

BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January 2024, at 7.00 pm at Blackbird Leys Bowls Club, Cuddesdon Way, Oxford OX4 6JP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Parish Councillors:** Imade Edosomwan (Chair), Peter Nowland (Vice- Chair), Gill Taylor, Anthony Church, Ewa Gluza, Maggie Lewis, David Newman, Kathy Balsamo and Jenny Wells.

OTHER COUNCILLORS: **County Councillor:** Imade Edosomwan

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

OTHERS PRESENT: **Oxford City Council Communities & Neighbourhoods:** Gertrud Pakot
Oxford City Council Regeneration Manager: Karoline Soisalo de Mendonca.
Peabody Development Manager: Kristina Hall
Members of the Public: Two

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were received:
Parish Councillors: Hassan Sabriye
City Councillors: Rae Humberstone and Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini.
Peabody Community Investment Coordinator: Sam Stronach.

FC089/23 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

FC090/23 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to confirm as a true record the minutes of the full parish council meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023.
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Nowland.

FC091/23 **Public Participation**

- A resident attended to ask the Regeneration Team to clarify the plan for the badgers, and their habitat located near Spindleberry Nature Park when building works start.
- Gertrud Pakot was introduced as covering the Oxford City Council Communities & Neighbourhoods role for the time being and was warmly welcomed by the council.

FC092/23 **Regeneration Update**
An update from Oxford City Council and Peabody was received.

FC093/23 **Reports**
The councillors, officers and community group representatives that were present gave their reports.
A written report from Cllr Djafari-Marbini was received.

FC094/23 **Planning Committee Meeting Date**
It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to move the committee meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month.
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Nowland.
It was **NOTED** the date of the next planning committee meeting would be Tuesday 20th February.

FC095/23 **DBS Checks**
It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote for all councillors to complete a basic DBS check with immediate effect, at a cost of £18 + VAT per check and the funds to be taken from the General Reserves.
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Nowland.

FC096/23 Financial Matters

1. Income

None.

2. Roles and Responsibilities Training

- i. It was **NOTED** the date of the training has been rescheduled to Monday 17th June 2024.
- ii. It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to pay for the training in June from the 'General Reserves' whilst awaiting a refund.
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Nowland.

3. Internal Financial Controller

It was **NOTED** the invoices against the December 2023 and January 2024 cashbooks were correct.

4. Small Grants

I. Oxford Hub

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to award the Oxford Hub £500 to set up a free adult and child space for outdoor learning and gardening, for those who do not have access to outdoor space.

The grant was awarded under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

II. Raw

The motion to support via a small grant of £500 'RAW Educate', to work with young people aged 11 - 18 and offer 16 placements per annum **FAILED** as it did not reach a majority vote.

5. Budget Virement

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to move £1,350.00 from the 'General Reserves' to the HMRC budget heading.

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

6. Purchases

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to purchase the items listed below on the December and January cashbook.

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

Date	Payee	Description	Total
28/11/2023	Co-op	Christmas buffet	£14.30
01/01/2024	H3G	Mobile Phone Payment - Dec	£12.00
26/01/2024	Lloyds Bank	Corporate Card Monthly Fee - Dec	£3.00
01/12/2024	Info Com Reg	Annual Certificate remaining fee	£5.00
30/01/2024	Oxford Hub	Small Grant	£500.00
30/01/2024	Amazon	A box of paper	£13.99
30/01/2024	Amazon	Folder	£6.04
30/01/2024	Amazon	Delivery charge	£3.99
30/01/2024	OALC	R & R Training Fee	£660.00
30/01/2024	RCOH Ltd	Rep. Oxford Local Plan 2040	£780.00
30/01/2024	TBA	11 basic DBS Checks	£242.00
10/01/2024	Oxfordshire County Council	January Pension Payment	£457.31
25/01/2024	Clerk	January Wages	£1,463.97
25/01/2024	HMRC	Employment Contributions	£1,343.74

7. Cashbook Payments

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to pay for the items listed on the December and January cashbook.

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

FC097/23

To propose Items for the next agenda

1. Noticeboards – Cllr Church
2. New defibrillator – Church

FC098/23

Next Meetings

1. Planning Committee – Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7 pm.
2. Full Parish Council – Tuesday 27th February 2023 at 7pm.

All meetings are held at the Blackbird Leys Bowls Club, 2-4 Cuddesdon Way, Oxford OX4 6JP.

The meeting ended at 20.27

SIGNED: _____ Cllr Imade Edosomwan (Chair)