

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys
Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 4th April 2006 at
The Jack Argent Rooms, Community Centre
Blackbird Leys, commencing 7.30pm.

Present at Meeting:

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), M Wilkinson (Oxford Mail)

1. Apologies for Absence: C Pill (due to family illness), G Roper (on Holiday) and R Humberstone.

2. Co-option to fill Vacancies: no one present at this meeting

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2006: 6d was altered to read Blackbird Leys Community Art Group and 5b had New York Major changed to New York Mayor. The minutes were then signed as a true record.

4. Police Matters

The police had been present for the annual parish meeting and all matters had been discussed then. It was confirmed that the PSCO's had submitted a grant application and the clerk was asked to ensure it had arrived for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting

5. Matters Arising:

a) The clean up campaign would now be held on 24th April- it had been concluded that the event would be better supported by schools if held during a school day. Windale School would be participating and it was hoped that Pegasus school would also be involved. It was also hoped that there would be a level of media cover to promote the event. Children from the school would be given a badge and then during walk about would be shown what should and should not be picked up and in small groups would then cover small areas picking up litter and rubbish. B Avery and B Lester would be in attendance and any others who were able to join them would be most welcome.

6. Public Discussions

a) C Martin commented that concerns had been raised to him regarding the 'pinch point' just outside Cuddesdon Corner Day Centre. It was commented that the removal of this calming method and the introduction of a pedestrian crossing would be far more beneficial to the community. Many children cross here from the Day Centre and the local schools to get to the playing field area. After a short discussion, B Avery proposed that a letter should be sent to Oxfordshire County Council Highways asking if it was a possible option for 'pinch point' to be removed and a pedestrian crossing be installed instead, the Parish Council would consider financially supporting this issue - L Cole added an amendment asking that the City and County Councillors be asked to support this and send those letters to the Highways as well, 2nd by C Martin this was agreed and carried with an unanimous vote.

b) C Martin asked if there has been any progress on the use of the Arlington money made available for the cycle tracks. B Lester confirmed that this along with other issues relating to 106 agreement monies were continuously being raised at area committee. L Cole commented that to upgrade the current cycle track would hold a value if decisions could not be made on the new route to be taken. L Cole offered to follow up this matter and asked that it be placed on the June agenda for further discussion.

7. Planning Applications & Decisions

No objections were raised to the following applications:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00092/ADV	2 Internally illuminated fascia signs	Dunnock Way Medical Centre

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00302/FUL	Conversion of Car port to Garage	3 Hornbeam Drive

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00084/CT4	Erection of Community Notice Board	Blackbird Leys Local Housing Offices Cuddesdon Way.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00845/CT3	Erection of lighting across Cuddesdon Way Park	

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00492/ ADV	4 High level wall mounted signs (1 illuminated)	Unit 8 Bobby Fryer Close

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00477 /VAT	(Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 05/00 12/FUL) Siting of lorry in leisure centre car park to provide mobile computer testing facility for a temporary period <i>of</i> 5 years	Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, Pegasus Road

The following application had objections raised as stated:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
06/00260/FUL	Retention of shop front with fascia sign box and variation to conditions 2 of planning permission 98/O 1452/NF, to allow for the sale of hot food to be consumed off the premises and 3 of planning permission 95/00nl/NF to allow the premises to operate between 07.00 - 23.00 hours.	110 Blackbird Leys Road.

Concerns raised as objections: Increase in litter to the area due to later opening hours along with gathering of youths causing noise disturbance to local residents, Comments were also raised regarding, the security of the maisonettes above the shop and again, the fact that this has all been asked for retrospectively

8. Financial Matters:

The following expenses were proposed by L Cole, 2nd by C Hatton and carried with a unanimous vote

a) Clerk Salary-£258.90 (b) AOL-£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering Service-£35.25 (d) Carphone Warehouse-£52.30 (e) BDO 2005 Audit fee-£188.00 (t) Isis Office Stationery £25.23 (g) Zurich Municipal Insurance-£507.64 (h) Lock Leven Services-£61.90 (badges) (i) Pathway Workshop Grant-£4072.30 Grant Application received from Blackbird Leys Pre-School, Moorbank was discussed. It was commented that the Parish Council had paid a grant towards the initial CCTV system and this was requesting a further camera - B Avery proposed that the full amount being asked for of £330.00 be awarded, 2nd by C Hatton this was carried with an unanimous vote. Grant Application received from the Neighbourhood Support Scheme was discussed. L Cole proposed that in principal that the Parish Council would award this grant, but before it could be released documentation of cost would be required, 2nd by C Hatton this was carried with an unanimous vote.

9. Correspondence

a) Information received from 'Local Channel' was passed to B Lester for information regarding Website Hosting,

10. Any other Business

a) The clerk informed the Parish Council that she was pregnant and was hoping to start maternity leave after the July meeting for 6 months. S Cole had kindly offered to take over the clerk role with regard to taking of the minutes and general correspondence with the help of the clerks current office set up - S Cole was thanked for taking on this additional role.

b) B Avery commented that the allotment project had been a success last year and the Parish Council had taken some of the produce into an Area Committee meeting last year. It is hoped that the allotments will again be supported this year.

11. Date next meeting: It was agreed that due to the local elections being held on 4th May the next Parish Council meeting would be held on the 2nd Tuesday in May - May 9th.

There being no further business the meeting closed 9.55pm