

Tuesday 6th June

Present at Meeting: Parish Councillors: C Hatton, G Roper, B Avery, C Martin, L Cole and B Lester (Chair). R Humberstone was present for Matters arising and for the rest of the meeting.

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), J Lacy (Councillor), V Smith (Councillor) and C Roberts and for part of the meeting M Ward (street warden), 2 PSCO's,

1. Apologies for Absence were received from S Cole due to illness
2. Co-option to fill vacancies – There was no one present at this meeting for co-option
3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 9th were signed as a true record.
4. Police Matters

It was stated that a van was constantly parking on the pavement causing an obstruction in Merlin Road – The PSCO's offered to watch the situation to see what could be done.

It was commented that it was good to see the bikes being used by the PSCO's in turn the Parish Council were thanked for their grant in order to purchase them.

Concerns were raised over the parking problems on a Sunday during the car boot sale and the question was asked if as an 'event' the parking restrictions could be applied – it was stated that control plus are responsible for any tickets being issued but the PSCO's would watch the situation if around on a Sunday.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Cleansing – B Lester reported that a cleaning campaign with the 35th Scouts was hoped for in the near future – currently in discussions to organise.

b) C Martin commented that the streams in Dunnocks Way were full of rubbish again – it would appear that as soon as the streams are cleared they become full again. Concern was also raised about the condition of Littlemore Brook – this had pollution recently and now that the stream has been 'down graded' no one seems to want to take an interest in it or get it cleaned/cleared, but at the end of the stream there is a children's play area still used. B Avery proposed that someone from the Environmental Agency should be contacted to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss current procedures and problems being experienced with the local streams, this was 2nd by C Hatton and carried with a unanimous vote

c) B Avery commented that he has the 'graffiti' removing kit and is happy to use it if people report unwanted graffiti to him.

d) G Roper attended the recent NAT meeting which proved to be a productive meeting with the main topic covered being fly tipping - Reasons and probable resolutions were discussed. G Roper would try and get the minutes to the clerk for

circulation with the next agenda. V Smith commented that it is hoped that various organisations could work together in order to stop rubbish dumping on the estate and was in the process of sending letters to all local schools as local County Councillor to try and arrange school visits and talks about the issues with dumping rubbish. It was suggested that G Roper spent a day with the Street Wardens to see how they operated and what was done, the Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea and supported the suggestion.

e) C Hatton commented that recent problems with motorcycles in Spindleberry Park but the after being reported the police responded within ½ hour to disburse them. He had received no call from anyone at the offices of J Angus (which had been arranged from the last Parish Council meeting) to discuss the landscaping due to take place which was disappointing. B Lester commented that the landscaping had been raised at Area Committee and it was anticipated that work would commence in November with the spending of the 106Agreement money available from Wilmot Dixon. J Wade had asked the Parish Council for suggestions of recreational facilities that could be put in the park and it was suggested that this was placed on next months agenda for further ideas to be brought to the meeting.

f) C Martin asked if any response had been received regarding the pedestrian crossing outside Cuddesdon Corner – the clerk responded no but would chase up.

6. Public Discussions

a) V Smith reported on a recent meeting of CABE – Protecting Parks and Open Spaces. Discussions were held on Blackbird Park – some good ideas some not so good were brought up. Park Wardens are to visit 3 times each week to keep watch on the park was agreed not to be sufficient and a suggestion of the Street Wardens looking around on the other days was put forward with the PCSO's as back up if required.

7. Planning Applications & Decisions

No objections were raised to the following applications:

Application No.: 06/00992/ADV

Proposal: Provision of high level wall mounted signage and I internally illuminated totem sign.

AT: Oxford 40 warehouse, 1Bobby Fryer Close

b) Application No.:06/00864/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side/rear extension

AT: 28 Moorbank

c) Application No.:06/00899/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of Aisle Barn and change of use in association with City Farm
To workshop and training center in association with existing workshop use.

AT: Pathway Workshop, Dunnock Way

d) Application No.:06/00808/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing structures on site. Erection of 2210 sq.m of
accommodation in 7 units on 2 floors consisting of 1) 962 sq.m of class B1 (c) Light
industrial use (units 1, 2 and 3) 2) 584 sq.m of class B8 Warehouse and distribution
use

(units 5 & 6). 3) 332 sq.m for building trade counter (unit 4). 4) 332 sq.m for
machinery, plant and tool hire centre (unit 7). Provision of 39 car parking spaces, 14
cycle space and associated landscaping and external works.

AT: Land to the rear of the Bungalow, Watlington Road, Cowley

The following application had objections raised as stated:

Application No.: 06/00659/VAR

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 & 4 to planning permission 02/01525/RES (for
new bus

Depot) to permit 60 dedicated car parking spaces, plus further 124 car parking spaces
when

Vacated by bus fleet, for use by staff and visitors.

AT: Cowley House, Watlington Road, Cowley.

Concerns raised as objections: Encouraging increase in traffic.

The following notice of approval was given:

Application No.: 06/00477/VAR

Proposal: (Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 05/00121/FUL Siting of
lorry

In leisure centre car park to provide mobile computer testing facility for a temporary
period

of 2 years.

AT: Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, Pegasus Road.

The following notice of refusal was given.

Application No.: 06/00492/ADV

Proposal: Provision of high level wall mounted signage and 1 internally illuminated totem sign.

AT: Oxford 40 Warehouse, 1 Bobby Fryer Close.

8. Financial Matters:

The following expenses were proposed by C Martin, 2nd by G Roper and carried with a unanimous vote: a) Clerk Salary-£258.90 (b) AOL-£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering Service-£35.25 (d) Carphone Warehouse £53.39 (e) Postage £33.21 (f) Police grant for bicycles £953.00 (g) MacAfee anti virus£24.99 (h) Blackbird Leys Community Association £20.00 (i) SmartDraw Program £79.87 (j) Headset, Carphone Warehouse £29.99 (k) OALC Subscription £1726.74 (l) NALC Local Council Review £14.00

Leys Fair Grant – After a short discussion it was proposed by B Avery that as the Parish Council were not supplying any ‘event’ for this years fair a grant of £750.00 should be given towards this years Fair, 2nd by C Hatton this was carried with an unanimous vote. It was stated that as next year would be celebrating 50years that the parish council would get back involved with the day.

9. Correspondence – no other correspondence was brought to this meeting

10. Any other Business

a) An email was circulated to the Parish Council which raised concerns over whether the money initially given by Arlington to upgrade / install cycle paths would still be available or not. The Councillors present agreed to take up this concern with the City Council and try to find out what was happening and what the way forward would be.

b) It was commented that new legislation should make it easier for alleyways to be closed that are being used for criminal activity. V Smith offered to speak to B Gatehouse about the usage of this legislation and would report back to the Parish Council with findings.

11. Date next meeting: The next meeting will be on July 4th at the Jack Argent Rooms commencing at 7.30pm – all Parish Councillors were asked to come to the next meeting with holiday dates – with member numbers quite low at present it is easy to drop below quorum and if numbers are to drop in August or September then one or both of the meetings could be cancelled in advance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm