

MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 December 2001
at Bisley Women's Institute Hall

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Chairman

Mrs P Carrick

Mr M G Flint }

Mrs J M Martin } Bisley Ward

Mr N S Rogers }

Mr T G Carter }

Mrs J W Russell } Eastcombe Ward

Mrs O M Turner }

Mr A C Newman }

Mr R N Budgeon } Oakridge Ward

Mr R S Bryant }

Mrs E F Jordan Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr L C Greene

County Cllr Mr C Fellows

1 member of the public was present

01.12 1.

Apologies for Absence

Mr J P Perkins, previous appointment, Mr R K Brooks, pressure of work

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Public Participation

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council contact the Highways Authority to request that a section of road before the 20 mph speed restriction in Bisley be coated in red tarmac. All present agreed with this action.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2001, having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

01.12 4.

Matters Arising

a)

Toadsmoor Road

The Parish Council expressed disappointment at the County Council's decision not to reinstate the lay-by. In a letter, the County Council had stated its intention to give greater attention to snow and ice clearance. The situation should be monitored and the Parish Council keep pushing for the reinstatement of the lay-by.

b)

Severn Trent Works – Bisley

The Clerk confirmed that John Kennedys would not commence work in Bisley until January next year.

c)

Snow Procedures Winter Plan

Gloucestershire County Council will shortly circulate a Winter Maintenance Plan for circulation to Snow Wardens.

d)

Eastcombe Pedestrian Crossing

Members agreed to the positioning of a possible crossing on the Bisley Road at Eastcombe between the cross roads and the School, opposite the play area. It was confirmed that the Highways Authority be requested to go ahead with this after consultation with the Parish Council.

e) **20 mph Speed Restriction – Bisley – David Drew MP**

The Chairman had received a letter from David Drew MP stating that he would raise the issue, with the County Council, of having a 30 mph speed restriction in Bisley before the 20 mph signs.

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District Council Matters

District Councillor Greene confirmed that tenders for Windyridge should now be in and as soon as details were known, she will inform the Clerk.

The Chief Executive of Stroud District Council circulates a Newsletter by e-mail and arrangements will be made for Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council to be put on the mailing list.

Cllr Greene will attend a planning meeting in respect of transmitters in the area. She asked for the views of the Council. Mr Budgeon was against these for health reasons and felt that if wind generators were unacceptable to the Planning Authorities from an aesthetic point of view, so should the transmitters.

The Chairman said that a newspaper article had stated that with the lack of transmitters in the

area, emergency services were being impaired due to lack of communication.

Cllr Greene will bring up these points at the meeting.

01.12 6.

County Council Matters

County Councillor Fellows told the meeting that the County Council had not met since last September although the Cabinet met frequently. He therefore had nothing to report. The Parish Council agreed with Cllr Fellows that the lack of meetings was unacceptable.

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Finance

	£	VAT	Total
Receipts		£	
Interest			7.07
British Legion – Hire of Bisley Pavilion			75.00
Eastcombe Allotments Rental y/e 30.9.01			97.50
Cancelled Cheque – Gloucestershire Playing Fields			25.00
Refund of Bank Error			<u>10.00</u>
			£214.57
Payments			
James & Owen (Cash Book)	16.47	2.88	19.35
Heath & Newman (Headwell repairs)	400.00	70.00	470.00
BT (Clerk's telephone bill)	60.68	10.61	71.29
District Audit (2000/2001)	108.00	18.90	126.90
Charity of the Ancient Parish of Bisley (Chestergate allotments y/e 29.9.01)			50.00
Sodexho Ltd (Grass cutting for November)	124.00	21.70	145.70
E F Jordan (November Salary)			440.34
Inland Revenue			25.22
All Saints PCC (Grass Cutting)			<u>543.00</u>
			£1891.80

Cash Balance as at 30 November 2001 - £13,761.89

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Matters for Discussion

a)

Grass Cutting Tenders

Four quotations had been received and circulated to members. It was proposed by Mr Newman and seconded by Mr Budgeon that the quotation from Sports Ground Maintenance and Supplies amounting to £3,300 for the year 2002 be accepted. This was unanimously agreed.

b)

Precept

Following discussions at Ward Meetings, expenditure for the next financial year was estimated as follows :

Bisley	£3000
Eastcombe	£4000
Oakridge	£4545

Added to these figures is the cost of administration, which next year will amount to £20,455. This gives a total of £32,000. It was proposed by Mr Carter and seconded by Mr Bryant to precept the sum of thirty two thousand pounds on Stroud District Council for the financial year 2002/03.

c)

Parish Council Questionnaire

As this had been circulated to Wards and discussed at Ward Meetings the Clerk and Chairman were asked to complete this on behalf of the Council taking into account the answers received from the Wards. District Cllr Greene asked if she might have a copy.

d)

Meeting at Painswick Parish Council

The Chairman, Mr Budgeon and Mr Brooks had attended this meeting and found it informative and interesting. Its aim is to influence the District Council on the issue of delegated matters for planning applications in that the Parishes should have more involvement. The next meeting will take place at 7.30 on the 31st January 2002 in Painswick Town Hall.

e)

DTLR Model Code of Conduct for Relevant Authorities

This had been circulated to members and was discussed at some length. It was requested that the Clerk contact GAPTC for guidance as well as Mike Rowan, Head of Legal and Democratic Services at Stroud District Council. A code of conduct must be in place by 5th May 2002 and a copy sent to the Standards Board for England.

f)

DEFRA Quality Parish and Town Councils – Consultation Paper

Further copies of this have been requested and will be forwarded to members as

soon as they are available.

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Planning

The following planning applications had been received during the month of November

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Bisley	Upper Battlescombe Farm	Alteration and extension to farmhouse (listed building consent)	Comment: to ensure all materials used are sympathetic to the existing building
Bisley	Honey Way, Stancombe	Erection of storage shed	Comments: We feel that this is over development of what is strictly a domestic site. There is some concern that the building might be for commercial use and although not opposed to this we feel the use should be monitored and consent for change of use be sought with full consideration given to access, traffic flow, nature of business etc. Can any consent be subject to an approval landscaping scheme to lessen the impact on the immediate locality.
Bisley	Upper Battlescombe Farm	Alerations and extensions to farmhouse	Support
Eastcombe	Woodland Yard	Erection of single storey office	No observations

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Correspondence

The following correspondence was received during the month of November

NALC	Booking form for the National Association of Local Councils 14-16 June 2000
Stroud District volunteer Bureau	Annual Review – 2000/01
Macmillan Cancer Relief	The Link in Gloucestershire
Bisley News	December/January

The Cotswold Partnership	The Cotswold Lion Annual Report 2000/01
CPRE	Planning Update
The Countryside Agency	Regional View – The South West
CPRE	October Newsletter
GRHA	Annual Report 2001
NALC	Local Council Review
Community Safety Partnership	Bi-annual Report
BBC Music Live	Letter re Jubilee Celebrations

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Ward Matters

a)

Bisley

Nil

b)

Eastcombe

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to request that rubbish be removed from the Quarry at Bisley which was being used by Ringway's workmen.

It was agreed that the insurance payments for the Eastcombe Pavilion would, in future be paid by the Parish Council.

c)

Oakridge

Mr Bryant told the meeting that there had been vandalism of cars in Oakridge recently.

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Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bisley W I Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9th January 2002.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.