

BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7th 2024 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman	Mike Eccott	ME
Bisley Ward	Martin Brown	MB
	Hazel Saunders	HS
	Lesley Greene	LG
	Graeme Baldwin	GB
Eastcombe Ward	Emma Hammond	EH
	Jenny Exley	JE
Oakridge Ward	Roger Budgeon	RB
	Dennis Robbins	DR
	Beth Hughes	BH
	Ian Greves	IG
Clerk	Heather Finlay	



Parish Clerk
8th February 2024

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wilkes, County Cllr Williams

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held January 10th

Approved

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

Council Meeting dates are accepted with the sole change of April's meeting from 3rd to 10th April

5. Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council
Representatives from Eastcombe Cricket Club attended; the proximity of a new build next to the Cricket Ground is a cause for concern. There are 2 areas of concern:

- The nets are inadequate – they should be 8m high and 25m long (versus current 6m and 18m); the poles would need to stay up outside of the season
- Tree works carried out during a very wet period of time caused significant damage to the outfield; this needs to be re-seeded and protected whilst the grass grows

ME responded:

- The trees are inspected every 2 years; a tree surgeon stated the work on the tree needed to be carried out and this had to be before the tree comes into leaf
- ME asked the Cricket Club representatives to come up with a scheme to extend the existing nets
- The representatives confirmed that the Cricket Club could complete the installation

6. County Council Matters – To receive a report from County Councillor Sue Williams. Report received; no comments

7. District Council Matters – To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Brown
District Cllr MB circulated his District Council notes for the month, as well as the report on SDC December Committees. The following comments were made:

- Lillyhorn site in Oakridge – the senior enforcement officer met on site and the owner has 10 days to feed back; MB will update when there is more information
- There is a pause in the examination of the Local Plan by Inspectors, at the request of SDC
- There is funding for 2 new officers in the area of Biodiversity Net Gain and Enforcement
- Council Tax – there will be an increase for second homes and empty homes
- EV charging for those who don't have a local charging point; this could be on the side of the Village Hall and could make money (eg £2,000pa at Chalford).
Action: MB will put this proposal to the Village Halls and circulate details

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

Bisley

S.24/0133/LBC	Wells Cottage, Wells Road, Bisley, Stroud Support	Insulate roof, walls & floor. Replace 4 bathrooms (with associated pipe / drainage work). Overhaul electrics. External maintenance work to roof, stone walls, gutters & windows
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Oakridge

S.24/0042/LBC	Orchard Cottage, Bournes Green, Stroud, Gloucestershire Support	Clean stonework, existing mortar raked out and repointed with traditional lime putty
S.24/0075/HHOLD	Woodside Cottage, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud Support the design but needs a traffic management plan	Erection of extension and remodelling and upgrade to the property. The works will involve the replacement of an existing timber framed garage and logstore
S.24/0095/VAR	Whitespring, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud Support	Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) from permission S.23/0505/HHOLD - alterations to materials and additional first floor window
S.24/0147/FUL	Land South Of Paddock Cottage, Waterlane, Oakridge Strongly object	Erection of a storage barn

Eastcombe

S.24/0097/TCA	The Little House, Eastcombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire Comments only	T1 – Holly tree – remove to ground level
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9. Matters for Discussion:

9.1 Eastcombe

- 9.1.1 Recreation playground update – funding received from the Rural England Prosperity Fund for £7,500 for the first phase.
Approval to purchase the items from Hand Made Places as per quote
Action: Clerk to contact SDC to confirm spend by 28th February 2024
Action: Clerk to order items from Hand Made Places
- 9.1.2 Tree work update – **Approval** of Tree Maintenance to complete work in quote dated 4th October 2023
Action: Clerk to contact Tree Maintenance and request date for completion of work
- 9.1.3 The allotment warden has offered to be the new tree warden
Action: ME to contact warden to explain the requirements

9.2. Bisley

- 9.2.1 Cricket Nets update:
i) **Approved:** 7-year playing agreement with assurance that Terms and Conditions of use are adhered to
ii) **Approved** to purchase nets 6m high with 25m length
Action: Clerk to get quotes for nets
Action: Clerk to speak to Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association re funding

9.3. Oakridge

- 9.3.1 Tennis court update – Cllr Hughes – **Approved** quote from Fosse Contracts Ltd, re considered the best in terms of experience, however, there were concerns regarding the use of bleach and moss-killer mentioned in the quote
Action: Clerk to confirm approval of contract to Fosse Contracts Ltd and timescales
Action: Clerk will circulate a document from BH about how the tennis club can move forward re membership
- 9.3.2 Tree work – **Approval** of Rob Attwood quote
- 9.3.3 Waterlane Allotments – there are 2 applicants wishing to rent the paddock
Action: IG and BH to contact applicants

9.4. Community Land Trust update – Cllr Brown – there has been interest from Parishioners.

Action: MB to set up an initial meeting; ME and IG have offered to be involved

9.5. Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Eccott – ME provided an update from the meeting on

29th Jan. ME asked for someone from Bisley and Oakridge to provide a list of green spaces. JE would let the photography group know that all photos should be sent to the Clerk direct and that importantly they each should be annotated

Action: Clerk to circulate the Asset Register which holds some green spaces

9.6. Biodiversity Local Nature Action Plans and Statutory Duty – Cllr Brown – there has

been interest from Parishioners. LG will lead this and set up an initial meeting. This item should be on the agenda at each meeting

Action: LG to set up an initial meeting

9.7 Policies and Procedures schedule – approval of policies reviewed by Councillors:

- a) Standing Orders – **Approved**

- b) Disciplinary Policy & Procedure – **Approved**
- c) Biodiversity Policy – MB said that this could be the legal document but should be linked to the LNAP going forward. We should liaise with adjacent Parishes to provide a nature corridor. **Approved**
- d) Financial Regulations - **Approved**

9.8 Civility and Respect Pledge – Approved signing the Civility and Respect Pledge

9.9 Stonecote Ridge – Approved to move forward to transfer the land to Chalford

Action: Clerk to contact Chalford and get a quote for a solicitor

9.10 Asset Register – Approved a £500 lower limit for items to be listed on the Register

9.11 Climate Change Community Fund – Approved to submit an application to link the footpath at Cheltenham Road / Mares Lane to Stancombe Farm Shop if all parties agree

Action: LG and MB to progress and submit application to Clerk if agreement is reached

10. Finance:

- a) **Bank Reconciliation – Approved** that the Bank Statement will be sent as meeting pre-read each month, and the Cost Centre report will be every quarter
- b) **Payments of account – Approved.** HS explained about the charge for the defibrillator
- c) **Updated Grounds Contract for 2024 – Approved;** MB asked if the edges of KGV could be left slightly longer
- d) **Approval of the following S137 Community Grant applications:**
 - Eastcombe Scouts & Guides - £500 **Approved** (out of 23/24 budget)
 - Eastcombe Footpath Volunteer Group – £300 **Approved** (out of 23/24 budget)

Successful applicants need to attend the Annual Parish Meeting; Clerk to contact a month before

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

Bisley

- Signage at Parlour Farm: This is an enforcement action and the sign has been turned off pending an application for planning permission
- There has been a request for a bench on the playing field; in addition, a parishioner has asked for a memorial bench to be installed

Action: HS to come back with details

Oakridge

- Following the Playground Inspection, a hazardous swing has been dismantled and removed

Action: BH to take the lead to seek a replacement

- School speeding – BH commented that the school has been spoken to
- Allotments at Far Oakridge – concern that this is not part of the Grounds Contract; BH will look into the upkeep options

Eastcombe

- One entrance to the Recreation Ground is steep and slippery; it cannot be blocked off but will be considered within the overall Recreation Ground refurbishment

12. Correspondence – No additional points

13. Date of Next Meeting – 6th March 2024