

**Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25
November 2008 in the Jack Argent Rooms, Community Centre, Blackbird Leys,
commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: G. Roper (Chair), G. Webb, C. Martin, C. Hatton, M. Booker, P. Stannard, D. Johnson, R. Morlin (Minutes)

Public: Ms Smith, Malcolm Taylor (Street Warden)

1. Apologies for absence were received from H. Shayler (Clerk), V. Smith, C. Roberts, R. Humberstone, S. Fitzsimons

2. Parish Council vacancies

a) Clerk: a 6 x 2 inch advertisement in the *Oxford Times/Oxford Mail* would cost £848 + VAT. Other suggestions were made: Leys News website, Oxford City Council Intranet. G. Webb agreed to contact Leys News and check the Oxford City Council Intranet along with R. Morlin.

Action: R. Morlin and G. Webb

3. Update register of interests: D. Johnson still to submit form to City Council.

4. Declaration of interest: none.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2008: these were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

6. Police/PCSOs/Street Wardens: concern was expressed that the Street Wardens were not operating at full capacity and the standard of policing on the estate. Chair offered to pass on comments to Inspector Storey and Steve Kelsey and raise them at the next Area Committee meeting.

Action: Chair

7. Matters arising

a) Website: G. Webb informed the meeting that he still had not received information but agreed to liaise with A. Pavelin.

Action: G. Webb

8. Public discussion

- Repairs to guttering in hand.

9. Planning applications and decisions:

- 43 Kestrel Crescent: there had been no feedback on this and no indication as to whether this had been called in or not.
- Vodafone mast: G. Webb to contact V. Smith and R. Humberstone to ascertain if this had been called in.
- Sparrow Way: G. Webb to contact V. Smith.

- G. Webb also mentioned that one extra person was needed for the Planning Committee. No one volunteered.

Action: G. Webb

10. Financial matters

HJC, Clerk's invoice November	£258.90
HJC Services Ltd – telephone answering	£35.25
Room hire	£10.00
Total	£304.15

Other financial matters:

Grant applications: it was agreed to award a grant of £200 to Oxon Association for the Blind and defer other applications until the January meeting.

11. Confidential matters

Were minuted separately

12. Correspondence

a) Oxfordshire County Council – Sandy Lane West South Footway improvements: no comments.

b) Oxford City Council – Public Meeting on Recycling: no comments.

13. Any other business

- Sandy Lane footpath: matter in hand.
- Abuse of disabled parking spaces in retail park: V. Smith and R. Humberstone looking into this.
- Vandalism in Blay Close (brick thrown through car window).
- Off-road parking in Brambling Way.
- Removal of hedge at right angles to health centre: ongoing.
- Litter bin at Brake Hill bus stop: Chair to raise with S. Hatton.
- Invitation to Lord Mayor's Christmas Party: G. Webb agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

14. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed

Dated