

## **BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Mike Eccott	ME
	<b>Bisley Ward</b>	Martin Brown	MB
		Hazel Saunders	HS
		Lesley Greene	LG
	<b>Eastcombe Ward</b>	Jen Exley	JE
		Emma Hammond	EH
	<b>Oakridge Ward</b>	Roger Budgeon	RB
		Dennis Robbins	DR

**Clerk**

Ms A Deane



Parish Clerk

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Jones, Wilkes, Partridge and County Cllr Williams

Cllr Partridge has tendered his resignation from the Council. Mr Partridge has kindly agreed to remain as the snow warden for Bisley Ward

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

None

#### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) held May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Approved

#### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

- Mr R Bryant has resigned as the Eastcombe allotment warden and Mr C James has taken up the position.
- The preferred contractor list that Stroud District Council (SDC) hold is not available to Parish Councils
- Cllr Brown spoke to Thomas Keeble School regarding the contractor parking issue and has sent an update email to Cllrs
- The elections office at SDC have sent the required form to advertise the Oakridge vacancy, which will now include the Bisley vacancy from this evenings resignation
- Wildlife cameras bought and ready to install

- 5. Public Participation** – Members of the public are invited to address the Council  
Mr B Hughes attended to express her interest in co-option for the Oakridge vacancy and see how everything works. She already volunteers on the Highways working Group. The clerk explained the process – co-option is allowable if after 14 working days from the date of the notice, less than 10 residents of the ward request an election. It is hoped that Mrs Hughes can be co-opted at the July meeting.
- 6. County Council (C Cllr) Matters** – To receive a report from County Councillor Sue Williams  
C Cllr Williams report was circulated in advance. Cllr Eccott asked that any questions be sent directly to C Cllr Williams
- 7. District Council (D Cllr) Matters** – To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Brown  
D Cllr Brown's report was circulated in advance. There were no questions.  
D Cllr Brown confirmed that elections for the whole of SDC Cllrs and Parish Cllrs will be held in May 2024

**8. Agree the Parish Council Response to the following Planning Applications:**  
**Bisley**

S.23/0538/CPE	The Old Office Camp Farm, Calf Way, The Camp <b>No Comments</b>	Access to an area of hard standing adjacent to The Old Office.
S.23/0972/TCA	Todsbridge, Far Wells Road, <b>Comments only - regarding replacement trees</b>	T1 - Leyland Cypress. Complete Removal. T2 - Lawson Cypress. Complete Removal

**Eastcombe**

S.23/1008/VAR	Properties At, Eastcombe, Stroud <b>Comments only. JE to send the agreed amendments to the response to the Clerk</b>	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) from S.21/1776/FUL - erection of 2 no. detached dwellings, formation of new vehicular access and associated works
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**Oakridge**

**None**

**9. Matters for Discussion:**

**a) Approval of tree work on Eastcombe Recreation ground – Cllr Hammond**

The quote to undertake tree work from Mr J Burrell was approved

**b) SDC – 'Working Together' update – Cllr Jones**

Nothing to report as Cllr Jones was not in attendance

**c) Bisley High Street Parking Survey – Cllr Brown**

- Cllr Brown had already circulated the High St parking report
- There is a suggestion that the road from the Stirrup cup to George Street Stores be closed off
- Next steps are to conduct a car/speed count on the High street and George Street, the cost of which is around £300
- For highways engineers to conduct a feasibility study
- Consult more widely
- The report will be added to the website

**d) Community Asset registration – Cllr Brown**

- The application for The Butchers Arms is progressing with SDC
- The Bisley Village Group have suggested the Bear should also be applied for. Cllr Brown to speak to Mr D Collins about making the application
- The George Street stores also to be consider

**10. Finance:**

**a) Approve payments of account**

Approved

**b) Approval of the new quotation/s for cricket ball stopping netting**

A revised quote has been received for £1504 for half the netting length. This still leaves £1k for installation costs.

A resident has volunteered to pay for half of the cost of moving the wicket and making it an artificial all weather wicket

It was agreed that this offer be put to the cricket club for a response. Any decision regarding netting would be subject to the cricket club paying for installation, as they agreed at the meeting between themselves, the resident and Cllr Saunders back last year.

**c) Approval of Nash End foot path repair work**

A solution has been reached and two quotes received. Permissions are needed from SDC (which has delegated authority to undertake the Lead Local Flood Authority's (LLFA) duties as legislated for in the Land Drainage Act 1991). Cllr Brown is dealing with this.

**11. Correspondence – Clerk to report**

- A company has approached the Council regarding a potential housing development in Oakridge. Cllrs have asked that plans and location be sent to them before any meeting can be organised
- SDC have undertaken a 'dog control' consultation. A response is needed by 18<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Saunders volunteered to produce a draft response for Cllrs to comment on
- A resident has asked if anyone on the Council knew a previous Cllr ' Jack Andrews' no one did and suggested they talk to Bob Brookes
- Frith House has gone to appeal. The Council agreed that no further response to the original support response is needed
- Further details received regarding the £700 S137 grant request from Bisley Village Hall for new microphones have been received. £600 are for two good quality microphones and £100 for leads. Cllr Saunders suggested giving £350. Approved

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

**Bisley**

- Cllrs Greene and Robbins met with Mr MacFarlane about security at the Bisley and Oakridge allotments
- Cllr Saunders on behalf of the ward and Council thanked Mr Partridge for all his work for the Council

### **Eastcombe**

- Cllr Exley spoke about the temporary Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on Middle Hill, which runs out in July. Cllr Brown agreed to look into next steps
- Cllr Eccott advised that Mr L Turner asked to come along to a Council meeting to talk about the Community Land Trust and how it works. Cllr Exley to email him to see if he still wants to attend a meeting

### **Oakridge**

- Parking at Village Hall Oakridge. Most of the parking is being taken up by building contractors working at the house down the lane, leaving no room for those using the hall or field. The Clerk agreed to write to the home owner
- Cllr Budgeon has been approached by Village Hall management about putting solar and battery storage on the hall and would the Council assist with a grant. If there are funds left in the 'feed in' reserves then it could be considered. The Clerk to investigate

**13. Date of Next Meeting – July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**The meeting closed at 20:50pm**