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Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting

Held on Tuesday 3 June 2003 at The Shop Front, Blackbird Leys Road,  
commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

Parish Councillors: C Martin, B Lester, B Avery, C Hatton, L Cole, J Lacey, S Cole, L Booker and C Minto (Chair)

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), Peter Egawhary (Ox County Council Environmental Services) M Hart (Cleansing Services) and for part of the meeting Insp. S Price and 1 resident.

- 1) Apologies for Absence - were received from Mr Mumford (Local Housing officer)
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2003

Several spelling corrections were made to the minutes that were then signed as a true record.

5) Police Matters

It was stated that there would be a direct response from the Chief Superintendent in response to the Parish Council letter.

It was commented that on the estate information had been given to the police that allowed the drug squad to make several arrests and at the time the police had implied that a note of thanks would be given — no such letter or statement has yet been received. - -

Schools liaison officers were now active in the area PC B Kerry and Katie Grint (next 6 moths only). Generally crimes were down and detection rates were up and the best results were in our area unfortunately burglaries were slightly up with detection rates slightly down.

It was asked when the drinking ban was to be enforced — Insp. Price offered to chase up and confirm. With not other police matters raised, the chair thanked Insp. Price for attending the meeting.

3) Matters Arising:

a) C Martin reported that following the evidence of the streams being blocked by much rubbish, Steve Smith has stated that they will be cleared by the end of June. C Martin would monitor and if work has not started by mid June would chase up for a start date.

b) A letter of thanks from the cleaning office had been received. M Hart commented that areas were being regularly targeted at present with a monthly joint venture between building services and city works, and with the Parish Councillors giving information of areas that are particularly in need of attention it makes the job easier. A short report of works done during the past month by the cleansing sub committee was submitted.

B Lester proposed a letter to the City Council asking for them to enforce the Litter Act / Dog Fouling Act and other such Acts that are available in order to try and stop the rubbish from constantly re appearing, this was 2 by L Booker and carried with an unanimous vote — it was asked that a copy of this letter went also to the local housing office.

Areas of concern that were raised at this meeting

New park by Kassam Stadium, the swings already have chains broken and graffiti is all around. Gillian Park, Children's area and the brook near to the park entrance

are both full of rubbish. Dunnocks Way, metal chain link fence damaged around shop. A Crime prevention person has been brought in to look at this area and concerns have been raised that if a different fence is erected then it will almost encourage vandals to get in to the screened off area — other options are being discussed to keep the area safe.

Grenoble Road and Watlington Road — several areas of fly tipping.

c) The Goal posts from Spindleberry park have not been seen at all during the past season. It was commented that maybe the Parish Council could purchase them for next season? J Lacey offered to get costs for the Parish Council to consider.

d) C Hatton reported that there is to be a wooden fence along the passageway of Spindleberry Park and Knights road and not spiked railings and initially mentioned. At a recent meeting it has been said that a crime prevention officer will be looking at ways in which this area can be kept safe. It was stated that the right to sell alcohol at the stadium should not be allowed as Mr Kassam has not complied with the 106 agreement in place — it was replied that non compliance was not a reason to with stop the licence from being issued.

d) It was commented that an authority from the Kassam Stadium has stated that plans are in the planning office relating to the two footpaths. It is hoped that the cycle route will soon be done and other monies are to be available for recreational facilities.

#### 4) Public Discussion

a) Peter Egawhary from Oxfordshire County Council Environmental Services was introduced. He had been invited to present the proposed parking restrictions being introduced on the estate when events are to be held at the Kassam Stadium. After a short discussion, B Avery proposed that the scheme was accepted, but without the yellow lines being painted initially as they appeared to be stopping some residents from parking outside their own homes. This was by J Lacey and carried with an unanimous vote. It was stated that after six months there would be a public meeting to ensure that the residents were happy with how the scheme was running giving them the opportunity to improve by the addition of some yellow lines if required.

b) M Hart stated that for the next 6 weeks there was to be a spring clean in the area. Many of the schools were already involved having been issued with 'clean up kits' and cleaning the areas around their schools. The Army Cadets were to be involved during a community skip week end, for which the Parish Council's support was very much appreciated. It was agreed that the week end of 12 / 13 July would be the week end for the Parish Council to get involved and have the skips present. If anyone finds any issues that need attending — then please call the cleansing department to have the situation resolved.

#### 6) Planning Applications

The following applications had been circulated before the meeting and no objections had been received:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
03/0051 7/FUL	1 .2m high fence & gates	Blackbird Leys PH Blackbird Leys Rd

03/00810/FUL	Use of Stadium car park for car boot sales	Grenoble Road
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#### 7) Financial Matters

The following payments were proposed by C Hatton, 2nd by B Avery and agreed with a unanimous vote a) Clerk Salary— (b) AOL (B Lester) -£15.99 (d) Tel answering -£35.25. (e) Laptop computer, scanner, camera and accessories £1851.78 (f) Thank you gift for M Thorne £14.99

It was agreed that a mouse could be purchased for the computer.

#### 9) Correspondence

No issues were raised from the information circulated.

#### 10) Any other Business

It was commented that as the area committee met on the first Monday of each month, often the information held by parish councillors in attendance of these meetings was out of date. It was suggested that maybe the date of the Parish Council meeting should change in order to give more up to date information at the Area Committees — this was to be discussed at the next meeting giving time for all to consider which week may be more suitable and which day of the week would be available.

11) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 1 July at the Shopfront, Blackbird Leys Road.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.10pm