

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Tuesday 1st February 2005
Leys Linx
7:30P.M.

Present at meeting

Parish Councillors: B Avery, C Martin, R Harris, R Humberstone, S Cole and B Lester (Chair)
Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), J Wilderspine (Primary Care Trust), R Curnock (Allotments Assoc.) and three residents – D Owen-Lovegrove, Mrs Cherry and Mrs Caffyn

1. Apologies for Absence were received from G Roper.

2. Co-option to Fill Vacancies: No one was present at this meeting.

4. Police Matters. It was commented that a van was being constantly parked with two wheels on the pavement along Merlin Road causing an obstruction to pedestrians. A short discussion was then held regarding several issues of parking around the estate. Concerns were raised for areas where vehicles are parking on the grass verges which in turn, not only makes areas look unsightly but is also causing problems with surface water drains being blocked because of mud being churned up. B Lester had recently attended a meeting during which schemes for the erection of bollards were discussed and comments were made relating to the installation of parking bays. B Lester offered to discuss further with M Mumford to clarify what may be happening in the future. S Cole raised a concern that if bollards are put in without provision of parking areas, then vehicles being parked on roads instead of grass verge areas could cause further obstruction to other vehicles.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2005: The Minutes were signed as a true record.

5. Matters Arising:

- a) S Cole discussed a proposed layout of the Parish Council news letter, which was accepted, and hopes to have a full document for the next meeting.
- b) B Avery and B Lester showed photographs of areas in need of clearing up - all had been taken to the area committee to try and get responsibilities sorted and works done - a list of items was submitted to be minuted. A second list was also provided for items that are still being discussed with area committee it was asked that this also be minuted for reference.

6 Public Discussion:

J Wilderspine from the Primary Care Trust and R Curnock from the Allotments Assoc. were introduced and spoke about the Leys Health Action Group. A report was circulated and the clerk was asked to minute this. It was commented that produce grown was hoped to be sold locally via children within the schools that will become involved with the project. The Health Group have their next meeting on March 23rd at 6pm and are looking for practical ideas and comments to move the project forward.

b) B Avery had been approach asking if the Parish Council would support the residents in Ashmole Place to petition for a 'Lollypop' person for safety of crossing the road during school opening and closing. The Parish Council agreed to that a letter of support should be sent to B Gatehouse. A prepared petition was handed to each Parish Councillor on behalf of the residents and asked if they would each try to obtain 20 signatures in support of this.

7. Planning Applications & Decisions:

No objections were raised to the following applications, but comments were noted that any neighbours concerns should be taken into account and all legal requirements have been adhered to.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/02507/T56	Prior approval for siting and appearance of a mobile phone base station. 1 x 15m monopole, 6 antennae, 1 dish, cabin and associated development	Oxford Stadium, Sandy Lane

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/020506/FUL	External alterations including 2 porches and conversion of garage to self contained residential unit	2 Comfrey Road

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/00090/FUL	Two Storey Side Extension	45 Sandy Lane

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05/00127/FUL	Retention of single storey rear conservatory	38 Pegasus Road

A Notice of appeal received regarding the refusal of planning permission to Demolish existing buildings, Erection of single storey building for use as discount food store (1837sqm) Class 1) Provision of 99 parking spaces, cycle store (36 spaces) 11 external cycle spaces and compactor (amended plans) AT Hartwells of Oxford, Watlington Road.

All previous comments made relating to the original application still stood and no further comments were required.

Notice of permission for the erection of extension & internal alteration to provide an activity area for use by early years children and parents provision of a covered outside play area and 1.5m high bow topped fence

AT: Pegasus Primary School. BY: Oxfordshire County Council

8. Financial Matters: .

The following payments were proposed by R Humberstone and 2nd by C Martin:
 Clerk Salary - £258.90, (b) AOL - £15.99, (c) Telephone Answering - £35.25, (d) Postage - £50.00 (e) B Lester, home phone - £28.19, (f) Isis Stationery £99.62

9. Correspondence:

b) Proposed Cycle Link - After a short discussion it was felt that this was a waste of money as the route was already serviced on the other side of the dual carriage way and the suggested route would allow more 'secluded' areas which could be used for criminal activity and in turn put members of the public using the track at risk. .

10. Any other Business

a) The transport Networks Review was received from Oxfordshire County Council which B Avery took to report back on at the next meeting.

- b) The chair asked for a volunteer to attend the Leys Fair Committee and represent the Parish Council for this years event to be held on September 10th. The next meeting is on February 10th 7pm at the Community Centre.
- c) It has been noted that the seat donated by the Parish Council in memory of Jack Argent is in a bad state of repair and it needs to be looked at. The clerk was asked to find out if the insurance held by the parish council would cover its repair or whether a new seat would have to be purchased.
- d) A concern was raised that double yellow lines had been put down in Field Avenue without prior notification to any local residents or the Parish Council- the clerk was asked to find out legislation on the painting of yellow lines for the next meeting.
- e) A report from Cllr. V Smith relating to various issues was noted to the meeting and minuted.
- f) C Martin thanked L Cole for plans and information relating to the 1967 floods for him to take to a meeting being held with A Smith.

11. Date and venue of next meeting: Tuesday 1st March, at the Leys Linx Building. Blackbird Leys Road commencing at 7.30pm

The stated that unless any objections came forward, as in previous years, the April meeting would become the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm