

Bisley with Lypiatt & Miserden Parish Plan

**PUBLIC MEETING** Held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005 at Miserden Village Hall

**ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT**

Welcome & introduction to the meeting was given by Phil Dawes. The aim of these Public Meetings is to gather information and to produce a draft to circulate every member of the parishes for comment before October 2005. The Village Design Statement target has now moved to the end of 2006. Stroud District Council must take account of this when preparing their Local Plan.

Roger Budgeon introduced:- **LOCAL ECONOMY**

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Concerns</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Encouraging Local Businesses		Several businesses operating in the parishes. PC's to list these in Local Newsletters & Websites (inc. SDC)
Outsiders servicing the large houses & elderly.		Local people cannot afford to take these jobs – cost of housing so high in this area – Young people need to go to town to work.
Do local people want local jobs?	Employment opportunities to be encouraged.	Survey?
Village Shops / Post Offices	How to support these as most people do not use them.	Encourage use by individuals with spending power. Advertise the fact that price comparisons are very good (Age Concern Shoppers Survey). Avoid costs of travelling to supermarkets. People working in town cannot shop at local shops –opening hours not compatible.
District Council statistics appear to be misleading.	Black economy not shown in stats.	Parish Councils to survey local businesses & access for training grants.
What type of business allowed in this area? Planning controls?		Need to be sustainable. PC's to promote change in Stroud District Council policy.
	<u>History in the area of Small businesses and art/craft studios</u>	<u>Need for encouragement for individual workers</u>
	<u>Bio –mass – possibility of local production of renewable energy</u>	<u>Pc's could look for funding.</u>

Martin Ractliffe introduced:-	<b>LOCAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Questions</b>	<b>Concerns</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Beautiful landscape for walking & wildlife	
How to influence Stroud District Planning Dept?		Completion of The Parish Plans & Village Design Statement
	Very distinctive built environment	District Planning Dept. need to be made aware of good housing design
New Builds?		Need to be sympathetic to the area but could be distinctive.
	Cotswold Stone Walls & Managed Hedgerows.	Provide habitat for wildlife. PC's to publicise AONB grants for repairs to walls and training courses available in their newsletters. Survey of Hedgerows & Walls in the area. Find any existing records.
Light Pollution?		Security Lights need to be angled down. Tree & Building uplighting to be limited.
Footpaths?		Parish Councils could become more active in patrolling these.
Woodlands?	How to encourage the maintenance of these valuable amenity areas	Coppicing to offer local employment. Publicise that Old timber can be used for Cardboard manufacture
		Parish Councils could produce leaflets on local walks, landscape and amenities for tourists.
Noise Pollution?	Mainly of temporary nature	A certain degree of toleration is needed for people working or using the countryside.
Value of Traditions, Customs etc.		
		Most people -attending the Meeting seemed to feel very thankful and privileged to be living in this area.