

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2021 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Eccott	ME
	<b>Bisley Ward</b>	Martin Brown	MB
		Lesley Greene	LG
		Hazel Saunders	HS
		Dave Partridge	DP
		<b>Eastcombe Ward</b>	Jenny Exley
	<b>Oakridge Ward</b>	Roger Budgeon	RB
		Dennis Robbins	DR
	<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs D Meredith	
	<b>District Councillor</b>	Martin Brown	MB
<b>County Councillor</b>	Sue Williams	SW	

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Parish Councillor Louie Wilkes.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None received.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2021** - The minutes of the meeting were approved.
4. **Matters and actions arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered in this agenda** - NDP steering group have decided not to apply for a Locality grant in this financial year and hope to in the next financial year, but work continues in a voluntary capacity.
5. **Public Participation** – No members of the public were in attendance.
6. **County Council Matters** – distribute a report from County Councillor Sue Williams - Annex B to this document.  
 MB asked for confirmation on Highways work in the village to clean out drains in Oakridge and Stroud Road in Bisley which need unblocking and the lengths man was to arrive this week. TM has no idea on any specific required works in Oakridge. RB commented that Farm Lane was particularly bad. SW has asked for abandoned road signs and has asked to be picked up along with sandbags and confirmed that she has lengths man working this week. ME has been informed that the onus is on residents to clear leaves, not Highways but elderly people cannot do that. JE asked about CIL funding but that is different to SW's funding for Build Back Better for regeneration along with Market Town Funding which is also for other things. ME asked for time constraints for ideas to be put forward to SW and was told 15th Jan 2022 for Market Town Funding but no time constraint for BBB funds.

7. **District Council Matters** – distribute a report from District Councillor Martin Brown. Annex A to this document. MB asked if there were any questions. News that the SDC meeting was cancelled due to COVID and heating issues. SW asked if most departments were now back in the building, MB replied that officers are trickling back in but some live in different counties. RB informed the meeting that he had tried to ring the Planning Department on Frith House, but had no response and no call back either being puzzled by their response to the application. MB stated he rarely gets through to someone directly but please leave an email message or telephone message. He is willing to submit an email to them from his SDC email address. JE also wanted feedback on a TPO application which had been rejected – had no response from them either.

8. **Agree the Parish Council Response to the following Planning Applications (Ward responses to be circulated before the meeting)**

- a) S.21/2474/FUL - The Old Court House, High Street, Bisley - Conversion of existing office space into a 3 bedroom residential dwelling. *Withdrawn 01/12/2021.*
- b) S.21/2550/HHOLD - Seven Springs, Bismore, Eastcombe - Proposed porch, rear extension and internal works. *Comments only.*
- c) S.21/2638/HHOLD - Gladstone Cottage, Eastcombe - Replacement of conservatory, installation of dormer and render replaced with stone. *Support.*
- d) S.21/2641/HHOLD - Shepherds Hey, Brockley Acres, Eastcombe - Demolition of garage, erection of new garage & rear extension. *Support.*
- e) S.21/2517/FUL - Barn at Frith House, Far Oakridge, Stroud - Conversion of existing barn to provide ancillary/staff accommodation. Resubmission of S.21/1212/FUL. *Already granted prior to meeting, comments submitted earlier but extension granted previously was ignored. Would have supported.*
- f) S.21/2642/HHOLD - Foxfield, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch - Erection of single garage, installation of entrance through boundary wall and hard standing. *Parking in this area of the village is a problem. Driving over this verge will only exacerbate the problem. Clerk to submit based on this.*

9. **Matters for Discussion:**

- a) **S137 request for Oakridge Website** – RB – proposes we support the £146.21 requested. *Carried and ask for any further requests in the spring.*
- b) **KGV furniture** – HS – Clerk has found sturdy timber folding tables by Costco and would like to buy two £74 each. Looked into secondhand chairs. RB looked at old chairs from village hall, but unuseable. There are second hand available, but not many in sets. JE asked about timber vs plastic. *Clerk to purchase.*
- c) **Allotment Warden brief** – LG – circulated with Robert Bryant and DR – comments on this clarification of this role. To be posted on the website and could accompany the tenancy agreement. *Clerk to post tenancy agreement on the website in addition to this.*
- d) **Public liability survey response from allotment tenants** – Clerk – Discussion followed the results of the survey where the majority of those responding wish to include the increase to cover Public Liability insurance in their renewal fees. *Clarification of the new insurance cover for 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance to be provided by the Clerk to TM prior to informing tenants of the decision.*
- e) **Ratify Code of conduct and Standing Orders** – ME – MB made comments which were updated and ME requests that they now go onto the website. Carried. RB thanked PS and ME for works on this. ME mentioned that PS will send the current Asset Register to Wards for their input and to check whether there are omissions and pass amendments as see fit.

- f) **Tree quotes for Parish wide works to date – Clerk** – 2 quotes received to date. *Clerk to obtain revised quote which currently includes works already privately actioned at All Saints Churchyard.* If no further quotes are obtained, the Finance sub-committee will determine action.
- g) **Clerk’s role – applicant interview dates – ME** – 2 applications have been received as at 30<sup>th</sup> November, the final day. Interviews dates are required and the Ward chairs, were asked to provide dates. RB stated difficulties this side of Christmas but TM can take over if necessary. JE asked for confirmation that will be taking up references. ME emphasized timings as he doesn’t want a situation where there is no Clerk and a handover period also needs to happen. ME to book the annex at Eastcombe village hall for w/c 14<sup>th</sup> December and suggested interviews take place on 14/15 December.
- h) **Burials for Eastcombe residents – JE** – reported that Eastcombe residents do not have a burial ground. The Clerk followed up a suggestion with GAPTC that a Parish Council has a legal responsibility to provide a burial ground, this is not the case but they have the power to do so. Chalford Parish Council is running out of space at Frithwood Cemetery, which Eastcombe residents can use and it was suggested (we) the two councils join forces. Another proposal was that we look into the possibility of a new burial ground. ME pointed out that this cannot be a problem unique to this PC, probably a national problem and some guidance could be obtained. He said that the woodland burial site at Alveston is very nice but a commercial venture and not the sort of thing a PC could run. JE had considered a new burial ground as a small site with a building and somewhere to park cars. JE proposed a discussion with CPC for a new burial ground. TM asked who would this be for, JE said we have no sites for Eastcombe residents. MB said perhaps this should be a full Parish problem as Bisley is filling up. TM asked why the CofE should not provide a solution as they are wealthy land owners. ME stated it is a C of E problem not a PC problem with regard to consecrated burials. *Proposal to research a new burial ground by volunteers and talk was carried.*
- i) **To propose the PC support Gloucestershire 20 mph Campaign – MB** – Note circulated and asks for support for campaign for general 20mph in residential areas throughout the county (let out clause of 30 if deemed safe), so Bisley would be Stirrup Cup to Cheltenham Road, Eastcombe through village. *Carried.*
- j) **New bench for fitting on Eastcombe village green – Clerk** – a new memorial bench has been fitted on the green by Ian Trueman and looks very nice. Thanks for the family. Additionally the new noticeboard is to be fitted in Bisley by Ian Trueman but additional help is required. MB and ME volunteers and transport is to be arranged for this large board.
10. **Finance:**  
Approve monthly payments of account (details to be circulated) – *carried.* New Standing Order for hire of the hall also approved.
11. **Correspondence – Clerk to report** – ME has received a request from the footpath volunteer group who have done sterling work at the bottom of Fidges Lane, asking for a kissing gate further on up towards Copsegrove. The landowner has given permission and they have applied for a grant from Ramblers Holiday Charitable Trust but monies are slow coming. A grant from Stroud Rotary club already received with half spent to date. Asking for the PC to order the gate at £408 plus £95 delivery giving total £503 so asking from £370.77 which they hope will be reimbursed if we tide them over. *Carried.*
12. **Ward Reports** – Ward Chairmen to report on Ward matters  
**Bisley** – Have finished the major part of KGV pavilion refurbishment and the budget is spent. Ward is going to cost jobs that are still outstanding to bring to the next meeting after going to Finance first, which includes fencing between the car park and playing field. Awaiting a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for that. MB met with Highways 2 weeks ago with the same answer as before that

there is not a problem there and no physical traffic calming will take place. Bluecoat pupils have posters to drivers to slow down. The Clerk raised purchasing of insulation query for the pavilion for DR. Need to gain access for this first to investigate the loft space in the pavilion. Teeds Rise nature reserve has new signs erected and MB informed us of a meeting last week with residents and GWT to produce a management plan for the area.

**Eastcombe** – JE reported on the play equipment in the rec following a complaint. She spoke to Bob Brooks and was told it is only 15 years old. She would like CIL money for new equipment. ME responded that the whole area needs attention and an entrance to be revamped. Some time ago children from TK could not gain access if disabled, so this should be looked at. This is a task for the New Year and professional advice will be required. The Eastcombe newsletter asked for suggestions from residents and one lady has already responded that it is lacking for small children. Draw on HS experience at Windyridge. JE reported that the lime trees on the junior pitch (and) need weeding and mulching. *Clerk to chase Gardeners but retain protective fencing and slacken tree ties.*

**Oakridge** – nothing to report.

- 13. Date/location/format of Next Meeting – Chair** – 7:30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Bisley Village Hall

### **Annex A.**

District Council Report December 2021

I don't have much that is strictly local – to the Parish – to report this month, but here are some District Council matters that may nevertheless interest Parish Councillors:

**New Council Housing:** As a member of the Development Control (i.e. planning) Committee, I was pleased to vote for approval of a council housing development in Dursley. Old 'sheltered housing' bungalows, no longer fit for habitation, will be replaced by thirteen affordable (rental) two- and three-bedroom dwellings, built to high energy efficiency standards with renewable energy (pv) and heat pumps. And in my opinion, they look good. Stroud is a national leader in both retaining and building council housing, with c.5000 dwellings in the District.

**Planning and Enforcement:** An audit of the Development Control department of the council is due to report soon. I hope this will lead to improvement especially in enforcement, which has been a frustrating aspect of the council's work, including cases in this Parish.

**Volunteers wanted:** To help realise SDC's ambitious 2030 Carbon Neutral plan, the council is looking for people to join its 2030 Community Engagement Board and help it build on the work the community is already doing to tackle climate change and help social development in the district. See the Council website for more details:  
[www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/building-a-sustainable-future-together/get-involved](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/building-a-sustainable-future-together/get-involved)

**Canal Use Survey:** A survey has been launched to understand how people use the canals in the Stroud district, and identify any obstacles they think may prevent them reaching their full potential. Walkers, cyclists, dog-walkers, runners, boaters, anglers, paddle boarders: everyone who uses the canal corridor is invited to take part, as well as those who don't use it – and the reasons why they don't. To complete the survey

online please follow the link: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/stroud-canals-vision> until Friday 17 December.

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### **Annex B.**

## **Bisley with Lypiatt /Painswick Division County Council News**

### **New landmark cycle path connecting Cheltenham and Gloucester.**

Work is due to start on the flagship cycle route on the B4063.

The six-mile route will include a footpath for pedestrians and a 'buffer' to separate cyclists from road traffic making it safer and more enjoyable. This was a key change made to the design following feedback from residents and industry specialists.

When finished the path will stretch between Arle Court roundabout in west Cheltenham to London Road in Gloucester, via Staverton, Churchdown and Longlevens. The new cycle path will provide a continuous off-road route for cyclists of all ages and abilities, connecting with a new cycle path under construction along the A40 in Benhall and with the London Road cycle lanes completed last year in Kingsholm.

By providing the residents of Cheltenham, Churchdown, and Gloucester with a safe cycle link to two railway stations, the University of Gloucestershire (Oxstalls Campus), Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, schools and business parks, cycling will become a convenient, safe and healthy choice for short trips to school, to work and for leisure. Swapping to a lower carbon mode of travel will help towards a Greener Gloucestershire by improving the air quality. You can sign up to receive the new '[Greener Gloucestershire](#)' newsletter, to keep up to date on local activity, as well as to receive hints and tips on how you can reduce carbon emissions and take action to protect the future of our environment. Find out more about the different projects by heading to the [website](#) and follow #GreenerGloucestershire on social media.

### **Gloucestershire highways committed to supporting greener.**

The county council is working with partners to create a greener Gloucestershire and the teams which oversee the county's roads and pathways have been making great progress to reduce emissions and waste, while increasing biodiversity.

Gloucestershire highways and the council's contractor, Ringway, have made a variety of changes to support climate action, including:

- Three new plug-in electric highways vans, which are used to help repair roads across the county.

- To increase biodiversity, highways depots across the county have organised bird boxes, insect boxes and identified areas for wildflowers. Each depot has implemented something small to increase the ecosystems around them.
- Ringway now recycle or reuse 99% of waste generated through operations in the county. They have also increased the amount of plastic being recycled by introducing a plastic graveyard in each of the depots for a local supplier to collect. Most recently, dedicated PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) recycling stations have been introduced in each depot. PPE is then recycled and used for fuel.

Gloucestershire highways are taking positive, practical actions in support of a greener Gloucestershire and the fight against climate change.

### **Gloucestershire's success in bid for levelling up fund**

The full bid of £12.822m has been awarded to support significant transport improvements through Gloucester city, connecting what has been known as “The missing link of cycle routes”. in the heart of the county.

The funding will breathe life into the vision to connect the recently enhanced Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Towpath with the A40 West Cheltenham Transport Improvement Scheme, via Gloucester and the B4063 cycle path. This would ultimately provide a 26-mile cycle ‘spine’ through the county from Stroud to Bishops Cleeve, allowing the county council to create a substantial local cycling and walking network, helping people to get about sustainably in residential areas.

The bid supports improved access to and from the docks area of Gloucester, a former industrial area which has transformed into a thriving and dynamic mixed community of businesses, visitors and residents. It will also link the docks to the city centre and beyond through a sustainable travel corridor, helping students and employees to access the hospital, university and local colleges from residential areas.

The cycle path will complete a ‘missing link’, connecting the recently upgraded Gloucester and Sharpness Canal Towpath through the city centre to Cheltenham via already committed funding. This will be complemented by addressing a pinch point on the Gloucester Southwest Bypass (GSWB) at Llanthony Road which will result in improved journey times for the 25,000 vehicles that use it daily.

### **Concerned about the homeless in our County ?**

The 10<sup>th</sup> October marked **World Homeless day**.

Partners across Gloucestershire continue to work together to ensure those at risk of homelessness or are sleeping rough, get the support they need.

In Gloucestershire, all six local Councils, the County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and NHS Clinical Commissioning Group work together through the countywide Housing Partnership to ensure that everyone in the county has access to a warm and stable home.

In recent years, in addition to preventing homelessness, a major focus of the Gloucestershire Partnership has been working to help rough sleepers in the county. Through the pandemic, local Councils ensured that everyone at risk of sleeping on the streets was provided with accommodation as part of “Everyone In”. Those accommodated through these programmes also receive individual, one-to-one support to help them recover from homelessness and pursue their personal goals.

The Partnership is stepping up efforts to identify /support those who are sleeping on the streets but are asking local residents to help by referring those they see sleeping rough, to Streetlink at [www.streetlink.org.uk/](http://www.streetlink.org.uk/)

## **Campaign “Leaf it Out”. To reduce Flooding.**

The county council launched a new ‘**Leaf It Out**’ campaign, encouraging members of the public to help keep their local drains clear of fallen leaves during the autumn and winter months.

Across the county there are nearly 130,000 gullies and kerb weirs. These are being regularly inspected although the frequency of inspection is dependent on the risk rating however at this time of year drains can become blocked quickly and repeatedly become plugged by leaves when there is heavy rain. Community support would make a huge difference to ensure the drains are working as well as possible. But advised to: -

**“Only clear a drain or gully if it’s safe to do so – stay safely on the pavement or verge and use a broom, long stick, fork or spade, or similar. Anyone who takes part must read and follow the full risk assessment, as safety is the top priority.”**

To help encourage community engagement and thank those acting against flooding, the council are asking people to share a before and after photo on Twitter or Facebook using the hashtag #LeafItOutGlos to highlight this fantastic community action.

To find out more about the Leaf It Out campaign, visit:

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/leaf-it-out](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/leaf-it-out)

[Sign up to our ‘Leaf It Out’ newsletter!](#) You'll be part of the 'leaf it out community' and receive information, tips, advice and campaign updates.

You can keep up to date with any road closures or highways issues by following GlosRoads on Twitter and Facebook, just search for the handle: [@GlosRoads](#).

The [Environment Agency](#) offers a range of alerts and advice in advance of and during flooding.

Be prepared and know what to do in the event of a flood by familiarising yourself with our [flood guide](#).

**Climate Leadership for Gloucestershire Group.**

In 2019, councils across the county declared a climate emergency. In recognition of the need for cross sector and district working to tackle the climate emergency, we have now convened the new 'Climate Leadership Gloucestershire' group.

At its first meeting (12 November) senior public sector leaders and politicians committed to working together to identify and deliver progress on decarbonisation and climate adaptation. Members of the group were keen to emphasise that the timing of our response to these challenges is urgent and that the cross cutting nature of climate change means actions must be considered alongside all other priorities for the county such as economic recovery and growth.

The group will meet again in January, taking input from experts and policy leads on critical areas such as how to decarbonise our energy supply, infrastructure and transport. A key priority for the group will be identifying and managing delivery of a joint action plan on topics such as sustainable homes, buildings and protecting ourselves from the effects of extreme weather events. The group will also work to increase our available spaces for nature, reduce CO2 and ensure a strong focus on improving the health and wellbeing of Gloucestershire's residents.

To follow the work of this new group and identify opportunities to engage in shaping county wide climate action priorities, please follow the hashtag [#GreenerGloucestershire](#) on social media or visit [Greener Gloucestershire - Gloucestershire County Council](#).

## **BUILD BACK BETTER GRANT FUNDING**

The second round of funding from the county council's Build Back Better – Market Towns fund, to help our communities put on events as part of the county's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, has been made available.

The fund was initially launched in the summer, inviting bids from parish and town councils, as well as voluntary and community organisations, and a pot of £500,000 was set aside. In total 45 bids for funding were supported, ranging from £1,000 to £25,000, and £385,386 was allocated.

The second round of funding is now open and aims to distribute the rest of the money available – nearly £115,000. Bids from community events that were unsuccessful in the first phase of funding can reapply, but new bids are also welcome. The fund aims to boost the economy of the county's market towns and high streets and events can include spring shows, summer fetes, vintage car shows, music festivals or farmers' markets. All allocated funding must be used by 31 August 2022.

Completed applications must be received by 5pm on 17 December 2021 and applicants will be informed of the outcome on 17 January 2022.

For more information on the fund and to apply,  
see [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/market-towns-fund/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/market-towns-fund/)

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### **Local Update**

The lengths men from Highways are currently in the Bisley with Lypiatt division arriving at very short notice on Monday .They will be clearing the drains in Oakridge. They will also be in Stroud road, Bisley looking at pipe clearing. There will be a limited amount of pothole filling depending on size of broken surface. I have requested any signage that is falling off the poles etc could they also secure back onto poles and remove all signage which has been abandoned by highways following work by highways, including the sand bags.

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