

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005  
Jack Argent Rooms 7:30pm.

Present at meeting

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), L Cole (City Councillor). Becky Telford (Leys News). Ruth Keeling (Oxford Mail) 2 Residents

This was a shortened meeting advertised to go through general items need for discussion following the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence. Local Police and Street wardens - both had been present for the Annual Parish Meeting which had proceeded this Parish Council Meeting.

6.Public Discussion:

It was commented that the Sawpit Road Garages were still in need or repair and the area in need of a general tidy up. It was stated that the works had been ok'd last December to be completed in January no works had yet been completed. L Cole offered to check the situation and when the works were scheduled to be done

Spindleberry Close/Knights Road and other alleyways on the estate. There is currently a nominated group ascertaining which alleyways need updating or could possibly be closed on the estate. Data is being gathered for the works required to be prioritised.

C Pill commented about the lack or works being done for the general area of the Balfour Road shops. All other shop areas on the estate have had 'improvement' schemes done. B Lester offered to take this to the next Area Committee as to why the Balfour Road shops appeared to be being neglected.

A short discussion was also held relating to vehicles parking on the pavements. It was stated that this was police responsibility but R Harris commented that the Oxford City Council were now responsible for the enforcement of pavements being kept clear. The clerk was asked to check who has the resposonsibi1ity/ power to enforce the removal of these vehicles.

7.

Planning Applications & Decisions:

Notification of Approval had been received for

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05100127/FUL	Retention of Single Storey rear Conservatory	38 Pegasus Road

The following applications had been received and were discussed:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/00121/FUL	Sitting of lorry in Leisure Centre Car Park to provide a mobile computer testing facility for a temporary period of 5 years	Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre

The Parish Council objected to this with concerns being raised over length of time the lorry was to be situated in the car park, i.e 7 days a week 24 hours a day, or just when 'open' for business. Following in from this if the lorry was to be in the car park at all times then the security of the lorry out of hours becomes an issue.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/00494/T56	Prior approval for sitting ad appearance of a mobile phone station comprising 11.7m high monopole 3 antennae, equipment cabin and associated development.	Forming Site of Telecommunications Installation Adjacent Buildbase, Watlington Rd

The Parish Council objected to this due to the visual impact along with the concerns of health issues for local residents in the facility of the proposed equipment. It was commented that there was land behind Buildbase which had no residents local and was not visible from the main street which could be considered as an alternative

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/00449/FUL	Single Storey rear, two storey side extensions	18 Kestrel Crescent

The Parish Council had no objections to this application. on the proviso that all local neighbours had been notified and were not to be effected by the alterations being made. The only comment made was to ensure that for additional rooms, additional parking was allowed for at the property to ensure street parking did not increase in the area.

#### 8. Financial Matters:

The following payments were proposed by C Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G Roper and earned with an unanimous vote: Clerk Salary - £258.90, (b) AOL - £15.99. (c) Telephone Answering - £35.25, (d) Zurich Insurance £507.64 (e) Leys Handbook Grant £200.00 (f) British Telecom £44.02 (g) DALC annual fee and council review £1719.73

Grants: The 'Kiddies Club' newly formed and held in the Barn applied for a Grant. The Parish Council raised concerns due to the club not being registered or having any governing body. It was suggested that a representative from the club attend the June Parish Council meeting to go over its objectives and future plans before any final decision be made. .

Leys CDI applied for a grant to support this years Summer Scheme, the clerk commented that this scheme had been supported by the Parish Council in previous years generally the events held through the Summer were a success. After a short discussion it was proposed by G Roper that the Parish Council support this year scheme with a grant of £1000. this was 2<sup>nd</sup> by B Avery and carried with an unanimous vote.

After further discussion relating to the issuing of Parish Grants it was proposed by C Martin that all future applications should be supported by a representation of the organisation/group at a meeting when the application is discussed enabling any questions to be answered at that time, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Humberstone this was carried with an unanimous vote.

#### 9.

Correspondence:

No further items were circulated

#### 10. Any other Business

a) A copy of the minutes from the last street wardens meeting was submitted to the Parish Council for circulation. The next street warden meeting is due to be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Blackbird Leys Bowling Club. 10am.

b) Leys Fair - S Cole has offered to again organise the Parish Council 'event\_' for this years Leys Fair. It was stated that there was to be a cost of £375.00 for running a similar Rodeo as last

year. G Roper proposed that this be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Humberstone this was carried with a majority vote with 1 against the proposal.

c) B Avery commented that he had been through the Oxford Transport Network Review documents taken from the previous meeting and there was nothing to report on as it was 'reviewing' what has happened with a summary or agreed strategies \_ there was nothing up for discussion.

11. Date and venue of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 3rd May. at the Jack Argent Rooms Blackbird Leys Community Centre. Blackbird Leys Road commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm