

## BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at 7.00 pm held a Blackbird Leys Community Centre

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Parish Councillors: Peter Nowland (Chairman), Ewa Gluza, John Dillon, Imade Edosomwan, Maggie Lewis, Anthony Church, Sasha East and Florence Natana.

**OTHER COUNCILLORS:** City Councillors: Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini  
County Councillor: Imade Edosomwan.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Clerk to the Council: Emma Kearney

**OTHERS PRESENT:** **Oxford City Council Communities & Neighbourhoods:** None  
**Oxford City Council Regeneration Manager:** Roo Humpherson.  
**Catalyst Community Investment Coordinator:** Sam Stronach  
**Members of the Public:** Three members.

**APOLOGIES:** The following apologies were received:  
**Parish Councillors:** Robert Davies  
**City Council Councillors:** None.  
**Thames Valley Police:** None.

**FC001/22** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**  
None

**FC002/22** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to accept the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.  
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Gluza.

**FC003/22** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None

**FC004/22** **REGENERATION PROJECT**  
The Regeneration Manager gave the following general update  
**Increase in retail provision**

- Increase work is being done with existing retailers, and they can return if they wish.
- The proposal for the increase in retail is being reviewed by the Planning Department with a view to sign off.
- Approval is needed for these changes with Catalyst, and they will finalise the change.

**Consultation**

- This will be open to the public and include a model.

**Community Centre**

- Meetings regarding this due to start soon.

The Catalyst Community Investment Coordinator noted

- There is a newsletter that can be used for community events, please get in contact if there is something you would like to include.
- Contacting member of the community and getting to know everyone.

It was noted

- Cllr East thanked the regeneration team for hearing the comments regarding the local shops and commented the delay in the planning application has meant more community bookings have taken place.

- A member of the public commented that it would be good if Catalyst could add into the newsletter an update for residents on what was going on with the regeneration, this would help reassure people.
- Cllr Dillon queried if the existing retailers would have priority, it was confirmed the existing retailers will be spoken to first.
- Cllr Church queried if the consultation will be held before or after the planning application is submitted, it was confirmed that it was in the programme to have the consultation in January.

**FC005/22**

**COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

The community groups present gave their reports.

**FC006/22**

**COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

The councillors present gave their reports.

**FC007/22**

**STRATEGIC AIMS 2022-23**

It was **AGREED** by majority vote for a working group to be formed at the May meeting, and the council to receive recommendations.

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

**FC008/22**

**Financial Matters**

**1. Clerk's Laptop & Office 365**

It was **AGREED** by majority vote for the clerk to purchase a laptop and Office 365, within the budget allowance.

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

**2. Insurance**

It was **AGREED** to retrospectively approve the most cost-effective insurance quote for 2022-23.

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

**3. Internal Financial Controller**

The Internal Financial Controller confirmed the review of the invoices against the April cashbook was correct.

**4. Cashbook**

It was **AGREED** to pay the following cashbook payments by majority vote.

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

Date	Payee	Description	Invoice No	Total
14/04/2022	Zurich	Insurance 2022-23	512812105	£749.67
26/04/2022	Society Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	MEM238480	£234.00
26/04/2022	Sam Shippen	Locum Clerk cover	March '21 cover	£138.45
26/04/2022	Oxfordshire Association of Local Council	Annual Membership	B00067/2022/4	£2,227.57
26/04/2022	Amazon	Printer Ink for the clerk	127171675	£42.24
25/04/2022	Clerk	April wages	payslip	Confidential
26/04/2022	Chairman	Allowance April	payslip	Confidential

27/04/2022	Oxford County Council Pension Fund	May's contribution	print out	Confidential
27/04/2022	HMRC	Quarter 4	print out	Confidential
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,068.31</b>

**FC009/22** The chairman noted a special thank you to Cllr Dillon, Cllr East, Cllr Natana Cllr Davies, Cllr Gonzalez, and Cllr De Gregori for their contribution to the community whilst on the parish council.

**FC010/22** **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**  
- Strategic Aims

**FC011/22** **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**  
1. Parish Council – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm  
2. Planning Committee – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**FC012/22** *The meeting ended at 20.40*

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cllr Peter Nowland** (*Chairman*)