

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Held on Tuesday 4 May 2004 at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk) and G Sheldrik (Oxford Mail)

1) Apologies for Absence — none were received for this meeting.

2) Co-option to fill Vacancies: No one was present at this meeting. The clerk informed the Parish Council that due to missing six consecutive meetings J Lacey had now been disqualified from the Council

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2004

The clerk apologised for missing from the Agenda election of officers. It was agreed that this would be postponed until next month.

Item 5b should have read Blackbird Leys Road and not Barns Road. Ray Humberstone had stood for co-option his name had been miss-spelt as Humberstone. There were a few other spelling errors pointed out — the minutes were then signed as a true record. -

4) Matters Arising:

(a) C Martin reported an informative meeting with S Wilkinson from Oxford County Council to discuss the Brooks that run through the estate.

b) It was reported that in Spindleberry Park there had been a problem with people driving motorcycles around. At the time of this happening it was reported to the police. It is hoped that in the near future the entrances will be changed to restrict access

(c) S Cole was still looking for ideas towards the Leys Fair. Ideas with contacts should be brought to the next meeting to hopefully allow a decision to be made.

d) The Oxfordshire County Council Highways Management Policy Manual which had been taken previously by B Avery was passed to the clerk and the clerk was requested to take a full copy and pass back for future reference. Useful information was within the folder.

5) Public Discussion

a) A letter had been received by B Lester from a local resident concerning the parking of Cars on verges on the estate. B Lester circulated a response which was agreed by the Parish Council.

6) Police Matters. Unfortunately no police were present at this meeting and no issues were raised for discussion.

7) Planning Applications

No objections were raised on the following planning applications:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/00733/CT4	Single Storey extension	9 Sorrel Road
04/0045 1/FUL	Proposed portable building for use as office (Class Bi)	96 Blackbird Leys Road — BBLeys Neighbourhood Support Scheme Ltd

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/00792/FUL	Two Storey Side extension	2 Blay Close

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/00781/ADV	Four lamp post mounted illuminated signs	Oxford Retail Park, Ambassador Avenue (Street Broadcast Ltd)

The following notices of Application Approval had been received

Application Numbers: 04/003 84/FUL 04/00376/FUL

Notification had been received regarding the Committee recommendation for the retrospective advertisement / lighting etc at the Bullnose Public House. B Avery commented that previous correspondence had stated that revised plans were due to be submitted but at this time they appear not to have been produced. The Parish Council re-instated its earlier concerns and opposed this application.

An amended notice had been received relating to 36 Watlington Road, Cowley with reference to retention of amateur radio mast/antenna.

An application notice for renewal and variation of Public Entertainment Licence at The Blackbird Public House was presented to the Parish Council. Concerns were raised over the noise levels that are already excessive in the local area to the Pub. It was Proposed by B Avery that this should be refused and that any new licence should remain with the current restrictions, 2nd by G Roper this was carried with an unanimous vote.

8) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by C Hatton, 2nd by G Roper and agreed with a unanimous vote: The named cheques included those that were issued during April with the agreement of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

a) Clerk Salary -£258.90 x 2 (b) AOL - £15.99 x 2 (c) Telephone Answering - £35.25 x 2 (d) Audit Commission -£371.18 (e) British Telecom —33.70 (0 Postage - £35.84 (g) Zurich Insurance -£507.64 (h) OALC -£1669.91 (i) B.Lester -£38.98 (computer items/stationery.)

Grant Applications:

Three applications had been received and were all discussed. It was agreed that under the regulations of grants being issued proof by order or invoice is required by relevant organisation before the cheques can be issued.

(A) Blackbird Leys Information Technology Zone. G Roper proposed a grant of £1000. to be issued specifically as the requested contribution towards windows as specified in their Set up costs listing, 2nd by C Hatton this was carried with an unanimous vote.

(B) Before there was any discussion relating to the CDI application, B Lester declared an interest and declined from any discussions unless clarification of any details on the form were required.

C Hatton proposed that a sum of £1000. should be given towards this years summer scheme, 2nd by R Humberstone this was carried with an unanimous vote — it was agreed that this cheque could be raised sent for signatory with a letter and issued to the CDI

(C) The application from Oxford Warriors Karate Club had been received requesting money for hall hire. It was agreed that this was not a specific item that could be paid for by the Parish Council and they should be notified with another application form giving them the option to re-apply requesting specifically for equipment or hall improvements.

A note was made to the Parish Council that the first half of this years Precept had been received in the sum of £10,000. and had been banked.

9) Correspondence

No discussion was held on the correspondence circulated.

Additional items of correspondence

A notice of application for allowance of alcohol to sold from the Leys Spar, Dunnock Way — no objections were raised to the application.

10) Any other Business

(a) C Hatton commented about a recent article published by the Oxford Mail which showed a picture of the two Blackbird Leys Ministers in the Holy Family Church with a very negative report beside it. A letter has been sent from the Church requesting the report to be withdrawn. The concerns were no just for the Church, but the report was not good publicity for the estate as a whole.

b) A tree in Pegasus Road is currently waiting for Parks to respond to a call for it's safety. If decided to be unsafe it will be removed. It was commented that other trees are currently being surveyed and any that are deemed to be unsafe will be taken down.

c) L Cole stated that lie may not be present at the next meeting. However, he will not be standing for Treasurer again at the next meetings elections.

d) B Lester submitted are report that was to be submitted to the Leys News for publication in the next edition. All agreed that it was a good and fair report, the clerk commented that it would be useful to see if a copy of the 'edited' edition could be obtained before it went to press.

11) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting -

Tuesday 1st June at The Leys Linx Blackbird Leys Road

This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting with the voting of new officers for the coming year.

here being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm -