

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Held on Tuesday 1st June 2004 at the
The Shop Front, Blackbird Leys Road, commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

Parish Councillors: C Hatton, C Martin, G Roper, S Cole, B Avery and B Lester and for part of the meeting L Cole

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), A Witton (Resident), I Barton (BBOWT) and for part of the meeting PC P Morris, PC M Brook and PC Tuckrnan

- 1) Apologies for Absence — R Humberstone and G Sheldrick(Oxford Mail).
- 2) Election of Chair: B Avery proposed the re-election of B Lester, this was 2nd by S Cole and carried with an unanimous vote. B Lester thanked the Parish Council for their supported and stated that hopefully the next 12 months will be as successful as the past 12.
- 3) Election of Vice-Chair: C Martin proposed the re-election of B Avery, this was 2nd by S Cole and carried with an unanimous vote.
- 4) Election of Treasurer: L Cole had informed the clerk that he would not be able to re-stand as treasurer. S Cole offered to take on the position. C Martin proposed that S Cole should take the position of treasurer, this was 2nd by G Roper and carried with an unanimous vote.
- 5) Co-option to fill Vacancies: No one was present at this meeting.

9) Police Matters

The police stated that a few current projects were proving to be successful and thanked local residents for their support with information. The police were asked about noise levels and whether they could attend for disturbance, it was commented that in the first instance the environmental health at City Council should be called, if the incident persisted then the police may get involved. The police were thanked for attending and thanked for the work currently being carried out on the estate.

6) Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2004

The spelling of G Sheldrick was correct in the present list. 5a was amended to read 'cars on verges'. Item 10 the picture was taken 'inside' the Holy Family Church. An additional item had been omitted (e) a report from the last Wardens meeting was supplied by G Roper and circulated to the members.

The minutes were then signed as a true record.

7) Matters Arising:

- a) S Cole reported that she had come up with three options for the Leys Fair.
 - (i) Climbing Wall - £500.+ VAT including insurance
 - (ii) Bungy Run - £1 50./ £25. Per hour — no insurance included
 - (iii) Rodeo Bucking Bull - £350. Including Insurance

It was suggested that maybe a tent/marquee could be used in case of rain on the day.

G Roper proposed the Rodeo Bull for the Leys Fair, this was 2nd by B Avery and carried with an unanimous vote. S Cole as asked to order the Bucking Bull and arrange for an invoice / order to be available before the August meeting for

payment to be raised. S Cole was thanked for the research carried out on this project.

b) There are still some problems with motorised vehicles being used in Spindleberry Park. The fencing adjacent to the Knights Road footpath has been repaired but the area still has problems that need to be sorted out. There are proposals for new gates in Gillians Park and a possible closure of some entrances that have been obviously problem areas.

8) Public Discussion

a) A Witton asked the Parish Council for assistance with the request for the re-instatement of bus stops on the newer part of the estate. To have the bus stops put back there would be no cost to the Parish Council but the request must come from them. It was felt that due to a lack of signs for buses to stop at, local residents were not able to use the service to its full as no-one knows where to wait for the buses. B Avery supported this and proposed a letter should be sent requesting full re-instatement of all bus stop signs, this was by C Hatton and carried with an unanimous vote. A Witton commented that should the Parish Council require any future assistance with this or any other public transport issues he would be happy to advise as this is where he used to work.

b) I Barton was introduced from BBWOT. She passed a 'Go Wild' pack which has been developed to work with the local wildlife and the schools curriculum. A short discussion was held over the benefits of getting local children involved with local projects. The clerk was asked to hold the 'pack' and any Parish Councillor could have copies to be passed to individual schools or youth groups that they may be connected to.

10) Planning Applications

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
04/01037/FUL	Demolish existing buildings. Erection of two buildings (2035sqm) containing 6 units for B2 and B8 use with ancillary showroom and sui generis use. New accesses to Harrow Road, 50 parking spaces	Lane West of Junction between Sandy Lane and Watlington Road

The Parish Council objected to this application due to the increase of traffic, air pollution and noise pollution. The area has many other planning projects in the pipeline and concerns of over development were also raised. B Avery offered to reply with the objections, this was agreed by the Parish Council.

The following notices of Application Approval had been received

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
04/00342/FUL	Conversion of two storey side extension to two bedroom dwelling house	2 Knights Road

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION
04/00619/FUL	External alterations including shop front to facilitate conversion of shop to two units	1 Furlong Close

11) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by L Cole, 2nd by C Hatton and agreed with an unanimous vote: a) Clerk Salary - £258.90 (b) AOL -£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering - £35.25 (d) BBL CDI — Grant for Summer scheme

Grant Applications:

A) An applications had been received from The Neighbourhood Support Scheme for assistance with the continued running of the centre. C Hatton declared an interest as he is the current Deputy Chair. There was a short discussion on the problems currently being experienced by the centre with lack of room and privacy along with their on going financial issues due to various cut backs that they have suffered.

B Avery proposed a £1000 grant for on going assistance allowing the centre to re-apply next year, this was 2' by G Roper and carried with a unanimous vote.

12) Correspondence

G Roper offered to attend the Reception at the Town Hall. — there were no additional items to discuss.

13) Any other Business

a) G Roper commented that a recent report in the Oxford Mail, with which B Lester had been involved, was quite damaging to the estate. A bowls match had to be cancelled due to concerns over vehicle damage. The estate has had the high profile bad image, but it is starting to subside, the types of comments made are only causing old to be re-instated

b) G Roper asked about accruing a 'No Ball Games' Sign He was informed that any request for these signs have to go to the Local Housing Office.

c) G Roper commented about the level of fly posters being put up on bus stops causing a bad visual impact to the estate. B Avery offered to collect details and send a letter to the relevant council department to try and get the poster removed.

d) Concerns were voiced over the way in which a member of the parish council was conducting themselves with the forthcoming Council Elections. The main concern being the way in which it could effect the Parish Council with conflicting views and comments.

e) It was reported that the Knights Road / Spindleberry Close passageway had become very overgrown. C Hatton offered to speak with Mr Mumford at the local housing office to try to resolve the problem.

I The clerk was asked to write to the local supermarkets to ask for them to collect trolleys from the estate that were being left around. It is appreciated that the supermarkets do not cause the problem themselves, but it would be good to see them assist in sorting the problem.

14) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 3rd August at The Leys Linx, Blackbird Leys Road

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 09.40pm