

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
6 NOVEMBER 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	}	
	Roger Budgeon	}	
	Dennis Robbins	}	Oakridge Ward
	Tony Martin	}	
	Mrs D Meredith		Clerk

- 6.11 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Tim Williams, County Cllr Keith Rippington, Parish Cllr Scott Sissons.
- 6.11 2. **Declaration of Interests** - Roger Budgeon, Lesley Greene, Hazel Saunders – payments for approval.
- 6.11 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously.
- 6.11 4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
- 6.11 5. **Public Participation** – Members of the public are invited to address the meeting. A query was made regarding any progress on how the £6000 filming money was to be spent. Martin Brown responded that the most popular at ideas out of the public NDP consultation were traffic calming and children’s play areas. The Ward is to produce a ballot for residents to vote on. The public member confirmed that traffic calming ideas have issues, cameras may help with speeding. Martin Brown confirmed that the Community Speed Watch Group is to be formed.
Public members spoke against the planning application on Trillis, Far Oakridge. The site was redeveloped 40 years ago and the current owners want to knock the house down and rebuild. This will further affect wildlife already damaged by hard

pruning of hedgerows on a single track access with construction lorry damage. The public don't understand why the building cannot be extended and enhanced if necessary. The Chairman responded that the Ward concurs and observations have been made strongly to SDC. Another lady said that the dog walkers, horse riders and neighbours described the plans as a ferocious scar on the landscape. It is an AONB so there is a duty to protect the existing building in its landscape. Chairman encouraged the public to make individual comments to SDC Planning Department. A public member apologised to council for the recent bombardment of emails received regarding the newly erected fence at Eastcombe Allotments. He likes the fence but asks if we can add an agenda item at some point in order to add an addendum to the Scout lease to ensure access to their field for maintenance/use through the allotment site.

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

Cllr Rippington apologised for his absence but reminded us that if anyone wishes to contact him then please do so via email.

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

Cllr Williams apologised for his absence and stated that if there is anything that the Parish Council wishes to discuss, they can reach out at any time. The largest concern would be the Oakridge planning application for Trillis. Cllr Williams has spoken to the DCC Chair and asked for this to be put to the DCC. The Chair is acutely aware that the PC will also be requesting/have requested it go to the committee.

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

- a) **S.19/1897/FUL** - Ansteads Farm, Stancombe, Catswood Lane, Stroud. Retrospective - stationing of a line of shipping containers at the eastern end of the existing industrial complex - Decision: 4 Comments only
Reasons / Comments: Whilst not having any objections to this application in general terms we draw attention to the Parish Council's support for Dark Skies at night and our Village Design Statement paragraph L3: "Tranquillity and dark skies are characteristic of the Parish and should be maintained through measures to minimise light pollution both in settlements and in the open countryside ."
- b) **S.19/1913/HHOLD** - Woodland Cottage, Middle Lypiatt, Stroud - Replacing outbuilding with new annexe/hobby room. Decision: 1 No observations
- c) **S.19/2120/TCA** - The Old Bakehouse, Eastcombe - Trees in a Conservation Area – Decision: 3 Support
- d) **S.19/2186/TCA** - St Augustines Church, Dr Crouchs Road, Eastcombe - Trees in a conservation area - Decision: 2 Object
Reasons / Comments: Felling these two mature trees are not in accordance with Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council Tree Management Policy August 2019, which seeks to provide replacements to those lost in Ash-dieback, now prevalent in this area. Felling both of these which actively now aid against climate change, in favour of replacing with new young trees - neither of which is shown on a supporting plan- appears a regressive

step. These trees add to the amenity of the Conservation Area. Whilst it is accepted that the lime T1 is pruned to restrict growth, its welcome foliage softens the built environment. T2 also provides colour from leaves and blossom. Both provide habitats for birdlife. Neither tree is restricting sight lines.

- e) **S.19/2214/FUL** - Trillis, Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire - Replacement dwelling - Decision: 2 Object
Reasons / Comments: This is a pre - submission statement because we STRONGLY OBJECT to this proposal. We will write a Policy referenced objection to follow.
Beerbohm and his wife Florence spent the period of the first world war (1914 to 1918) in a cottage belonging to William Rothenstein, next to Rothenstein's own residence Iles Farm, in Far Oakridge, Gloucestershire. The Arts and Crafts architect Norman Jewson remarked on his dapper appearance there: "At first it amazed me to see him, in the depths of the country, in war time, always perfectly groomed and immaculately dressed as if for a garden party at Buckingham Palace, but as I got to know him better I realised that he just could not do anything else."
From *By Chance I Did Rove* - by Norman Jewson Page 106. Max Beerbohm's initials are carved into the stone on the building.
This is a significant house and smallholding in the village of Oakridge not least because of its connection to the Arts and Craft movement but also because it is very inaccessible, it has been built from stone and wood from the surrounding land. This beautifully illustrates how the building has evolved over the years, using the local materials, to meet the needs of the residents.
The proposal to build a four bedroomed pastiche Cotswold house from reconstituted Cotswold stone when all the materials need to be transported to the site down the very narrow lane are unrealistic. The access road is barely wide enough for an ordinary car, it has no passing places, it is totally unsuitable for construction traffic required for this project. The impact on the Listed Building Iles Green, and the local natural environment will cause considerable harm. Adjoining the site to the east is SSSI Siccardidge Wood, The Stroud and Swindon Canal to the south and Key Wildlife Site at Iles Green to the north. Parts of the property are a well know site for bats, this development will destroy this habitat.
If the planning officer's report recommends Support we would request that the application be referred to DCC.
- f) **S.19/2224/TCA** - Siccardidge Wood, Daneway, Sapperton - Trees in a conservation area - Decision: 3 Support
- g) **S.19/2264/TCA** - The Hen House, Wells Road, Bisley - Trees in a Conservation Area - Decision: 3 Support

9. Matters for discussion

- a) **Bisley Toddler Group funding request – Hazel Saunders** – this is an entirely voluntary group – additional funding would allow them to pay rent for premises and buy new toys. Due to current financial year budget limitations, **carried for 2020/21 budget.**
- b) **Windyridge Play Area SDC land purchase – Hazel Saunders** – Finally heard from SDC who are prepared to pass the ownership to the PC for £1 but the PC needs to pay for its

solicitor's fees. 3 estimates were obtained and it was agreed at Ward to instruct Wellers Law Group, understanding costs may increase a little. Funds could be utilised from the Westbury gift balance EMR funds. **Carried.**

- c) **Agree quotations to date for Pavilion internal works – Hazel Saunders** – 2 quotes have been received for flooring, one quotation for removing the fireplace and internal works for approximately and another quote for internal works alone. More quotations are still required. Should be able to cover out of pavilion reserve. Nothing has been approved to date.
- d) **Agree CIL money for Eastcombe Ward – Bob Brooks** – work on Eastcombe Allotments fencing to keep out animals and clear the fly tip heap and compost pile has been completed. Jenny Exley approved the design of fencing. The Ward asked that CIL money could be allocated to this work. Agreement to allocate those funds. **Carried.**
- e) **Agree to write to the AONB to request they review their policies on renewable energies – Roger Budgeon** – this is following meeting in Stroud attended to identify issues around energy and limitations in the Cotswold AONB and what they will accept in the territory. The view is that the visual impact of wind turbines is small compared to the effect of using fossil fuels. Roger Budgeon and others at the meeting wants them to look at policies to accept more energy generation in our AONB, perhaps community linked systems such as individual wind turbines. A policy called Ring of Mills is looking at five headlands around Stroud with a view to put one windmill on each to generate electricity for those areas. The Chairman queried using river power. Stroud in the past could produce 30% of its energy needs in the unaltered mills. Lesley Greene said renewable energy was a strong response in NDP public consultations as it is currently constrained, as was the use of solar panels and double glazing in listed buildings. The proposal is to ask the AONB to review and modernise their present policies – Roger Budgeon to draft a letter. **Carried.**
- f) **Ward Tree Planting Scheme – Lesley Greene** – Bisley Ward have chosen area at end of the King George V playing field 35 m length in the NE corner which, if planted, would protect from the winds. A costed proposal received for a mixed native hedgerow with some interspersed fruit trees is £975. Hazel Saunders responded that hedges would require maintenance. The Ward has made an application to Cotswold Tree Wardens scheme for trees – oaks, beech, sycamore, maple, hornbeam – although it is not a foregone conclusion that we will be successful as it is a competitive scheme. The proposal to exclude the hedgerow was **supported**.
Oakridge Ward proposed 5 more apple trees in line from Far Oakridge to Oakridge Lynch. The Chairman asked that the fruit was picked.
Eastcombe has not yet provided a proposal.
- g) **New chairman nominations – Chairman, Mike Bell** – Bob Brooks proposed Mike Eccott, Hazel Saunders and Roger Budgeon seconded in unison. Mike Eccott will take over in December and, as all Councillors are up for re-election in May, will stay in post until then. **Carried.**

6.11 10. Finance –

- a) **Approve payments of account** – the following payments were approved.

November 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 October	S/O	1108.11		1108.11	y
	Clerk's expenses for October					
4002	Clerk's mileage/expenses		9.70			
4004	Office rent	004046	20.00		29.70	n
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI for October (Clerk)	004047	180.15		180.15	n
4001	LGPS - Clerk’s Pension for October	D/D	393.12		393.12	y
	R H Attwood – Grass cutting invoice 4720					
4050	Playing Fields and Bisley play areas		466.67			
4250	Teeds Rise		0.00			
4221	Bisley Allotments		32.50			
4265	Bisley Pavilion and Windyridge Play Areas		73.33			
4400	Oakridge Burial Ground		80.00			
4403	Oakridge, Waterlane Play Area		26.25			
4405	Oakridge Footpaths, Village Greens		105.00			
4421	Oakridge & Far Oakridge Allotments		32.50			
4406	Oakridge Fountain Piece		23.33			
4407	Strim Oakridge Play Area Soft Surface	004032	20.00	171.92	1031.50	n
4008	Lesley Greene - Expenses for training attended	004033	23.55		23.55	n
4201	Hazel Saunders - reimbursement for key cutting	004034	12.65		12.65	n
4006	James & Owen - NDP printing	004035	212.79	42.55	255.34	n
4037	Viking Office Supplies - stationery	004036	15.54	3.11	18.65	n
4330	David Cridland Contracting - Eastcombe Allotment site deposit	004031	1500.00	300.00	1800.00	y
4330	David Cridland Contracting - Eastcombe Allotment fencing balance	004049	1582.00	315.40	1898.40	n
4202	Greenshop Solar Ltd - Bisley Pavilion energy diverter to heat water	004037	411.03	82.21	493.24	n
4202	Greenshop Solar Ltd - Bisley Pavilion move FIT meter	004038	150.00	30.00	180.00	n
4315	Waterplus - Eastcombe allotments INV02975718	D/D	22.29		22.29	y
4410	Waterplus - Oakridge Village Allotments INV03041556	D/D	35.82		35.82	y
4220	Waterplus - Bisley Chestergate Allotements INV03044365	D/D	32.72		32.72	y
4230	Cotswold Drain Service - Attend flooded car park Bisley Pavilion	004039	90.00	18.00	108.00	n
4230	Cotswold Drain Service - Jetvac flooded car park Bisley Pavilion	004040	200.00	40.00	240.00	n
4006	Ethical Internet - Filming at NDP public meetings in Parish	004041	180.00		180.00	n
4015	Graduate Gardeners Ltd - Grass cutting All Saints, Bisley 17804	004042	80.00	16.00	96.00	n
4016	Graduate Gardeners Ltd - Grass cutting Oakridge Churchyard 17836	004043	106.66	21.33	127.99	n
4006	Oakridge Village Hall Trust - NDP Hall hire	004044	27.00		27.00	n
4465	Oakridge Village Hall Trust -Electricity	004045	98.65		98.65	n
4030	CIX - Parish website expenses	004048	67.44	13.49	80.93	n
4320	Ian Trueman - Eastcombe strimming invoice 31/10/2019	004050	120.00		120.00	n
4016	Graduate Gardeners - Oakridge Churchyard - invoice 17954	004051	53.33	10.67	64.00	n
4015	Graduate Gardeners - Bisley Churchyard - invoice 17918	004052	80.00	16.00	96.00	n
4021	Bisley WI Village Hall - April 2018 to March 2019	004053	192.00		192.00	n
Totals			7920.44	1091.94	9013.38	

6.11 11. **Correspondence – Clerk to report**

None.

6.11 12. **Ward Reports – Ward Chairmen to report on Ward matters**

Bisley – reported that the garages in Windyridge have been sold at auction by SDC and there is still concern that parking spaces are lost and the garages may be redeveloped. MB reconfirmed that a Speed Watch Group is to be formed. A long standing problem in the car park at the Pavilion is causing flooding due to a collapsed soakaway. A large puddle

appeared and emergency remedial work was carried out. The Ward stressed the pavilion is an asset and payment should come out of contingency funds for this work.

Eastcombe – informed the meeting that on 25th November a free defibrillator and first aid course will be held in Eastcombe Village Hall at 7:00pm, no booking required. Mike Eccott will source posters for Bisley. Jenny Exley informed the meeting that Scott Sissons has been obtaining quotes to make general repairs to the play area. Clerk to contact Kompan for a 3rd quote.

Oakridge – reported flooding 18 inches deep at Mannesty Farm, Far Oakridge on road and asked for this to be raised at the next Highways Meeting. The Chairman reported that the first kissing gate may proceed tomorrow on the route to Strawberry Banks. The lorry signs at Farm Lane are to be raised again at Highways with lorries still taking the route.

6.11 **13. Date of Next Meeting –**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on **Wednesday 4th December 2019** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.