

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd 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
		Louie Wilkes	LW
		Emma Hammond	EH
	<b>Oakridge Ward</b>	Roger Budgeon	RB
		Dennis Robbins	DR
		Helen Jones	HJ
	<b>Clerk</b>	Ms A Deane	



Parish Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Partridge

**2. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman of the Parish Council (PC)**

Cllr Eccott – proposed by MB and seconded by LG. ME was unanimously elected as chair for the next 12 months.

Cllr Saunders - proposed by MB and seconded by LG. HS was unanimously elected as vice chair for the next 12 months

**3. Ward & Parish Appointments**

- **Bisley – Ward chair, planning lead and wardens for footpath, snow, trees, Wildlife flora and fauna, play areas, KGV, allotments and police liaison**

Volunteered and appointed for the next 12 months as follows:

Cllr Saunders	Ward Chair, Play Areas, Sports Pavilion
Cllr Brown	Planning, Finance, Highways and Footpaths, Police Liaison
Cllr Greene	Planning Lead, Allotment Warden, Tree Warden, Wildlife
Cllr Partridge	Snow Warden

- **Eastcombe - Ward chair, planning lead and wardens for footpath, snow, trees, play areas and allotments**

Volunteered and appointed for the next 12 months as follows:

Cllr Eccott	Ward Chair, Footpaths, Finance
Cllr Exley	Planning Lead (with support from LG for trees)
Cllr Wilkes	Snow Warden, highways
Cllr Hammond	Recreation ground, Play areas
Mr R Bryant	Allotment Warden

*Please note that since the meeting Mr Bryant has resigned*

- **Oakridge - Ward chair, planning lead and wardens for snow, trees, Wildlife flora and fauna, allotments, burial ground, handyman co-ordination, playing field/pavilion and Waterlane triangle**

Volunteered and appointed for the next 12 months as follows:

Cllr Budgeon	Ward chair, and planning
Cllr Robbins	Burial Ground, Allotment Warden, Playing Field, Pavilion, Snow Warden and Handyman
Cllr Jones	Trees (in liaison with LG)

RB suggested that trees, flora and fauna should be an across the Parish responsibility and suggested LG, HJ and JE look at setting this group up.

- **NDP group - 1 representative from each ward**

Volunteered and appointed as follows:

Cllr Eccott  
Cllr Exley  
Cllr Brown  
Cllr Greene  
Cllr Budgeon  
Cllr Wilkes

- **Finance group 1 representative from each ward**

Cllr Eccott ex officio by way of the chair of the Parish Council

Volunteered and appointed:

Cllr Brown  
Cllr Jones will take on until the PC fills the Oakridge vacancy

- **Highways group 1 representative from each ward**

Volunteered and appointed:

Cllr Brown  
Cllr Wilkes

Beth Ordway, a resident, volunteered to join the Highways group. BE will stand for co-option in July

#### **4. Declarations of interest**

RB – agenda item 12

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Approved

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

- Cheery Piece quote from Mr R Attwood has been approved by Oakridge Ward  
Approved  
Action - the clerk to inform Mr Attwood.  
LW suggested having a preferred contractor list. HJ commented that the Council can use the SDC contractor list. Action – HJ to confirm this with SDC
- MB to speak to SDC regarding to Thomas Keeble construction parking issue
- Waiting for the police to provide details of Eastcombe wall incident to be able to claim on the PC's insurance
- Mr Trueman will cut the green at Eastcombe before Coronation celebrations
- Mr Trueman suggested a pavement be laid along on side of Eastcombe Village Green to stop the damage being caused by larger vehicles navigating around parked cars. This will be revisited at a Ward meeting

## **7. Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council**

1 member of the public attended along with County Cllr Williams

A resident B Ordway spoke of her interest in joining the Council. She also spoke about issues in Oakridge such as potholes and her involvement in the request that the Butchers Arms be given Community Asset status.

Action- the clerk to send out the becoming a new Cllr pack

## **8. County Council Matters – To receive a report from County Councillor Sue Williams**

C Cllr Williams report was circulated in advance

MB – EV charging – how does the Council go about getting a community point/s?

SW said she would take the request forward.

SW also said she would look into the pothole issue

ME asked about the build back better £9k. SW said she would look into it.

RB asked about road surface noise on A419. SW is liaising with GCC highways.

## **9. District Council Matters – To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Brown**

D Cllr Brown's report was circulated in advance

LG – Welcomed the appointment of SDC's new Biodiversity officer. Asked again the question that had been raised serve times over the past years at the NDP: "Abundance" is a key issue in the biodiversity crisis so the starting points for measuring net gain is a critical issue. On what basis or measurement would the 10% Biodiversity Net Gain be assessed on developments? The PC would appreciate feedback.

## 10. Agree the Parish Council Response to the following Planning Applications:

### Bisley

S.23/0739/LBC	Sydenhams, Bisley <b>SUPPORT</b>	Use of an existing barn to the north within the curtilage of the dwelling as ancillary residential accommodation with associated internal and external works
S.23/0738/FUL	Sydenhams, Bisley <b>SUPPORT</b>	Use of an existing barn to the north within the curtilage of the dwelling as ancillary residential accommodation with associated internal and external works.
S.23/0736/HHOLD	Sydenhams, Bisley <b>SUPPORT</b>	Installation of flue to main house, new doors to garage and new handrail to stables, including minor exterior works
S.23/0737/LBC	Sydenhams, Bisley <b>SUPPORT</b>	Installation of flue to main house, new doors to garage and new handrail to stables, including minor internal and exterior works
S.23/0786/HHOLD	Througham Slad Manor <b>SUPPORT</b>	Replacement gate and new raised dry stone wall
S.23/0810/FUL	Througham Slad Manor <b>SUPPORT</b>	Replacement of machinery & wood stores with access track
S.23/0807/FUL	Upper Southmead Farm , Calf Way, The Camp, <b>OBJECT</b>	Construction of farm building.
S.23/0808/FUL	Upper Southmead Farm , Calf Way, The Camp, <b>OBJECT</b>	Construction of farm building.

**Action** – LG to write up the comments made at the meeting, consult with Butterfly Conservation and circulate final text for agreement and for submission by Arlene before 16th May.

### Eastcombe

S.23/0750/HHOLD	7 Farmcote Close, Eastcombe	Loft extension. <b>Sent to ourselves in error</b>
S.23/0652/FUL	Land Associated With Spring Hill Cottage Wells Road <b>OBJECT</b>	Construction of hard standing (retrospective) to provide temporary parking.
S.23/0822/VAR	Land At 2 Model Cottages Eastcombe Stroud <b>OBJECT</b>	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from S.20/1011/FUL - amendments to the design of the dwelling

Action – JE to reword the responses and send to the clerk before 16th

### Oakridge

None

## **11. Matters for Discussion:**

### **a) Eastcombe recreation Ground update – Cllr Eccott**

Further discussions held and a new workable solution found. There will be 2 phases of equal financial outlay. The next step is to get comments from residents on the plan. ME to contact SDC re strategic infrastructure funding once the PC have agreed the plan

### **b) NDP update – Cllr Brown**

Action for the Clerk to speak to the consultant to organise a meeting and next steps

### **c) SDC – ‘Working Together’ update – Cllr Jones**

No meeting since the last one. On boarding as many councils as possible into the hub. HJ to forward the clerk the joining instructions.

### **d) Bisley High Street Parking Survey – Cllr Brown**

MB – 18 responses from 70 delivered. 16 said speeding was top importance with EV charging next, with half in favour. The next steps will be discussed at a ward meeting with a further update at the June Council meeting. SW asked for a copy of the survey.

### **e) Deer proofing subgroup – update – Cllr Hammond**

EH – 17 responses received.

A mixed response was received, regarding the deer issue and fencing, with other issues being raised.

ME – there are issues, consequences and alternative solutions which had not been thought of. If it is to be fenced then it would have to be all the way around and that will affect the wall maintenance programme, making repair work more time consuming and therefore more costly to the Council. There is also the visual impact. The allotment society takes a neutral view on the subject of fencing.

EH – to produce the results to add to the website.

ME – the Council needs a better understanding of the issue. His suggested was to buy two wildlife cameras, which would be a couple of hundred pounds.

This was unanimously approved.

Action – ME to send the clerk the products details for the order.

Action- ME to summarise the outcome and publish in the next Eastcombe newsletter

LW – fencing is completely out of character.

LG - Asked that it be recorded that she supports a fence. Whilst supporting hedge planting, she knows from the experience of the Community Orchard Edible Hedge it will take min 10-12 years for any substantial hedge to protect the allotments. There is no need to make a hedge grant to the Scouts - all hedges planted so far in the parish have been donated through Woodland Trust schemes.

LG suggested that if Parish Councillors had financial concerns that ‘out-of-parish-allotment-tenants’ had contributed more or as much to the survey than parishioners, but were not paying the Parish council tax (the implication being that their points were less valid) , consideration could be given to having a two tier rent system, with non-parishioners paying more.

(For info/comparison Bisley has two residents from Chalford on our site - Chalford charges a non-returnable set up price of £15, & £27 per plot (half plots £15.50) Personally I don't support a 2 tier system but my suggestion was to answer financial quibbles.

## **12. Finance:**

### **a) Approve payments of account**

Approved

### **b) Approval of end of year accounts to go to the internal auditor**

Approved

### **c) S137 grant for Eastcombe Village Group Coronation celebration**

Approved

### **d) S137 grant for Bisley News**

Approved

### **e) S137 grant for Bisley WI Village Hall (PA equipment)**

Further information required. Action – clerk to request

### **f) Approval of the quotation/s for cricket ball stopping netting**

The costs of over £5k were thought to be excessive.

ME – suggested the clerk talk to Eastcombe cricket club to look at other options

## **13. Correspondence – Clerk to report**

- 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of precept received and still waiting for a CIL payment
- The crime prevention officer, David McFarlane, has offered to speak to the Bisley and Oakridge allotment wardens to help with security issues

## **14. Ward Reports – Ward Chairmen to report on Ward matters**

### **• Bisley**

- Litter pick organised
- International compost awareness week
- Nash End footpath solution reached, with a meeting of Friday with SDC environment officer
- LG has been awarded a Coronation Champion in the Environment category for long term sustainable commitment to the environment in the parish

### **• Eastcombe**

- Need to declutter the village. ME will communicate in the Eastcombe newsletter
- Bus shelter issues need to be addressed. JE to inform the neighbourhood warden
- ME to visit the Javelin incinerator

### **• Oakridge**

- Nothing from the ward

## **15. Date of Next Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Closed at 9:40pm