

7th NOVEMBER 2006

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

Also Present: S Cole (Treasurer/Clerk), J Harris and M-Claire Tutty (PCSO's), V Channon and A Massingham (Street Wardens), V Smith (County Councillor), A Booker and S Smith (Blay Close Residents)

Apologies for Absence: None.

1. Co-Option to Fill Vacancies; None.

2. Minutes of The Meeting Held On 3rd October 2006; The Minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Police matters; PCSO's patrolling area around Poulton Place, JH has tried contacting Monica at CANACT, but she has not got back to her. PCSO's are going round on a regular basis, but never see any children. JH informed the meeting that she is leaving to join the regulars and she was wished all the best and invited to the Christmas meeting for drinks and nibbles.

BA informed the meeting that there is a lot of activity going on in Ashmole Place.

The residents of Blay Close informed the meeting of problems concerning drugs in a first floor flat. BL asked GR if this could be brought up at the next NAG meeting. LC informed the meeting that he will possibly be arranging a meeting with local authorities with regard to the gathering of good quality evidence regarding the drugs problem.

CR and LC spent a short time explaining secured tenancies to the residents of Blay Close who were present.

GR informed the meeting that the new Sergeant for Blackbird Leys will be attending the next meeting to meet the Parish Councillors. GR requested that if money is available that the Blackbird Lays Bridge is filled in before the cycle track is done. There was some confusion as regards the actual positioning of the fencing, which was resolved at the meeting.

4. Matters arising; BL informed the meeting that a member of City Works and a member of Oxford Homes had visited Blay Close to investigate the possible moving of a barrier in front of the garage block. VS pointed out that she had given her apologies for not attending the last meeting, but it did not appear on the minutes

BA informed the meeting that the "No Ball Games" sign had been erected in the wrong position at Ashmole Place.

CM raised concerns about Littlemore Brook and the recent heavy rains. The path in Kestrel Crescent is collapsing and he is worried about future flooding.

BL asked if VS could go and find out who is responsible for Littlemore Brook.

VS raised concerns about the state of the roads due to buses. There has been talk of stopping buses from using Field Avenue.

5. Public discussion; AB asked for an update on the use of empty garages by City Works. BL informed the meeting that the garages were being used legitimately by Oxford Homes to store furniture.

BL informed the meeting that he would look into who is paying for the garages and would let AB know at the next meeting-

CR to attend the meeting regarding the 50th Anniversary celebrations. She asked if we would be interested in doing a Race for life on Blackbird Leys.

GR was instructed by BL to ask the PCSO's at the next NAG meeting whether or not their bicycles were being used in other areas of the City covered by their beat team.

VS briefly introduced the Parish Council to the white paper which will probably increase the powers of Parish Councils and asked for comments. These were noted by VS and passed on to the relevant body.

6. Planning applications and decisions; No objections were raised to the following planning application

a) APPLICATION NO: 06/01969/ADV

PROPOSAL Proposed wall mounted fascia signs and freestanding poster/menu signs

Unit 7 Oxford Retail Park Ambassador Avenue.

APPLICANT; Anduff Holdings Limited

7. Financial matters; There was a brief discussion as to the Temporary Clerk's salary. It was unanimously agreed that this would be put down as "out of pocket expenses" on the condition that it was a legitimate transaction. BL to investigate. It was proposed by BA and seconded by CH that the amount received by the Temporary Clerk would be the same as that received by H Shayler who is currently on Maternity Leave.

A Grant Application in respect of Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground for £550.00 was proposed by LC and seconded by CH.

The following expenses were proposed by C Martin and seconded by G Roper and carried with a unanimous vote:- a) Clerk's Salary - £258.90 b) AOL - £15.99 c) Telephone Answering Service - £35.25 d) Car phone Warehouse - £51.61 Direct Debit e) Office Rent - Oxford City Council £250.00 g) Postage - £33.21 h) Internet Connection Website - £146.88 i) Rent of Jack Argent Room - BBL Community Association - £10.00 i) Grant of £550.00 for Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

8. Any other business; GR informed the meeting that he would not be able to attend the meeting in December. CR raised concerns about the rubbish dumped in the drying areas of the maisonettes in Clematis Place. CM requested an update on the proposed site of a pedestrian crossing in Cuddesdon Way

9. Date of next meeting;

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 December 2006.

here being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10p.m.