

5th SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESENT AT MEETING: Parish Councillors: B Lester (Chair), B Avery (Vice Chair), G Roper, C Martin, L Cole, C Hatton, C Roberts, R Humberstone

Also Present: S Cole (Treasurer/Clerk), R Simmons (Leys News), M Taylor (Senior Street Warden), C Ventura (Street Warden), L Jones and J Harris (PCSO's), C McDermott (Leys Linx), S Morali, S Bowerman, J Seymour (2-4 Production Company) and J Lacey (City Councillor) present for part of the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: were received from V Smith (County Councillor).

1. POLICE MATTERS; The 2-4 Production Company introduced themselves and explained that they were making a documentary about the PCSO's and the work that they are doing on the estate.

a) GR reported that underneath Blackbird Leys Bridge is a dangerous area, there are drug dealers and people are sleeping rough.

PCSO's reported that drugs have been found in the area. The PCSO's were requested to investigate by BL.

b) BA raised concerns about cyclists riding on the pavement.

PCSO's informed the meeting that they have powers to issue fixed penalty notices to these people.

c) CR thanked the Wardens and the PCSO's for reducing the amount of illegal mini-moto riders, although it still persists in being a problem on the estate.

d) BL stated that parking on the pavement continues to be a problem on the estate and that there is also a problem in Ashmole Place with youngsters kicking footballs up against the external walls of a house.

BA is arranging to have a NO BALL GAMES sign made and erected.

e) RS reported that a car has been parked for 3 to 4 weeks, Wardens have looked into it but they cannot find out any information. The PCSO's informed the meeting that they will look into it.

2. GRANT APPLICATIONS; Christine McDermott representing Leys Linx briefly outlined their grant application for £150.00 for the local Digital Photography Exhibition. Although they are now only seeking a £100.00 GR proposed that the Parish Council grant them the full £150.00 and this was seconded by BA

Roy Simmons representing Leys News briefly outlined their grant application for new computers and software for their office because their equipment is now 10 years old. They are seeking a grant of £3,000.00. LC requested more information on the 'sponsor a page' scheme and CR requested further information on other successful grant

applications from other bodies. The Parish Council agreed that before any decision was made that the above issues were addressed via the Clerk.

The Clerk was requested by the Chair to send a letter to the Office Manager of Leys News.

3. CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES None.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2006; A few alterations were made and were signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING; a) Development of Blackbird Leys Park

BL asked whether any members present had any ideas for improvements towards the project. None were given.

JL commented that following the Parks and Leisure Strategy Review the Blackbirds Football team have now been locked out of their changing rooms and tuck-shop and had some of their equipment confiscated.

City Councillors to investigate and Clerk to send letter from Parish Council to J Wade, Manager of Parks.

b) Resident Parking Permits; BL reminded all present that there was a public demonstration against the proposed charges for resident parking permits on event days, which was to be held at the Town Hall on 12th September between 7:30 and 8:30p.m. .

JL informed the group that there were off-street parking areas on the estate, which belong to the City Council that are not covered by the event day parking restrictions e.g. Knights Road.

c) Cleansing; BA announced that following reports that fly-tipping was not an issue on Blackbird Leys he attended a walk-about on the estate accompanied by Central Television highlighting some of the most affected areas. A list was compiled and sent to Cleansing, it was commented that without the unwillingness of the City Council's enforcement team .fly-tipping would continue to be a problem.

GR had a walk-about with Wardens as part of the NAG initiative lasting 2½ hours. Concerns were raised about various alleyways on the estate. GR informed the group that local residents surrounding Jubilee House and Blackberry Lane have started to use an area of waste land as a football pitch.

GR raised concerns about drying areas and bin sheds at various maisonette blocks on the estate and that lights have not been working for two years at Starwort Path maisonettes.

GR advised the meeting that the Blackbird Leys PCSO's are now covering other areas

CR would like to know how many hours are served on Blackbird Leys by the PCSO's. GR will report back after next NAG meeting.

CM reported that Northfield Brook had become blocked and was cleaned at a cost of £15,000.

CH reported fly-tipping in Spindleberry Close.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS; No objections were raised to the following applications:-

a) Application No. 06/01700/ADV

Proposal - Retention of externally illuminated fascia sign to Watlington Road at Unit 2 Oxford Trade Center, Harrow Road for C Brewer & sons Limited.

b) Planning application for erection of double garage for minibuses, erection of cycle shelter and laying out of car park on existing area of tarmac. Provision of new footpath to Cuddesdon Way at former Orchard Meadow School, Cuddesdon Way, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.

c) Application No. 06/01645/ADV

Proposal - Proposed church sign and cross at Holy Family Church, Cuddesdon Way, Oxford for Church of the Holy Family. -

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS; The following expenses were proposed by C Hatton and seconded by G Roper and carried with a unanimous vote:- a) Clerk's Salary - £517.80, b) AOL - £31.98, c) Telephone Answering Service - £70.50, d) Postage - £48.40 e) Isis Office Stationery - £32.06, f) Blackbird Leys Community Association - £10.00, g) Barn Youth Project - £165.9, h) Oxford City Council (Office Rent) - £250.00, i) Campaign Badges - £295.00, j) Carphone Warehouse direct debit - £29.15

8. CORRESPONDENCE; BL had received a letter from LC regarding his decision to resign from the Parish Council. A discussion followed and LC was asked to reconsider his position. LC decided he would think about and give his decision at the next meeting.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS; a) CM enquired into the latest update with regards to his proposal for a crossing at Cuddesdon Corner. The Chair/Clerk will look into this matter.

b) BL requested that the Community Website be put on next months agenda, Joe Rosa will be doing a presentation.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd October 2006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20p.m