

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Held on Tuesday 3rd January 2006 at
The Jack Argent Rooms, Community Centre
Blackbird Leys, commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

Parish Councillors: C Martin, B Avery, C Hatton, R Hams, G Roper, S Cole and B Lester (Chair)
Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk) L Cole and M Wilkinson (Oxford Mail) and for part of the meeting PC M Wills, Police Community Support Officers L Jones, S O'Dell and J Hams, Street Wardens T Kirby and V Channon

1) Apologies for Absence none were received for this meeting

2) Co-option to fill Vacancies: No one present at this meeting

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December were signed as a true record

4) Police Matters:

Issues Discussed - Royal Mail van causing obstruction from parking on pavement in Spindleberry Close - Street wardens would look out for this situation.

Parking on Match days - misuse of residents parking permits,

Contractors' vehicles parking in Sawpit Road - the problems of tradesmen wanting to keep tools and equipment close to working area, but concerns were raised over the obstruction caused by parking directly on the bend / junction of the road. PSCO's would keep an eye on and see if the junction can be kept clear,

Use of motorcycles in the Kassam Car park area - not allowed and will be watched,

5) Matters arising / Portfolio reports:

a) Twinning - The initial flyer being discussed for placement in the Leys News was decided not to be a good idea - it was agreed that a 'cut out' reply in the Leys News would be generate better response, G Roper commented that he would prefer to see some action from the City Council before the Parish Council moved forward with this twinning to show there is support and a way forward for the project. A short discussion was held on this issue and it was decided to hold this Twinning and Leys New notice at present until such time that the City Council took the decision to enforce and prosecute people for dumping rubbish,

L Cole commented that at the next Area Committee he would find out who was responsible for the enforcements and find out the current position,

b) G Roper gave information regarding NAT and their aims. It was hoped that for future meetings all areas would be represented at all meetings,

c) C Martin commented that fencing had now been put up around Littlemore Brook but the area inside the fencing had not been cleared - how was this to be cleared in the future? B Lester to chase confirmation of who put the fence up and how the area will be cleared,

d) The clerk was asked to invite John Angus from the Kassam Stadium to the next meeting to discuss current issues. Three items raised at the meeting discussion were

Landscaping/screening Spindleberry Park and Knights Road, Cleaning of streams in area to which Kassam Stadium is responsible and the Elton John Concert - should any Parish Council members want other questions raising then contact the clerk and they would be forwarded as well,

6) Public Discussion

No matters were raised at this meeting

7) Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the following applications:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02371 /FUL	Erection of 2 storey industrial building for use as MOT centre	Land adjacent Unit 5 Ashville Way Oxford
APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02385/FUL	Single Storey rear conservatory	21 Knights Road Oxford

The following application was objected to on the grounds of insufficient off street parking/ Retrospective planning permission.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02412/FUL	Retention of house in use as 2 x 1 bed flats	7 Samphire Road Oxford

8) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by C Hatton, 2nd by R Harris and carried with a unanimous vote a) Clerk Salary-£258.90 (b) AOL-£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering Service-£35.25 (d) Carphone Warehouse-£95.84 (e) Hire of Jack Argent Room - £10.00 (t) release of Grant for Warburg Crescent Street Party-£150.00

A discussion was held on the Parish Council sponsoring a page in the Leys News at a cost of £6000. per year (£1000. per issue which would decrease to £500. per issue if the paper was produced 12 times per year as currently being proposed) B A very felt that this cost was very high for the Parish Council to pay, for what is effectively advertising, it would be better to continue placing articles at done at present with maybe a future contribution, 2nd by C Hatton this was agreed with an unanimous vote.

A short discussion was held regarding the altering of the initial stages of grant applications. It was agreed that the front page should be altered to specify that it can take 3-4 months for an application to be processed before a final decision and a representative from the organisation may be asked to attend a Parish Council meeting.

9) Correspondence. No further items were discussed to those circulated with the agenda

10) Any other Business.

- a) G Roper asked for a grant application form to be sent for Pathway Workshop
- b) C Martin asked if any further updates were available regarding the current position of the dis-used petrol station in Sandy Lane - L Cole offered to look into whether a compulsory purchase order was ever requested and what the current position was.
- c) The clerk was asked to contact ORCC regarding grant assistance with setting up a parish action plan.

11) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 7th February 2006 at Jack Argent Rooms in the Community Centre.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.