Bisley with Lypiatt & Miserden Parish Plan
Public Meeting – Tuesday 26th April 2005 at Eastcombe Village Hall.

Introduction and Welcome was given by Phil Dawes. This is the 3rd of 4 Public Meetings for discussing the Parish Plan. The Village Design Statement will need to be undertaken as a separate project after the Parish Plan is complete, as it could be a lengthy process.

TRANSPORT and HOUSING

TRANSPORT – introduced by Roger Budgeon. Kindly attended by guest Nick Bauer from Gloucestershire County Council – Community Transport.
Parish Statistics released by Stroud District Council state that nearly 75% of people drive to work, 21% work from home, 6% walk to work, 91% of households have a car, 57% of households have 2 or more cars. 17th highest rate of road accidents in the 51 SDC Parishes.

Questions /concerns	Comments
	Statistics confusing
General need to reduce traffic	
Major commuting route	Try to reduce commuting
How to reduce commuting	Would need lifestyle change – more home working (office workers work from home 1 day per week?) Cost may be the only way thinking will change.
'Lifestyle wish' to live in rural area & work in town	Unlikely to change
Convenience of cars	Buses neither flexible nor frequent enough for commuters. Stroud Link Bus – need to ring 1/2hr before to book journey.
Transport Needs Survey	Will need to be carried out after the Parish Plan to establish how and why people travel and what their needs are.
	Minibus to do a continuous circular route?
Rail Travel	Improve frequency & open small local stations at reasonable cost.
Reduce need for travel	Car share schemes. Schools to be asked to arrange car share schemes for parents and to encourage children to walk to school if possible.
Night bus (Village Link)	19.30 -1.40 Stroud Circ. Phone to book – 01452 423598
Public transport	Timetables need to be advertised, fares reduced.
HOUSING	Introduced by Bob Brooks - a very emotive issue.
Parish stats. 69% detached, 22% semi detached 8% terraced, 2% flats. 18 vacant properties.	51% owned outright, 34%mortgaged, 5% rented from SDC, 7% rented privately. 46-affordable/social housing. 35appplications waiting for social housing (parish 1st choice). 44 holiday/second homes.
Housing Needs Survey	Will need to be undertaken when Parish Plan complete to establish the local need. Help available from Glos. Rural Community Council.
Affordable Housing	New housing needed for local people.
Elderly and Young Locals	Small units needed. Local Carers needed for elderly – pay levels are low = chronic shortage.
Reuse 2nd homes	Could be rented out during times owners not in residence.
2nd Homes Council Tax	Stroud District Council now charge this at 90% - Parish Councils to lobby for an increase. (The extra Council tax is being spent by Glos. County Council & SDC on the GCC Minibus, Stroud Ring & Ride and 3 charities.)
Holiday Cottages	Although not good for social life of communities – some holiday - makers spend money in the local pubs and shops.