

BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th 2024 AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman	Mike Eccott	ME
Bisley Ward	Hazel Saunders	HS
	Lesley Greene	LG
	Graeme Baldwin	GB
	Louie Wilkes	LW
Eastcombe Ward	Roger Budgeon	RB
Oakridge Ward	Dennis Robbins	DR
	Beth Hughes	BH
	Ian Greves	IG
Clerk	Heather Finlay	



Parish Clerk
7th March 2024

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Hammond and Exley, District Cllr Brown, County Cllr Williams

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) held February 7th

Approved

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Public Participation – Members of the public are invited to address the Council

A parishioner introduced himself as a candidate for the vacancy in the Eastcombe Ward, to stand at the election 2nd May. He gave details of previous experience with parish councils and we look forward to receiving his nomination

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; no comments

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

Bisley

19/02/2024	S.24/0304/ADV	Parlour Farm , Bisley Road, Stancombe, Bisley Object - Neon signage in a rural setting does not conform to Policy ES7 (Landscape Character) to protect the quality and character of the countryside in the Cotswold National Park (AONB).	Installation of two metal light box signs with in set lighting. (Retrospective.)
21/02/2024	S.24/0252/HHOLD	Cadogan Grange, Calfway Lane, Bisley, Stroud Support	Refurbishment of outbuilding. Landscaping, to include a new driveway and new boundary wall

Oakridge

06/02/2024	S.24/0207/HHOLD	Glendale, Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire Support	Erection of a single storey extension and dormer window. Resubmission of S.23/0007/HHOLD
08/02/2024	S.24/0235/HHOLD	Far Oakridge House, Far Oakridge, Stroud, Gloucestershire Comments only – no objection to office and storage use, but strong objection if it is to be used as a holiday cottage	Erection of a single storey side extension. Garage conversion and extension. Resubmission of S.21/0491/HHOLD

Eastcombe

06/02/2024	S.24/0199/HHOLD	The Little House, Eastcombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire Support with comments	Erection of a single storey front extension and alterations to the roof
28/02/2024	S.24/0362/TCA	The Glen, Bismore, Eastcombe, Stroud Support	Two unknown non-native trees - whole crown reduction of both trees to approx 5 metres

9. Matters for Discussion:

9.1 Eastcombe

9.1.1 Recreation playground update – Cllr Eccott. We are waiting to hear from Kier about an on-site meeting for groundworks

Action: ME to send quotes for preferred fencing and matting to Clerk to follow up and order

9.1.2 Cricket nets update - Cllr Eccott – document circulated about cost options. The suggestion to use CIL money for Eastcombe new nets and poles was approved

Action: Clerk to chase GPFA for result of grant application

Action: Clerk to contact Eastcombe Cricket Club to confirm purchase and agree dates for delivery

9.2 Bisley

9.2.1 Cricket Nets update – Cllr Eccott – purchase of new poles and a small amount of new netting approved

Action: Clerk to contact Bisley Cricket Club and arrange for purchase

Oakridge

9.2.2 Tennis court update – Cllr Hughes:

9.2.2.1 Use of a natural product to kill the moss was approved

9.2.2.2 The suggestion to increase the membership fee to £25pa for a family membership was approved

Action: BH and HS to discuss potential future Oakridge and Bisley joint tennis activities

Action: BH and Clerk to agree date for court cleaning

Action: Clerk to contact contractors to complete the work

9.2.3 Playground Inspection – BH confirmed that the swing should be replaced following the inspection

Action: BH / Oakridge Ward to come to April meeting with a proposal for replacement

9.3 Community Land Trust update – Cllr Eccott

9.3.1 A meeting is planned for 28th March at 5.15 at Eastcombe Village Hall. All are welcome to attend

9.3.2 An approach by the owner of Far Winstone Cottage in Oakridge Lynch regarding the potential development of 4-6 self-build homes was strongly objected to by the Oakridge Ward; the objection had the full agreement of all Councillors present at the meeting

Action: MB to respond to the owner voicing the strength of feeling against the proposal

9.4 Biodiversity Local Nature Action Plans and Statutory Duty – Cllr Greene – a first meeting will be held on 9th April 7.30pm; venue to be confirmed

9.5 Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Eccott – a report has been received from Place Studios; a follow-up meeting to discuss next steps will take place in w/c 18th March

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

9.6.1 Risk Management Policy and Profile – approved

9.6.2 Grievance Policy – reviewed by EH - approved

9.7 Meeting dates:

9.7.1 The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on May 1st to move to May 8th due to elections on May 2nd – approved; to be held at 7pm, followed by the Council meeting

9.7.2 The Annual Parish Meeting – approved to be held on May 1st at 7.30pm; those organisations who have received S137 grants to be amongst those invited to attend

10. Finance:

10.1 Bank Reconciliation – no comments

10.2 Approve payments of account - approved

10.3 Approve Local Councils Insurance premium - approved

10.4 Approve Graduate Gardeners quotes - approved

10.5 Approve S137 application from Eastcombe, Bussage & Brownhill Newsletter - approved

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

11.1 Bisley:

11.1.1 There have been 3 complaints about the diversion of the Dillay Valley footpath into a permissive path. Cllrs plan to walk the route and contact has been made with other neighbouring parishes, the Ramblers Association, the Rights of Way Officer and Cotswold Wardens to highlight the issue

11.1.2 The community orchard held a successful wassail; a video is on the Parish website

11.1.3 A survey will be carried out on the KGV Pavilion to check insulation, guttering and other potential maintenance issues

11.2 Oakridge:

11.2.1 Agreement has been reached regarding the paddock rental at Waterlane

Action: Clerk to draft an annual tenancy agreement between the parties

11.2.2 Issues on drains, street cleaning and verges have been taken up with the Highways department

11.2.3 A meeting to be requested with the property owners in Far Oakridge regarding PROW arrangements across their land

11.2.4 Letters were sent to parents and guardians regarding speeding near to the school

11.2.5 There was a suggestion that part of the Far Oakridge allotments could be converted into a community composting area. Ward councillors will give this consideration

11.2.6 Part of the stone wall around Far Oakridge allotments needs replacing; the Parish Council will complete this work when necessary

11.3 Eastcombe

11.3.1 A replacement sign has been purchased which needs to be fitted

Action: BH to provide ME with details of a local contractor

11.3.2 The speed sign which was sent to be fixed is still unavailable

Action: ME and Clerk to progress this issue with the company concerned

12. Correspondence – Clerk to report:

12.1 The Butchers Arms in Oakridge Lynch has been listed as an Asset of Community Value; it will remain on the register for 5 years

12.2 An application was made to the Climate Change Community Fund; awaiting decision

12.3 The Caring for the Cotswolds fund is still open until 15th March

12.4 A solicitor is still being sought for the Stonecote Ridge land transfer; Clerk to progress this

12.5 The Clerk will be on leave 11th – 15th March, with some access to emails

13. Date of Next Meeting – 10th April 2024