

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

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

- 4.3 1. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Parish Cllrs Bob Brooks, Lesley Greene, Tony Martin.
- 4.3 2. **Declaration of Interests** – Dennis Robbins - payment
- 4.3 3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2020**
Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 having been circulated to all councillors were approved unanimously.
- 4.3 4. **Matters and actions arising from the Minutes of Previous Meetings**
The application of .gov email addressed will be postponed until after Parish Council elections.
- 4.3 5. **Public Participation** – No members of the public were in attendance.
- 4.3 6. **County Council Matters – (Councillor Keith Rippington)**
None received – Cllr Rippington was not in attendance.
- 4.3 7. **District Council Matters – (Councillor Tim Williams)**

See Annex A for notes from Cllr Williams which was issued by the Clerk.
- 4.3 8. **Agree Parish Council response to the following Planning Applications**
- a) **S.20/0146/FUL - The Stables Copegrove Farm Bisley** - Conversion and extension of agricultural building to ancillary accommodation - Amended to tourist accommodation. **Decision - Support**
- b) **S.20/0229/TCA - The Chantry Cottage Far Wells Road Bisley Stroud Gloucestershire GL6 7AQ** - T1 Multi-stemmed Western Red Cedar, and T2 single stem Western Red - reduction to previous height and light lift at the bottom. **Decision - Comments only.**

- c) **S.20/0231/FUL - Land Next To Ansteads Farm Stancombe Catswood Lane Stroud Gloucestershire** - Retrospective - stationing of a line of shipping containers at the eastern end of the existing industrial complex. **Decision – Comments only.**
- d) **S.20/0389/FUL - Parlour Farm Bisley Road Stancombe Bisley Gloucestershire GL6 7NH** - Erection of a new B1c industrial building, landscaping and associated works. **Decision – Support.**

9. **Matters for discussion**

- a) **FIT/CIL payments for traffic calming – Martin Brown** – deferred as proposal withdrawn - traffic calming options are currently at the brain storming stage.
- b) **Agree Annual Parish Meeting and May Parish Council meeting date between Tuesday 12th May and Monday 25th May – Clerk** – Wednesday 13th May was agreed. Clerk to confirm the date that the hall is available.
- c) **Agree attendance to the Thomas Keble School astro-turf meeting 13th March – Clerk – ME** – Scott Sissons agreed to attend the meeting and will feed back to the Parish Council when the facts are obtained. Clerk to reply to Thomas Keble School to let them know.
- d) **Update on Parish assets – Mike Eccott** – has issued a document detailing Eastcombe ward’s findings having spent some time walking around the village. He suggested that other wards use this document as a template for their own asset list. Roger Budgeon’s list for Oakridge shows unclaimed bits of land eg land down to Lyday where in the end the PC owned the land by default. Clerk is to check Parish ownership of land below Lilyhorn cottage that is used as a playground and to check the past window of opportunity to register odd pieces of land and report back. Jenny Exley has a map to show what Eastcombe found which she will share.
- e) **Local Transport Plan review – Martin Brown** – Mike Eccott thanked Martin Brown for his efforts and his review response. Martin Brown attended the stakeholders meeting at Ebley where the response to his question what the plan offers for a rural parish such as Bisley, was that we should look to community transport and electric bikes, although there is nothing concrete in the plan for either. The County Plan recognises the need for a modal shift from private vehicles, but doesn’t offer much that is definite or funded to achieve this. He added additional comments made by councillors and will send to the Clerk for submission.
- f) **Approval of NDP expenditure on a residents survey – Martin Brown** – currently the NDP Steering Group is drafting by committee a survey for all parish households to be delivered by Royal Mail. He asks for approval of £500+ for Royal Mail and £500 for printing them from expenditure out of grant. Roger Budgeon asked if there will be drop off points for residents’ survey replies. Jenny Exley said that agreement needs to be reached from these drop of points for this facility. Mike Eccott suggested adding a return by date to the survey. Parish Council approved the budget requirements for expenditure from the grant money.

4.3 10. Finance –

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

March 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 February	S/O	1108.11		1108.11	y
	Clerk’s expenses for February					
4002	Clerk’s mileage/expenses		22.95			
4004	Office rent	004087	20.00		42.95	n
4000	HMRC – Tax & NI for February (Clerk)	004088	180.15		180.15	n
4001	LGPS - Clerk’s Pension for February	D/D	393.12		393.12	y
	R H Attwood – Grass cutting invoice					
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	004089	20.00	171.92	1031.50	n
4230	Scouts overnight walk deposit returned	004090	35.00		35.00	n
	Dennis Robbins remedial works					
4330	Eastcombe bus shelter roof maintenance		42.00			
4400	Oakridge Burial Ground repair gate post	004091	140.00		182.00	n
4001	LGPS joining fee new employer Sept 2018	004092	175.00	35.00	210.00	n
4020	BT - telephone and broadband	D/D	155.97	31.19	187.16	y
4006	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust - NDP Mapping	004093	239.30	47.86	287.16	n
4325	Eastcombe Pavilion Committee - Cleaning fees	004094	500.00		500.00	n
4201	Walker Fire - Bisley KGV pavilion inspection	004095	50.80	10.16	60.96	n
4401	Adrian Montague - Oakridge dry stone walling	004096			2533.33	n
4010	Petty cash	004097	50.00		50.00	n
4315	Waterplus - Eastcombe Allotments inv 03485218	D/D	4.87		4.87	y
4200	Waterplus - King George V Pavilion, Bisley	D/D	40.14		40.14	y
Totals			4073.30	307.39	6914.02	

4.3 11. Correspondence – Clerk to report

The Clerk re-iterated the email received from Thomas Keble with regard to the Astro-turf meeting.

The Kissing Gates at Strawberry Banks in Oakridge are currently being installed. SDC have issued the renewal for the garage rented in Eastcombe. Council to review this prior to next year’s tenancy uptake.

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

Bisley Ward – Hazel Saunders – a request from residents to use the KGV field to exercise dogs has been received with the promise to clear dog's mess up. We will trial for 3 months. Bis'Up is booked for 23rd May. Dave Partridge informed the meeting that the large licence applications was withdrawn due to an issue with noise management and cost and if the coronavirus outbreak required limitations, it would have to be cancelled. A 500 person licence has been applied for. District Councillor Tim Williams asked if the event was insured against disease, response was unsure. Traffic calming – a meeting has decided to spend some money on a speed gun for use throughout the parish – this is under £500. The meeting had lots of ideas for traffic calming such as gateways when entering the village and VAS speed signs. Martin Brown is to get prices and return to the Parish Council with proposals. More substantial projects that involve Highways are expensive. Finally Hazel Saunders was distressed to report that a scruffy container has been placed where one of the garages was sold in Windyridge in the residential area. Mike Eccott commented that it was unsatisfactory. Tim Williams is to ask SDC about this situation.

Eastcombe Ward – Jenny Exley reported on the Ward walkabout in Eastcombe. She has messaged the Scout leader to ask if the area could have some oak trees planted there on the boundary road along with wild flora in that area too. The lime tree planting on the football pitch is unfinished and 2 trees are not as specified. She has spoken to the contractor and the incorrect trees are to remain. Clerk is to send him a letter.

Oakridge Ward– Roger Budgeon asked where litter that is voluntarily picked throughout a village should be disposed of as a resident has approached Dennis Robbins. District Councillor Tim Williams asked Dennis Robbins to approach the resident to contact him then he will reach out as SDC will respond.

4.3 13. **Date of Next Meeting –**

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in Bisley Village Hall on **Wednesday 1st April 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.**

This will be followed by a **Meeting of the Parish Council** in Bisley Village Hall **commencing at 7.30pm.**

The meeting is to be promoted in the Parish magazines before 15th of March and posters erected. The event could also be advertised at Bisley Flicks and Eastcombe village group. There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Annex A – notes from District Councillor Tim Williams

Good evening councillors,

Please find below several items that took place during February from a district perspective.

Far Wells Road, Bisley

I have been working with our Chief Executive to see if there is any additional support we can offer to the flooding. To date, road sweeping debris (which is only preventing the situation worsening) is one of the only areas of support the district can offer. There is also an extensive list of roads elsewhere in the district which are being missed / delayed because of their promise to us.

Burning rubbish

You may recall that I attended a presentation from our public spaces team on how they are managing / controlling people burning contaminants (plastic, tyres and waste etc.).

Further to that, below is local story you may have seen in The Journal.

A resident, whom I believe to be in the building trade, was reported for burning waste. The council conducted a site visit and told him not burn waste and that a follow-up inspection would be conducted the day after. On the councils return, the fire was re-ignited and continuing to burn the waste. The resident fought the fine and took the matter to court. Stroud District Council won, and the resident was fined £7,000 for the breach.

Ash Trees

At a recent meeting we were told that SDC, as a landowner of several woodland areas, are undertaking inspections of their trees to ensure they remain safe for the public. I used this as an opportunity to continue the discussion we all had at the parish council meeting. I enquired whether they were supporting the forestry commission in providing any Ash tree DNA, which I'm told they will be. I also referenced the chance for some of these trees to regenerate and that is cutting the best blanket policy.

Road safety, trespassing and illegal activities.

I spent a Saturday morning with the police discussing some road safety / motorcyclist / dog worrying issues we have in the district. You may have seen that a pro-active approach from the local police force(s), resulted in 2 bikes being confiscated this month.

Some issues include

- Uninsured bikes
- Trespassing
- Flying tipping
- speeding
- Untaxed bikes
- Dog worrying
- Boy racers around 7PM- 11PM (Using our roads as a drag track to Stroud)

He also talked me through Stroud Police's approach to the environment (allowing for their heavy reliance of cars) as well as the tools / machinery at their disposal in the pursuit of criminals. We have come up with some proactive ways to police our ward which people won't expect (and most won't witness)

VE celebrations

This is in reference to any VE day celebration, not just the ward events. I have been discussing the possibility of funding the VE day celebration from a Stroud District Council budget. I'm told the PC are not be able to offer any support and there is presently a shortfall in the funds needed to celebrate this important day.

Whilst there are district authorities doing this, SDC are not currently looking to sponsor any VE day events across the district. I was told that I can push another officer on this and see if he can find any budget to be used and have raised this with other members to drive support.

I am awaiting a response on whether there are funds elsewhere we can reallocate.