

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Held on Tuesday 7th September 2004 at the
The Shop Front, Blackbird Leys Road, commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

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

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), C Whitehead (Countryside Services Ranger), 1 Resident and for part of the meeting PC R Parker and PC D Whittle

1) Apologies for Absence — None were received

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

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August: G Roper had been present at the meeting and should not have been showing as absent. Several spelling issues were raised and 10f should have read 'we will ask control plus to monitor the situation'

After these alterations, the minutes were signed as a true record.

4) Police Matters- The following points were raised and discussed:

Legal usage of mopeds/motorised scooters and dangerous usage of them in local Parks. It is hoped that a new barrier will be erected to stop bikes getting into Spindleberry park along with repairing of current fencing and the blocking of 'home made' ways though.

Merlin Road Speed limits being ignored. General Drug usage around the estate — problem with local residents as well as others using the road as a rat run.

It was mentioned again that the notice requesting information relating to the Ross Doyle death in the Leisure Centre should be updated with the crime stoppers telephone number which may encourage people to call.

The police were thanked for attending this meeting.

5) Matters Arising:

a) The issue of rubbish being left out was again raised and again it was stated that until the council enforce 'tipping' laws not a lot can be done about it. There is to be a cleansing meeting on 13th September. It was stated that the estate was becoming a mess again due to items not being dealt with by the council. Concerns would be raised at the cleansing meeting.

b) A comment was made that whilst a bus was parked at the Bus stop in Field Avenue visibility for other road users was very poor

c) C Martin has spoken with Mike Gass regarding the Littlemore stream by the allotments to arrange a 'check- over' — including pollarding of trees. L Cole advised the Parish Council of a meeting being held on October 8th for by the environmental agency reference local flooding. C Martin took the information to maybe attend the meeting.

d) R Humberstone commented that the Local Residents Assoc. on the new estate were looking at traffic problems.

e) B Avery commented that the fencing along Blackbird Leys Road over the bridge had been removed leaving a dangerous drop open — B Lester offered to follow this up and get the fence mended.

f) Leys Fair Sunday 12th September. The Rodeo Bull is all confirmed.

Unfortunately the gazebo that S Cole had been hoping to use was now not available. The clerk offered to obtain one along with notice boards that could be used on the day for displaying items. It was agreed that there would be 2 Parish Councillors present at the stall during the Fair and the following times were agreed B Lester/B Avery 12-1pm, S Cole/ L Cole 1pm-2pm, C Martin/C Hatton 2pm-3pm, G Roper/R Humberstone 3pm-4pm

It was agreed that a nominal fee would be charged for each go and the money would be donated to a local Children's Hospital Charity - councillors were asked to bring charity information either to the show on Sunday or the next meeting. L Cole took photos of each member for a display on the day. S Cole was thanked for all her work in sorting out this day.

g) Traffic Survey on Watlington Road. The clerk was asked to follow up costs for the Parish Council to carry out their own survey to get an accurate report for the levels of traffic along this area.

5) Public Discussion

Carl Whitehead from Countrywide Services was introduced to the parish council. The following was discussed. There are now 3 rangers responsible for Spindleberry Park and the intention is to use the park in order to raise awareness of nature. It is hoped that by improving the area local people will respect it more and stop dumping rubbish and abusing the area. Some seating has now been placed around the carving that has been situated as a focal point to the park. With 106 agreement money that is still available it is hoped that 'dark' areas in the park will be opened up and a disabled route will be built allowing all to appreciate the area.

An event is to be held to promote the park showing its history with light refreshments being provided. Although final plans not confirmed it is hoped that a treasure hunt and Bar-B-Q will be arranged for the day's fun.

B Avery proposed as support for the project that the Parish Council provide funds to cover the cost of food on this occasion — G Roper 2nd this and it was agreed by all that the amount of would be made available. It would be paid on the production of a food order or final paid bill.

Carl Whitehead thanked the Parish Council for this financial support and the Parish Council wished the project much success in the future.

6) Planning Applications

The Parish Council support this application, with a comment to be sent stating that the area of parking where the proposed building is to be situated is not used currently for anything and this would make good use of the area.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01596/FUL	Erection of Temporary portable building for use as office (Class BI) for a period of two years	96 Blackbird Leys Road: [BBLeys Neighbourhood Support Scheme]

Concerns were raised on the following application over how and at what time the vehicles would be taken to the sales area and the volume which is to be allowed at the sales. The clerk was asked to write with these questions.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01607/FUL	Use of car park for Sunday Vehicle market	The Kassam Stadium

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01 645/ADV	Two halo illuminated fascia signs	Bullnose Morris Public House

B Avery stated an interest in this application due to living very close to the Pub and responding direct to applications as a resident.

The application was objected to due to the light pollution being caused to local residents. It was also stated that a previous order for the pub to turn off the lights already installed without permission had been ignored.

A further application from the Bullnose had been received to obtain an entertainment licence allowing extended opening / serving hours. An objection was also raised to this due to the continued noise/light disturbance to residents nearby. The allowance of entrance is requested at 436 which is a large number of people in that area at any one time. General concerns placed on local residents included increase litter, late night noise from people as well as vehicles. Parking of such a number of vehicles also raised concerns

No objections were raised to the following applications:

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01460/FUL	Demolition of Unit 6 Erection of new retail unit	Hercules Unit Trust

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01473/VAT	Formation of single industrial unit by aggregation of two existing units (Variation of condition no2 of application V/1021/84)	Unit 14-15 Chiltern Small Business Centre

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01505/FUL	Removal of existing porch. Erection of single storey front extension	28 Pegasus Road.

Application Number: 04/01627/ADV

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01699/FUL	Two storey side and rear and part single storey rear extension	12 Merlin Road.

(comment for neighbours to be notified attached)

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01699/FUL	Internally illuminated high level fascia sign	Unit 6 Oxford Retail Park Sports World International

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
Oxfordshire County Council	proposed first floor infill and single storey ground floor extension to provide additional activity	Cuddesdon Family Centre

8) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by C Martin, 2nd by C Hatton and agreed with a unanimous vote: a) Clerk Salary -£258.90 (h) AOL -£15.99 (c) Telephone Answering -£35.25, (d) Oxford City Council — office rent x 2 - £500.00 (c) Leys Handbook Grant - £200.00 (f) Aston & James office supplies -£32.28 (g) refreshments for Street Wardens' junior warden's initiative - £15.20

9) Correspondence

In addition to the correspondence circulated the following items were brought to the meeting:

- a) Oxfordshire Guide to Road Safety
- b) Oxford City Council — Local Air Quality Management
- c) Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees
- d) Leys News Copy

10) Any other Business

- a) B Lester provided a list of on going issues and it was requested that the clerk write to the City Council Chief Executive pointing out the length of time that is being taken to resolve these problems.
- b) It was stated that the hedges screening the industrial units along Watlington Road were due to be removed. It was requested that a letter of concern be raised and sent requesting the hedge to stay as it provides very valuable protection for the residents from the industrial units.

14) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting -
Tuesday 5 October at The Leys Linx, Blackbird Leys Road

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.40pm