

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
5 FEBRUARY 2020 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

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

5.2 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Parish Cllr Jenny Exley, County Cllr Keith Rippington.

5.2 2. **Declaration of Interests** – None

5.2 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously.

5.2 4. **Matters and actions arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
5.1 10a) Finance committee met 15.01 and approved precept which was issued for PC approval - carried.
5.1 10j) Clerk has received figures from CIX (see 9h)

5.2 5. **Public Participation** – A member of the public welcomed the new chairman and wished him good luck. He queried a payment to Eastcombe Village Hall in January which was clarified. He raised a discussion point of woodland for sale in Eastcombe and he would be very interested to hear what's intended for it as he feels it's a valuable, if small amenity as a patch of green and is concerned that it could be developed. (agenda item 9d at this meeting).

Two members of the public were attending with regard to their planning application for the garage site at Windyridge – a public comment has triggered their visit. It was a positive comment but raised concerns about parking. They wanted to reassure anxious neighbours that they are open to discussions and feel that courtesy, consideration and cooperation is basis of good neighbourly relations.

- 5.2 6. **County Council Matters – (Councillor Keith Rippington)**
None received – Cllr Rippington is happy to receive emails directly from Parish Councillors or via the Clerk.
- 5.2 7. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**
See Annex A for notes from Cllr Williams which was issued by the Clerk. RB reported that footpaths and bridleways are being damaged by motor- bikes causing difficulties for horses. Officers are due to investigate re-declassifying the road concerned to a footpath and the legal team is to approach motor cyclists. MB queried a planning application that was resolved to do with The Camp supporting a local leisure hire company who are moving to Miserden parish.
- 5.2 8. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**
- a) **S.19/2520/TCA** - The Beeches Dr Crouchs Road Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7EA – **comments only**
 - b) **S.19/2446/TCA** - Stick Heaven Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7DN – **expired so no comment**
 - c) **S.19/2667/FUL** - Oakridge Farm Far Oakridge Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7PF - **support**
 - d) **S.20/0034/TCA** - Paul Mead Wells Road Bisley Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7AG - **support**
 - e) **S.20/0035/FUL** - Land At Fort View Fidges Lane Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire - **object**
 - f) **S.20/0055/TCA** - Troops Hill Cottage Fidges Lane Eastcombe Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7DW – **comments only**
 - g) **S.20/0057/FUL** - Downe Oakridge Lynch Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7NZ – **comments only**
 - h) **S.20/0114/FUL** - Garages Adjacent To 23 Windyridge Bisley Gloucestershire – **object**
 - i) **S.20/0164/CPE** - Frithwood Far Oakridge Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7PG - **support**

9. **Matters for discussion**

- a) **Ratify 2020/21 Precept figures approved by Finance Committee and councillors and submitted - Clerk** – carried. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Finance Committee in early March to explore finances further.
- b) **Re-allocation of Solar Panel FIT receipts 2020/21 to Bisley traffic calming – Martin Brown** – Currently solar FIT receipts and CIL receipts go to the Parish Council EMR Tree Replanting Project (July 2019 minutes 9b)) – Martin Brown would like to have a reserve building with the ongoing FIT and CIL receipts to be set aside for traffic calming in Bisley along with the receipt for the filming in the village. The Chairman proposed that he comes back with a proposal and costings for next month’s agenda when a definite plan is made. Lesley Greene asked that the PC supports this traffic calming effort, which was agreed. The Chairman reminded the meeting about the Public Transportation Public Consultation on 13th February at SDC. Martin Brown is willing to attend and produce a parish response

for the next meeting.

- c) **Ward presentation of flooring quotations for Bisley KGV Pavilion – Hazel Saunders** – Clerk obtained 3 quotations for flooring in the KGV Pavilion and the Ward has chosen to proceed with Parsons Flooring. Clerk to proceed.
- d) **Woodland for sale in Eastcombe – Mike Eccott** – this is on the left hand side as you drive out of Eastcombe towards Toadsmoor Hill and is on the market for £22,000. The Chairman has received an email from a resident who is of the opinion that it could be purchased for local use rather than by a developer. Resident has canvassed the local area and has received pledges towards buying the woodland and asked if the Parish Council would support the venture. The Chairman raised concerns about ownership and maintenance of the site and its workability. Bob Brooks said it is a designated green space and there are TPOs in place. Lesley Greene is to ask Stroud District Council how that would be enforced. Roger Budgeon suggested the Parish Council supports financially with a small amount, or to cover solicitor costs for ownership/trusts – a suitable use for FIT money. The Clerk is to draft a letter to the resident. Tony Martin reminded the meeting about NDP emerging policy – this as an example of green spaces the NDP may seek to protect.
- e) **Approve urgent tree works by Tree Maintenance – Clerk** – as per the tree survey received Council agreed to spend £677.24. The remaining works on the survey will go out to tender. Clerk to proceed with both tasks.
- f) **Assets – Wards to provide list of parish assets- Mike Eccott** – The Clerk has a list of parish assets to send to councillors. The Chairman asked councillors to review by next meeting.
- g) **Councillor training at GAPTC or grouped – Clerk** – reminded Councillors that there are training courses to attend to update skills. Also training could be provided to the group as a whole by arrangement during an evening session.
- h) **Use of .gov.uk email addresses by Councillors – Clerk** – suggested that we adopt a formal email address for councillors. Bob Brooks objected immediately. Martin Brown's counter argument stated that it separates personal and council emailing and is good for transparency. It was put to the vote and the majority agreed, however, with the caveat that councillors that do not wish to join in let Clerk know. Clerk to arrange with providers.
- i) **Annual Parish Meeting preparation and publicity – Clerk** – suggested to the meeting that to improve public interest it would be sensible to advertise past events and future proposals. The Annual Parish Meeting is in May so advertisements need to go to newsletters soonest. Standing orders need to be updated prior to the annual meeting.

5.2 10. Finance –

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

February Payments 2020						
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 January	S/O	1107.91		1107.91	y
	Clerk's expenses for January					
4002	Clerk's mileage/expenses		36.45			
4004	Office rent	004074	20.00		56.45	n
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI for January (Clerk)	004075	180.35		180.35	n
4001	LGPS - Clerk's Pension for January	D/D	393.12		393.12	y
	R H Attwood – Grass cutting invoice 4746					
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	004076	20.00	171.92	1031.50	n
4315	Waterplus Inv03320635 - Eastcombe Allotments	D/D	13.75		13.75	y
4315	Waterplus Inv03382493 - Eastcombe Allotments	D/D	4.87		4.87	y
4401	Adrian Montague - Invoice 384 Oakridge playing field walling	004077	2548.06		2548.06	n
4006	Ethical Internet - Set up NDP website, Twitter page, Facebook	004078	400.00		400.00	n
4201	Stroud Electrical - invoice 4201 - repair heaters Bisley Pavilion	004079	269.88	54.00	323.98	n
4275	Arb Vision Jack Burrell - tree planting in KGV playing field, Bisley	004080	180.00		180.00	n
4010	Petty Cash	004081	40.00		40.00	n
4006	NDP GRCC attendance	004082	80.00	16.00	96.00	n
4005	GAPTC - Clerk's training	004083	55.00		55.00	n
4202	GLR Groundworks Ltd - repair sunken soakaway Pavilion car park	004084	2591.40	518.28	3109.68	n
4201	Homefree - KGV Pavilion cleaning	004085	124.00		124.00	n
Totals			8960.68	771.46	9732.24	

5.2 11. Correspondence – Clerk to report

The Clerk has gratefully received an ancient Indenture from a family member of a previous parish resident. It was issued in 1809 from Lypiatt Park in and names Isaac Davis, a resident at the time.

Magazines distributed.

Also an email regarding a Trustee vacancy for the Oakridge Village Hall Committee of Trustees was presented and response received for the Clerk to forward.

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

Bisley Ward – Hazel Saunders reported that the VE day celebration proposal is to have a tea party in the Village Hall and ring bells in the Church, a town crier and an entertainer

along with commemorative mugs for children and a church service. She understands Eastcombe is planning a celebration too and invited Oakridge. Lesley Greene reported that trees have been planted at the back of the KGV field.

Oakridge – Roger Budgeon is to send an email about remaining accident debris on the roads. Clerk to follow up with county council and take to Highways next week.

Eastcombe – Bob Brooks reported that 5 lime trees were planted last week on the edge of the junior football pitch.

5.2 13. **Date of Next Meeting –**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bisley WI Village Hall on **Wednesday 4th March 2020** commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Annex A – notes from District Councillor Tim Williams

Good Evening,

One council meeting has taken place since we last met.

The aim of that meeting was:

1. Review of polling districts.

2. Motion regarding 'Dying to Work'

Many employees get a serious illness at some time in their working lives. They may require time off, often many months, to get treatment or recover. However, sometimes there is no effective treatment.

UK Social Security legislation defines a terminal illness as: *"a progressive disease where death as a consequence of that disease can reasonably be expected within 6 months"*, however many patients can have a terminal illness and survive much longer than 6 months.

SDC have decided to:

- Review sick pay and sickness absence procedures and include a specific statement that they will not dismiss any person with a terminal diagnosis because of their condition.
- Ensure that that they have an **Employee Assistance Programme** that has the capacity and competency to provide support to any person with a terminal illness, including access to counselling and financial advice.
- Provide training to line managers and all HR staff on dealing with terminal illness, including how to discuss future plans with any worker who has a diagnosis of a terminal illness, and on what adaptations to work arrangements that may be necessary.
- We will provide our employees with the security of work, peace of mind and the right to choose the best course of action for themselves and their families which helps them through this challenging period with dignity and without undue financial loss.

3. Parental Leave

As of October 2019, 27 councils have passed the LGA Labour Group's Parental Leave policy, and an additional 9 councils have their own parental leave policy in place.

The group identified the need to have Councillor parental leave and that the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors.

SDC therefore resolved to:

- Adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce
- Ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;
- That a cross-party group of councillors and officers is established to consider SDC's existing practices, celebrate what is working, share good practice and produce an action plan to support existing councillors who are women, parents and carers as well as potential

candidates for 2020. The group to report back to council in April 2020.”

Other points to note:

- Motor cyclists. After further complaints and footpaths being used as race tracks, we have got the local police out to visit sites of serious concern.
- I have joined the Bisley VE day party committee to support both planning and the execution of the event.
- I have been speaking to a resident in Eastcombe about a light at the back of Thomas Keble school. It has no purpose and the school / residents believe it is a waste of money – further contributing to light pollution. – I would welcome the input of the Parish and County to see if we could resolve this and whether anyone has any further knowledge on this matter?

Next meeting:

The environmental committee is tomorrow (6th)