

BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY December 6th 2023 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman	Mike Eccott	ME
Bisley Ward	Martin Brown	MB
	Hazel Saunders	HS
	Lesley Greene	LG
Eastcombe Ward	Emma Hammond	EH
	Louie Wilkes	LW
Oakridge Ward	Roger Budgeon	RB
	Dennis Robbins	DR
	Beth Hughes	BH

Clerk Arlene Deane
Heather Finlay



Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Greves, Exley, County Cllr Williams

2. Declarations of interest

- ME for Expenses for agenda item 11b
- LG for S137 for agenda item 11d

3. Co-option – There is a vacancy in the Bisley Ward

New Councillor Graeme Brown (GB) introduced himself. Proposed by MB and seconded by HS. Motion carried and Graeme Baldwin signed his acceptance of office which was counter-signed by the Clerk. Mr Baldwin submitted his contact details for the website and the Clerk will send him his Declaration of Interest form to be completed and sent directly to the Monitoring Officer at Stroud District Council (SDC) within 28 days

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held
November 1st**

Approved

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

- Telephone box – The Clerk spoke to RB about reviewing previous minutes from 2015 to 2017, nothing was in any of the minute about the topic.
Action: RB to speak to the appropriate residents to understand the strength of feeling to reinstall the telephone box. To be discussed at a future meeting
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has confirmed MB as the representative from the Parish Council. Annie White will be contacting him

- The land transfer highlighted by Chalford PC is waiting for more information from them regarding solicitor costs
- All 4 play areas are scheduled to be inspected in January 2024
- EVA readings taken from Oakridge and Bisley Pavilions have been submitted
- Allotment tenancies have been re-sent to Oakridge, Far Oakridge and Bisley w/c 4th December

6. Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council
None

7. County Council Matters – To receive a report from County Councillor Sue Williams. The report had been previously circulated. Any comments to be taken up with SW directly

8. District Council Matters – To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Brown
There was no monthly report from MB but he circulated the Council Leader's Report from Stroud District Council (SDC). There were no comments. MB highlighted the following:

- Natural Flood Management Scheme – part of the scheme is in this parish. MB attended a site visit to Kingscott Wood at Horsley with Chris Uttley. The scheme has been successful over recent years e.g. in Nailsworth. The scheme works with landowners and is working with Frith House on their pond and the Holybrook stream. The results are very positive to biodiversity in wetland areas. LG commented about the increase in biodiversity and highlighted results in Cranham
- Nash End footpath work is progressing; hopefully work will commence in the Spring
- The road in Far Oakridge from Mannesty Farm to Frith House regularly floods; BH is interested to speak to MB about the flood management scheme regarding this issue

9. Agree the Parish Council Response to the following Planning Applications:

Bisley

S.23/2114/HHOLD	Richmond, Back Lane, Bisley None Oakridge Support	Erection of a replacement single storey rear extension
S.23/2293/FUL	Parlour Farm, Bisley Road Object	Erection of a Class B8 storage building, landscaping and associated works

Eastcombe

None

10. Matters for Discussion:

10.1. Eastcombe

10.1.1. Recreation playground update

ME gave an update which included information about Kier being keen to assist, possibly to help with ground work. Play equipment proposed is about £7,200 + VAT, however, fencing will be required and needs to be investigated further. One funding source has already been applied for via Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Build Back Better (payment awaited) and another via The Rural England Prosperity Fund will also be discussed at the January PC meeting
Action: ME to get quotes for the equipment and installation and bring that to the January 10th meeting when approval to apply for the additional funding will be decided

- 10.1.2. Tree maintenance** – T2597. Sycamore. LG suggestion to take off dead branches was approved.

Actions: ME to ask Jack Burrell for a quote. Action: The Clerk to go back to Tree Maintenance to let them know that their recommended work for this tree is not needed. The remaining tree work listed in their quote will be sent out for additional quotes to other contractors

10.2. Bisley

- 10.2.1. Tree maintenance** – further quotes awaited for the recommended work and will be included in the January agenda for approval

10.3. Oakridge

- 10.3.1. Approval of tennis court cleaning** quote to be included in the 24/25 budget. BH is concerned that the asset is going to waste; membership is currently £20pa. Agreed that the rate could be increased after the court has been cleaned.

Actions: BH to provide an amount for the budget and to ask Chris Jaynes to put together a proposal for maintenance and membership. The Clerk to send BH details of usage

- 10.3.2. Tree maintenance** – further quotes being sourced and will be included in the January agenda for approval

10.4. Community land trust next steps – MB

Action: MB to produce content for the Clerk to post on the website and notice boards

10.5. Neighbourhood Planning – ME

ME, MB, LG and JE met with Greg Pilley to review Thrupp's NDP; he suggested we speak to Place Studios. It was agreed that Place Studios should conduct a review of current status, at a cost of £1,100 for 2 days. Costs for on-going work should be put in the budget for 2024.

Action: ME to email Place Studios to ask them to conduct a review

10.6. Warm hubs being re-established – MB

These will start again 1 afternoon a week from first week of January until the start of British Summer Time

10.7. Limekiln Farm Incinerator Application – MB

This is not in Bisley parish – an objection was put into the GCC regarding concern about the chimneys, what is being burned and the hours of opening

11. Finance:

a) **Draft budget 24/25** – Finance meeting on December 20th

Action: The Clerk to send details to Councillors of what has been spent to date

b) **Approve payments of account**

Approved

c) Waterlane Allotments – approval of quotes to clear and make good for planting. 4 quotes have been circulated; work will be carried out in January. The quote from Rob Attwood was preferred (£2,060 + VAT) subject to a January start. Approved

d) S137 grant for Bisley Community Orchard - £500. Application form had been previously circulated

ME questioned the necessity; LG and HS wish to more widely publicise the history and get more acceptance. Approved

e) **Bisley Cricket nets**

a. **Approval to purchase the equipment. The Cricket Club have agreed to install the poles and nets at no cost to the PC. These will be in situ during the cricket season and stored in the off season.**

- i. **Option 1 25mtrs of netting and required number of poles to the height of 6mtrs - £1,504.98 - circulated**
- ii. **Option 2 – 25mtrs of netting and required number of poles to the height of 8mtrs - £3,399.98 - circulated**

It was agreed that this item should be rolled over to January to see what the response was from the cricket club to item b) below

The Clerk is also to go back to the Mrs Vesey to ask if she would like to contribute to the cost of the nets and at which height

b. Approval to grant Bisley cricket club a 10 year playing agreement at the KGV playing Fields.

HS stated that this should be 5 years and the club must adhere to the terms of their agreement. Concerned parishioners should be approached to donate to the costs

Actions: The Clerk to go back to the cricket club to suggest a 5-year playing agreement with full adherence to the terms of the contract.

12. Correspondence – Clerk to report

- a. Bisley School would like to put up signage but it's not clear where they are asking for the signs to be put. The Clerk has asked for What3Words co-ordinate and has advised them that they will need GCC Highways approval if the signs are not going on private land
- b. The January Parish Council meeting is now 10th January. The following months meetings will revert back to the first Wednesday of the month
- c. GAPTC membership increased by 3%

13. Ward Reports – Ward Chairmen to report on Ward matters

- a. **Bisley** – nothing further to report
- b. **Oakridge** – concern about speeding, particularly by parents going to the school;

Action: BH to speak to the school governors

- c. **Eastcombe** – there was a snow group meeting; another bin is required at Brockley acres but GCC won't put one in on a flat road.

The speed sign has had to be sent back (faulty)

Following the deer survey, a wildlife camera has been installed; footage shows that this is usually triggered by bats

14. Date of Next Meeting – 10th January 2024