of Waterlane Play Area – Roger Budgeon –** has received a proposal to graze/manage the play area and fence for the use by children by an Oakridge resident which was forward to Councillors including tree replacement and flower planting. The cost element of fencing for grazing sheep and dog waste enforcement notices – the proposer will apply for funding for this. Hazel Saunders thought this was a well thought out proposal but has reservations on building walls if it happened. Bob Brooks thought it was a good idea. Dave Partridge suggested it would mean less costs to the Parish. Council approved the presentation of a proposal by the resident.
- k) **Community communication and engagement proposal – Tony Martin –** feels from the NDP discussions that communication is less than active in the parish. To engage the younger element means a different approach such as a dedicated website, Facebook for NDP. He also suggests a database for residents’ email addresses which must link to GDPR and Privacy Statements. Roger Budgeon asked Bob Brooks for costings to update the parish website to have a more modern look, be a clearer, user friendly site with interactive information. Bob Brooks stated that the parish had a Facebook page in the past which was not used, so closed down. A website is for information but communication is two way. Bisley Village website has a forum area. Lesley Greene said it would be useful for Bob Brooks to determine costs along with the NDP website links and proposed Tony Martin puts a paper together for the next meeting to include costings.

The Chairman made a statement at this point to the meeting to say that in 3 months he will be retiring as Chair and from the Parish Council as he is moving from the area. He proposed an agenda item for the next meeting as he will leave in the New Year.

2.10 10. Finance –

a) Approve payments of account

October Payments 2019						
The following payments were approved by the Parish Council						
Cost code	Details	Payment	£	VAT	Total	Paid?
4070	Stroud District Council – Garage Rent	D/D	56.31	11.26	67.57	y
4000	D Meredith – Clerk's salary for August	S/O	1108.11		1108.11	y
	Clerk's expenses for September					
4002	Clerk's mileage/expenses		4.50			
4004	Office rent	004016	20.00		24.50	n
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI for September (Clerk)	004015	180.15		180.15	n
4001	LGPS - Clerk's Pension for September	D/D	393.12		393.12	y
	R H Attwood – Grass cutting invoice 4703					
4050	Playing Fields and Bisley play areas		466.67			
4221	Bisley Allotments		32.50			
4250	Teeds Rise		0.00			
4405	Oakridge Footpaths, Greens & Waterlane play area		131.25			
4421	Oakridge & Far Oakridge Allotments		32.50			
4265	Bisley Pavilion and Windyridge Play Areas		73.33			
4400	Oakridge Burial Ground		80.00			
4406	Oakridge Fountain Piece		23.33			
4407	Strim Oakridge Play Area Soft Surface	004017	20.00	171.92	1031.50	n
4200	Npower - King George V Pavilion, Bisley	D/D	62.67	3.13	65.80	y
4040	GRCC membership renewal	004018	25.00		25.00	n
4325	Eastcombe pavilion cleaning	004019	500.00		500.00	n
4026	PKF Littlejohn Accountants - Annual audit fees	004020	300.00	60.00	360.00	n
4075	Toggletech - Internet security renewal	004021	23.28	4.66	27.94	n
4015	Graduate Gardeners -invoice 17709 Bisley All Saints Churchyard	004022	80.00	16.00	96.00	n
	Wicksteed - annual playground inspection/reports					
4310	Eastcombe accompanied inspection/risk analysis		86.00			
4445	Oakridge inspection/risk analysis		60.00			
4263	Bisley Windyridge inspection/risk analysis		60.00			
4261	Bisley Pavilion inspection/risk analysis	004023	60.00	53.20	319.20	n
	Dennis Robbins - general repairs					
4261	Bisley Pavilion play area gate catch		6.50			
4446	Oakridge play area equipment repairs		35.00			
4450	Oakridge pavilion ceiling repair	004024	58.00		99.50	n
4006	The Greenshop - NDP refreshments costs	004025	26.76	1.18	27.94	n
4450	Walker Fire - Oakridge pavilion inspection/maintenance	004026	63.60	12.72	76.32	n
4315	Waterplus - Eastcombe allotments INV02964927	D/D	15.42		15.42	y
4460	Waterplus - Oakridge Village Hall INV02956285	D/D	212.20		212.20	y
4330	William Davis - Repair Millennium Wheel Eastcombe	004027	420.00		420.00	n
4075	Pear Technology - Technical support and software updates	004028	225.00	45.00	270.00	n
4040	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association - renewal	004029	50.00		50.00	n
4320	Ian Trueman - Eastcombe grass cutting	004030	432.00		432.00	n
Totals			5423.20	379.07	5802.27	

2.10 11. Correspondence – Clerk to report

None.

2.10 12. Ward Reports – Ward Chairmen to report on Ward matters

Bisley – a notice was put in the newsletter for suggestions as to how to spend the film money, additional ideas were collected at the NDP meeting. There are 21 different suggestions, with the favourites being traffic calming and improving play areas. The next newsletter will contain a ballot between those two suggestions and any others that arise. A diverter was put on the solar panels in the Pavilion to take the surplus to heat the water.

Eastcombe – nothing to report.

Oakridge – nothing to report.

2.10 13. **Date of Next Meeting –**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on **Wednesday 6th November 2019** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm.