

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting  
Held on Tuesday 6th December 2005 at  
The Jack Argent Rooms, Community Centre  
Blackbird Leys, commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), Police Community Support Officers L Jones, S O'Dell and J Harris, PC M Wills, Cllr L Cole, County Cllr V Smith, Mrs Avery, Mrs Martin, Mrs Lester and for part of the meeting J Ord, C Gabbidon

1) Apologies for Absence were received from PC P Morris, K Stratford and the Street Wardens

2) Co-option to fill Vacancies: No one present at this meeting

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November were signed as a true record

4) Police Matters:

PC Martin Wills welcomed and introduced to the Parish Council who were informed that PC P Morris was now moving away from the estate.

Issues raised: C Pill stated a vehicle with no tax had been notified to many different people but the offending car was still parked on the road. It was commented that M Kidley, was to be walking around the estate with the PCSO's during the next week and this would be looked at then.

Concern was raised with the way in which contractors were parking their vehicles in Sawpit Road

5) Matters arising / Portfolio reports:

No matters were raised for discussion at this meeting.

No portfolio matters of urgency were in need of discussion at this meeting.

6) Public Discussion

Papers regarding proposed uses of the Community Centre had been circulated with the minutes and were submitted to be minuted. One was from J Ord re Leaning Space and the other from Charlton Gabbidon UK Dads. Both proposals were giving the indication that the residents wanted the Community Centre run by the Community for the Community. V Smith raised the concern that the Centre had been run previously by 'one body' and this had caused problems, a good selection of ideas for use were being put forward but a lot of investment would be required to bring the building and facilities up to date. It was mentioned that an elected body needed to be running the centre. Concerns were raised over current work being carried out by non-qualified people - what would happen if there was an accident or injury?

Concerns were raised over comments that food sales would go in direct competition with the local shops.

Concerns were raised over the lack of consultation - V Smith commented that she had been unaware of any consultations and it was stated that the next meeting notice would be in the Leys News it was stated that people needed to attend these meetings for a decision to be made that was suitable to the majority of the estate residents.

B Lester thanked both C Gabbidon and J Ord for attending the meeting and informing the Parish Council of the options currently under decision.

b) A representative from the Leys news was at the meeting for a short while to promote the idea of the Parish Council becoming a 'sponsor' of the Leys News. R Humberstone declared an interest to this item. The idea being that the Parish Council would have a page dedicated for their usage with the Leys News team working with the Parish Council to ensure that all articles, with space permitting, could be in full and would not be edited without the parish council prior knowledge. To have this dedicated space the Leys News are looking for £1000. per issue as a funding - this equating to £6000. per year currently for 6 issues, it is hoped that the issues will increase to 12 per year but the amount payable would remain so effectively becoming £500 per issue. B Lester stated that the Parish Council could not make a financial decision without further discussions

- it was asked that this item be placed on next months agenda for discussion.

7) Planning Applications

No Objections were raised to the following applications:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02350/FUL	Demolition of garage and outbuildings. Erection of two storey side extension to form 1 x 1 bed house. Erection of single storey rear extension to existing house. Provision of 3 car parking spaces to frontage.	10 Merlin Road, Oxford

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02281/T56	Erection of 15 metre monopole and mobile equipment cabin for temporary period, off Roman Way	Rear of building 70, BMW Manufacturing Ltd, Garsington Rd, Oxford.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02357/ADV	Erection of 2 externally illuminated fascia signs and two non illuminated panels	Unit 5 Oxford Trade Centre, Harrow Road.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02352/ADV	Three externally illuminated signs to east, west and south elevations	Unit 4 Oxford Trade Centre, Harrow Road.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02178/FUL	Two storey rear extension	21 Long Ground, Oxford

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02245/CT3	Extension and alterations to leisure centre. External condensers x 10 (variation to Permission 04/01888/CT3	Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, Pegasus Rd. Oxford

The following application was objected to on the grounds of over development of property, Insufficient parking spaces and no provision for the storage of rubbish.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
05/02040/FUL	Two storey side extension and conversion of house to 4 flats. 3 x 1 bed 1 x 2 bed. Provision of 4 parking spaces and alteration to access.	1 Clover Place, Oxford

#### 8) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by G Roper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Pill and carried with a unanimous vote a) Clerk Salary-£258.90 (b) AOL-£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering Service-£35.25 (d) Carphone Warehouse-£61.37 (e) Hire of Jack Argent Room - £10.00 (f) Office Keys and Heater - £109.94 (f) Grant release to Leys Kiddies Club - £1100.00 (g) SG Supplies - new office copier - £381.87 Agreed during the month had also been the release of funds as a grant for the Junior Street wardens part £99.10 and expenses incurred by B Lester for the 'drink and nibbles' to follow this meeting £74.41.

#### 9) Correspondence

No further items were discussed to those circulated with the agenda

#### 10) Any other Business.

a) C Pill raised the issue of a disabled parking space outside the Balfour Road Shops and an issue relating to papers being sent to the estates office with reference to the vacant shop.

#### 11) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 3rd January 2006 at Jack Argent Rooms in the Community Centre.

Before closing the meeting the Chair wished all present a Merry Christmas and welcomed all to stay for a short while to the food and drink that had been provided