

BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th March 2022, at 7.00 pm
at Blackbird Leys Community Centre.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Peter Nowland (Vice Chairman), Anthony Church, John Dillon, Imade Edosomwan, Ewa Gluza, Maggie Lewis, Olamide Oladejo and Kieran Watson.

OTHER COUNCILLORS: City Councillors: Diko Walcott and Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini.
County Councillor: Imade Edosomwan.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Locum Clerk to the Council: Sam Shippen.

OTHERS PRESENT: **Oxford City Council Community Response Team:** Godfrey Chizema.
Members of the Public: 1 member.

FC00134/21 **APOLOGIES:**
The following apologies were received:
Parish Councillors: Robert Davies, Julio Gonzalez, Lorenzo De Gregori and Florence Natana.
Clerk to the Council: Emma Kearney.
City Council Councillors: Rae Humberstone.
Oxford City Council: Roo Humpherson.

FC00135/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**
Councillor Anthony Church declared a personal interest in Linett Close to be updated in public participation and associated payments for approval.

FC00136/21 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

FC00137/21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Gill Taylor updated the Council on the proposals for Linett Close Project, RAWs will make a bench, six planters, 2 bird boxes and a bug hotel. Pictures were circulated. A total of £3,064.80 has so far been committed.
Council was advised that around 25% of RAW staff are from The Leys.
RESOLVED the information be noted.

FC00138/21 **COMMUNITY GROUPS REPORTS**
Friendly's – Councillor Nowland gave an update, advising that the group is doing well; an offer has been received from a café once the community centre is no longer available but would mean a change to Monday; bank account will be sorted with Metro Bank.
Community Larder – Councillor Watson advised that the larder is busy and currently looking for a new venue for after the community centre is no longer available.
Credit Union – Councillors requested that thanks to Jim and the team be minuted and it be noted that notice was given to customers.
RESOLVED that the reports be **NOTED**.

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REGENERATION UPDATE

The Oxford City Council Regeneration Manager was not present, but an update on the Community Response Team was given by Godfrey Chizema. He advised that a representative could attend quarterly and between those times the Council has email contact details. Currently the team is dealing with fly tipping, dog fouling reports, car repair issues among other issues.

Councillors raised comments regarding charges for collection of items causing more fly tipping; response times for collection by ODS and the dog warden.

RESOLVED that the report be **NOTED** and that the Clerk write to the City Council regarding the opening of the office at the Community Centre now Covid restrictions are lifted.

Action: Clerk to write to City Council.

FC00140/21

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The councillors present gave their reports.

4. City Councillors

Councillor Walcott advised that she was dealing with residents facing damp properties and overcrowded housing with some success. A review is being undertaken to establish whether there is any racial bias for some of the housing issues.

Fixtures are being replaced on Evenlode Tower, she advised that this is not a cladding issue and there are no safety concerns.

Support is being considered for those in fuel poverty.

An update was given on support for Ukrainian refugees, particularly concerns regarding potential safeguarding.

8.10pm Councillor Olamide Oladejo left the meeting.

8.15pm City Councillor Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini entered the meeting and spoke after Parish Councillors, for the continuity of the minutes her report is minuted at this point.

Councillor Djafari-Marbini reported on the re-housing of three families; a media campaign regarding the sewage works; advised that councillors and residents contact Roo Humpherson regarding any issues with Catalyst properties; her contact with Oxford University Ukraine Society. She also advised that the child poverty action group is due to report shortly in relation to Covid; and she is dealing with an unsuitable tall tree on Field Avenue.

5. County Councillor

Councillor Edosomwan advised that he had recently spent time working to sort issues with fly tipping, housing and youth matters. He commented that there is systematic failure in delivering services for young people who are part of the community.

6. Parish Councillors

Councillor Dillon reported that after a period of health difficulties, he has now repaired two noticeboards and has keys to distribute. Councillors queried how notices could be placed, the Vice-Chairman commented that he has the role of putting up notices.

Councillor Watson advised that the Oxford Hub is doing up bikes; and the Community Larder remains busy.

Councillor Church reported on election notices and timetable for submission of nominations.

Councillor Gluza reported on donations for the Ukraine appeal; advised that anyone wanting to be involved in arrangements for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event taking place on 5th June should attend the next meeting at 6pm on 12th April at the Community Centre. She gave dates for the diary of 10th September when The Leys Festival will take place and 31st May 1pm – 3pm for the Oxfordshire Play Association Play Day.

Councillor Lewis updated on referrals to the Food Bank; safety problems with the Locality Hub; Thames Water sewage issues at Grenoble Road; fencing at Knights Road; a Police Closure Notice on a property in Crowberry Road. She updated on hot meals available at Waste to Taste in Cowley; the changes to return tickets on Stagecoach buses; and the retirement of Maggie James from the CCG; and the funeral of the husband of a local active community member on 8th April.

She advised that Covid deaths were four times higher in deprived areas according to research.

RESOLVED that the reports be **NOTED**.

FC00141/21

LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS (LTN’S)

In the absence of Councillor De Gregori this item was withdrawn and deferred to a future meeting.

FC00142/21

CASHBOOK

4. Internal Financial Controller

Cllr Edosomwan confirmed the review of the cashbook against the invoices for March 2022 was correct.

5. Cashbook

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept the payments for March 2022.

This was proposed by Cllr Nowland and seconded by Cllr Church.

	Date	Payee	Description	Inv. No	Amount
1.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Hall Hire 29/06/2021-15/02/2022	51413025	£102.15
2.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Friendleys Nov 2021	51409436	£84.80
3.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Friendleys Dec 2021	51410897	£42.40
4.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Friendleys Jan 2022	51412009	£84.80
5.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Friendleys Feb 2022	51413024	£84.80
6.	25/03/2022	Oxford City Council	Friendleys March 2022	51413994	£106.00
7.	25/03/2022	Raw	Deposit for Linnet Cls Project	SIN 009131	£1,532.40
8.	25/03/2022	BLNSS T/a Agnes Smith	70% Grant	On receipt of T&C's	£1,750.00
9.	25/03/2022	Leys CDI	70% Grant	On receipt of T&C's	£1,400.00
10.	25/03/2022	Oxford Community Action	70% Grant	On receipt of T&C's	£1,750.00

11.	25/03/2022	Oxford Play Association	70% Grant	On receipt of T&C's	£1,400.00
12.	25/03/2022	Thrive T/a Oxford Community Churches	70% Grant	On receipt of T&C's	£1,400.00
13.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 7 interest	Print out	Conf
14.	25/03/2022	Clerk	Salary March 2022	Payslip	Conf
15.	25/03/2022	Oxford County Council	Pension – March	Print out	Conf
16.	25/03/2022	Chairman	Allowance	Payslip	Conf
17.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 8 interest	Print out	Conf
18.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 9	Print out	Conf
19.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 9 interest	Print out	Conf
20.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 10	Print out	Conf
21.	25/03/2022	HMRC	Employee Cont - month 11	Print out	Conf
				Total	£12,219.17

FC00143/21 Items for the next agenda

- Councillor Oladejo to propose a motion on community welfare.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations update.

FC00144/21 Date of the next meetings

1. Annual Meeting of the parish – Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 6pm
2. Parish Council – Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7pm
3. Planning Committee – Tuesday 12th April 2022.

FC00145/21 *The meeting ended at 20.50*

SIGNED: _____ **Cllr Robert Davies (Chairman)**