

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Chairman	Mike Eccott	ME
	Bisley Ward	Martin Brown	MB
		Hazel Saunders	HS
		Dave Partridge	DP
	Eastcombe Ward	Jenny Exley	JE
		Louie Wilkes	LW
	Oakridge Ward	Roger Budgeon	RB
		Tony Martin	TM
		Dennis Robbins	DR
	Clerk	Mrs D Meredith	
	District Councillor	Martin Brown	MB

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Parish Councillor Lesley Greene, County Councillor Sue Williams.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – JE with regard to item 9d), PC comments submitted by LW.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021** - The minutes of the meeting were approved.
4. **Matters and actions arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered in this agenda** - The newly appointed Clerk, Arlene Dean, was hoping to attend however she is to start in March and there will be a transition period with the current Clerk. Her first full meeting is likely to be in April and ME confirms that she is happy to work from home.
Rob Attwood is donating the Parish Council 3 Jubilee Oaks, one for each Ward. Siting for Bisley has been agreed, Eastcombe and Oakridge to confirm to LG and the Clerk soonest please. JE asked if Mr Attwood would be planting the trees – the Clerk to confirm.
5. **Public Participation** – No members of the public were in attendance.
6. **County Council Matters** – distribute a report from County Councillor Sue Williams – None received but any questions to SW may be submitted via email.
7. **District Council Matters** – distribute a report from District Councillor Martin Brown. Annex A to this document. MB asked if there were any questions. TM was surprised that SDC approved the astro-turf at Archway school. MB replied that Sport England approves and durable and outside use

for the school. TK School has previously mentioned the desire to use astro-turf too.

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

- a) S. S.21/2804/HHOLD - Lismore, Cheltenham Road, Bisley, Stroud - Erection of garage extension. Comments only.
- b) S.21/2858/HHOLD - 12 Windyridge, Cheltenham Road, Bisley. Demolition of single storey extension and replace with side pitched roof extension and rear single storey flat roof extension. Comments only.
- c) S.21/2953/HHOLD & S.21/2954/LBC - Eversley, Van Der Breen Street, Bisley - Construction of first floor 'link' extension and refurbishment of existing first floor room. Support.
- d) S.21/2756/HHOLD - 1 Laburnum Cottages Fidges Lane Eastcombe Stroud GL6 7DP - Erection of first floor extension over existing garage and workshop areas - revised, following S.14/0187/HHOLD. JE stood down as Planning Lead from writing the report as she is a neighbour. Following a discussion where MB asked for a new Pre-application for conservation area and advised Ward to cite policy to SDC. TM suggested citing the Inspector decision for Fort View and the comments made on the environment. ME stated that changed input required to be with the Clerk for submission.
- e) S.21/2834/VAR - St Marys, Eastcombe, Stroud, Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 3 (landscaping) on permitted application S.21/1019/HHOLD. Support, however more trees cut down on the boundary which are shown on the landscape plan so response to be updated and sent to the Clerk for submission tomorrow.
- f) S.21/3034/HHOLD - Willowcroft, Middle Hill, Eastcombe - Erection of porch extension, side extension and rear dormer extension. Object.
- g) S.21/2840/HHOLD - Hillview, Waterlane, Oakridge, Stroud. Install hopper for biomass boiler. Support.

9. Matters for Discussion:

- a) **Respond to SDC planning decision on The Old Post Office – RB** - Draft letter was distributed for comments. Document amended to ask SDC to respond how their policy is to reflect their 2030 Climate Change Policy. MB stated that as to head of planning and cc chairs of planning and environment and they know there is an issue with this situation and acknowledge the need to adapt but don't explicitly say no double glazing or solar panels, but it's a grey area. **Approved that the Clerk submits to SDC.**
- b) **Approve Precept budget figures – Clerk** – Carried. ME stressed that our precept will remain the same as last year and this is to be stated in the minutes and on the Parish Council website. **Clerk to arrange.**
- c) **Assistant permanent contract – ME** – Penny Starr has been temporarily employed for 6 months and ME stated that she is doing a fine job on the NDP and the Parish Council website. ME mentioned concern to TM about duplication of works. **TM to discuss with PS.** ME proposes that we now employ Penny Starr permanently for 5 hours per week and include pension contribution to LGPS. **Carried – Clerk to set up contracts.**
- d) **Tree quotations update – Clerk** – 3 quotations have been received for minor works in Bisley. JE asked about the felling of a larch – DP said it has a disease and is dying and is also very close to a beech tree. **Works approved, Clerk to arrange.**
- e) **Replacement fence between KGV Field and the car park – HS** – this subject has been with us for a while, the fence between the car park and playing field is rotten and needs replacing. 2 quotes have been received and HS stated difficulty in getting a 3rd. This is now becoming urgent as residents have raised concerns about ease of access to the field. She asked the **Clerk to go back to Rob Attwood to check the price quoted and**

bring back next month as an item on the agenda. DP asked if the plan was to still extend the car park. MB replied that the fence will square it off.

- f) **Bisley 20 is plenty campaign letter approval – MB** – carried over last month – incorrectly carried over onto this agenda from last month. N/A.

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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** – Clerk and Councils Direct passed to ME for playground contacts.

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

Bisley – HS reported a successful application for native hedgerows for Teeds Rise from the Woodlands Trust in conjunction with GWT for planting in March. MB informed the council that there will be a meeting at Teeds Rise Nature Reserve to consult on management plans on Feb 5th at 11am.

Eastcombe – ME and JE met the Sovereign play-ground representative at Eastcombe Recreation Ground who discussed ideas and will provide pricing in due course.

JE informed the meeting that hunting for a burial ground was on hold over Christmas, but it was suggested that she talks to owners either side of Frith Wood youth club and asked how far should she progress this. ME stated that the onus was on JE to progress as far as she wishes and is feasible without parish resources behind it and this is not a unique problem to this parish. She stated that she has sent a message requesting that the new Clerk writes a newsletter for the Parish. ME suggested that Eastcombe Ward meet to add items to the Eastcombe, Bussage and Brownshill newsletter when suitable items arise. MB stated that HS and LG add interesting items to the Bisley News or when wishing to highlight an issue. LW stated that the snow wardens are meeting at the Lamb on Monday and ***ME is to look into the state of gritters.***

The shop has asked for consideration of moving the large top boulder on the green to aid deliveries. ME stated this will be discussed on Monday.

A Parishioner has stated that a crow scarer is going off in the night illegally. It was suggested that the police are telephoned. MB said this is a noise nuisance so report to SDC.

Clerk to action when further information given.

ME informed the meeting that we will shortly stop paying rent on the garage. ***Clerk to finish clearing and take keys back to SDC.***

Oakridge – RB has received an email from a resident commenting on the debris around the school playing area. ***Clerk is to check with SDC re-clearing.*** A resident wrote expressing concerned about the PC planning response for The Knowle. ***Clerk to acknowledge the email and state that SDC make the decision.***

New burial ground posts obtained for DR to put in. DR asked about siting seats – ***RB to talk to Helen Jones and confirm.***

13. **Date/location/format of Next Meeting – Chair** – 7:30pm on 9th February 2022 at Bisley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:40pm.

Annex A.

District Council News January 2022

- A survey of residents and businesses (500 residents and 200 businesses randomly called) in December found high levels of satisfaction with SDC. Responses included: 75% of residents satisfied with how SDC runs things, compared to a national average of 56%; 79% of businesses satisfied that SDC is working to improve the environment (77% last year) and 75% agreed that services have been maintained to a good standard (72% last year). Residents' top three priorities for the council were: 1. Promoting economic recovery and working with local partners to support thriving market towns and rural vitality. 2. Working with partners and communities to tackle the climate emergency and work towards becoming a carbon neutral district. 3. Increasing the supply of affordable housing and helping prevent homelessness. For more results see: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news-archive/thank-you-for-your-confidence-in-us-satisfaction-with-sdc-remains-high-agree-residents-and-businesses>.
- The Environment Committee voted in December to recommend the following CIL spending allocations for FY22/23 (final decision is made by the Strategy and Resources Committee):
 - Nailsworth flood prevention and drainage scheme (£52,500)
 - Archway School 3G Astro Turf pitch (£150,000)
 - Stratford Park Outdoor Pool heat exchange (£20,000)
 - Cainscross Cycle Scheme Feasibility Study (£75,000).

Note: Parish Councils get 15% of CIL money for developments in their parish, or 25% if they have a Neighbourhood Plan.

- The Council has a consultation on its draft 10-year economic development strategy, open for comment until February 10th. The document, and how to respond, can be seen here: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/about-the-council/have-your-say/consultations/the-economic-development-strategy> (I admit I have not yet gone through it myself, though it's based on the new Council Plan which I have spent a good amount of time on with my colleagues.)
- Another round of Government-funded Coronavirus support grants for hospitality businesses – on top of c.£45 million already disbursed – will start later this month. The Council will contact eligible businesses to invite them to apply.

- And locally, in Bisley Ward, at my request, the Neighbourhood Warden arranged for two bins of unsorted rubbish and recyclable materials to be cleared from the Bear Car Park.

Martin