

Minutes 6th February 2007

Present at Meeting:

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), Mrs Booker, Mrs Smith (Residents) For part of the meeting K Johnson (Oxford City Council Housing Estates Officer), Street Wardens and PSCO's

Before the meeting commenced, B Lester thanked S Cole for carrying out the Clerks duties whilst she was on Maternity leave, this was echoed by the clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence: were received from S. Cole and V. Smith

2. Co-option to fill vacancies - G Roper' proposed that now S Cole had completed the Maternity Cover of the clerk he would like to co-opt her back to the main Parish Council, this was seconded by C Roberts and carried with an unanimous vote. L Cole stated that at present S Cole was unsure of what time she could commit to the council and therefore knew that at present she would not re-stand. L Cole was asked to pass on the information that when she was ready to re-join then, she would be most welcome.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on January 2nd - were signed as a true record.

4. Police - No Police were present at this meeting. PSCO's commented that they were keeping busy but had no main issues to report to this meeting.

It was commented by the Street \wardens that there had been less activity around the railway bridge-the weather may be a factor of this. Rubbish accumulating in local garden had been noted - Street Wardens asked to put letter through door to owner of property.

5. Matters Arising:

Appointment of Portfolios: The following portfolios were allocated and accepted by each member of the Parish Council- it was agreed that an approx. 2 minute report would be given by each member at each meeting as an update and option to take questions or gather information:

Cleansing: B Avery

NAT / Street Warden G Roper

Steams / Pelican Crossings C Martin

Spindleberry Park C Hatton

Web site B Lester

BBLeys 50th Celebrations C Roberts

Housing/Anti-Social behaviour L Cole

Leisure / Playing Fields R Humberstone/C Roberts/G Roper

Reports given at this meeting:

G Roper' had attended the last NAG Meeting (N eighbourhood Action Group) and gave a short report he holds a copy *of the* minutes/agenda should anyone wish to read them contact him direct. Next NAG meeting due on 8th March.

Spindleberry Park - landscaping had now been completed by the Kassam Stadium

It was commented that a petition was needed in order to obtain pedestrian crossings - one was suggested to be at the local shops. The more people wanting the crossings the more chance of the County Council installing one.

It was agreed that there were not sufficient numbers of members to have a separate Planning committee however, it was agreed that the minutes would be sent out earlier to allow councillors to look over any applications due for discussion and put comments forward to the office before the meeting to save time

5. The clerk was asked to see if there was any information regarding the installation of sleeping policemen in Cuddesdon Way.

G Roper commented that he would write regarding the painting of yellow lines along Watlington Road.

6. Public Discussions

K Johnson was introduced to the Parish Council- he stated that either him or his assistant A Thomas would hopefully be in attendance of future parish Council meetings. He was happy to have individual meetings with tenants, was arranging monthly walkabouts with the Street Wardens and hoped to extend this to include City Councillors. K Johnson invited councillors to contact him with any issues between meetings. .

G Roper raised the issue of rubbish around the flats dustbin area - L Cole offered to arrange a meeting with City Councillors to put a plan together to sort the area out Previous meetings had been held but very little work had been completed - K Johnson offered to get involved with the sorting of dustbin areas.

L Cole offered to contact M Mumford re other areas on the estate that required attention.

J Rosa asked for the Parish Council to fund postage etc for mail shot to organisations letting them know of and how to get involved with the Community Website. The clerk reminded the council that a budget of £1 0,000. was agreed for this project and providing expenses were agreed to be for the specific purpose then it was OK for such expenses to come out of that budget. The clerk was asked to do up an ongoing expense list allowing the council to monitor the costs being incurred. It was agreed that the March meeting would commence at 7.15 allowing J Rosa to give a short presentation on the current position of the website.

7. Planning Applications & Decisions

No objections were raised to the following application:

Application No.: 07/00115/FUL

Proposal: Replacement Fenestration (window replacement)

AT: 51-SI Little Bury

8. Financial Matters:

The following expenses were proposed by C Hatton, 2nd by C Martin and carried with a unanimous vote: a) Clerk Salary-£255.90 (b) AOL-£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering Service-£35.25 (d) Vodaphone-£51.55 (*!!D*) (e) Photocopying £76.00 (t) Hire of Room £10.00 (g) Postage £55.00 A request for financial support had been received from The Junior Citizens Trust. B A very proposed that this was supported with the £50.00 as requested, 2nd by G Roper this was carried with an unanimous vote.

9. Correspondence

a) Oxfordshire County Council- Our Choice their Future - was taken by C Roberts

b) Oxfordshire County Council- Possible bid to re-organise Oxfordshire's Councils - the following comments were raised and the clerk was asked to write accordingly:

Very few comments / letters are taken notice of, Lack of funding for Roads, Social Care and Pedestrian Crossings. Charging residents for parking permits. Allowing free parking to non residents during evenings and weekends in the city centre.

10. Any other Business

a) Meeting of Parish and City Councillors 5th February. B Avery and B Lester offered to attend this meeting and would give a short report on relevant issues discussed at the next meeting.

c) B Lester reported that the City Council were going to replace the Jack Argent bench.

d) C Roberts asked if anyone was aware of where parking permits were going to be issued once the St. Aldates office closes in March - the clerk was asked to find out.

- e) The council requested a thank you letter to Eric Johnson for all the work he had completed before retiring from the Pathways workshop.
- f) It was commented that the gateway to the bowls club car park had been left open recently, G Roper stated that there are works being carried out and the issue of opening and closing the area had been looked at and should have been rectified.
- g) G Roper gave advanced apologies for not being able to attend next months meeting.

11. Date next meeting: The next meeting will be on March 6th at the Jack Argent Rooms commencing at 7.15pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm