

22nd October 2026

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Blackbird Leys Parish Council on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 7.00pm at The Leys Leisure Centre.

The press and public are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

Emma Kearney
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To be received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm as a true record the minutes of the full parish council meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2026.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public can address the meeting if the chair has been made aware and the matter is relevant to an item on this agenda.

5. REGENERATION UPDATE

To receive an update from Oxford City Council and Peabody.

6. COUNTY, CITY AND PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

To receive a report from those present.

7. CONSULTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Blackbird Leys Footpath No. 2 (part) – Proposed Diversion Under the Highways Act 1980 s.119

To note that the Council's response (FC57/26) has been sent to Oxfordshire County Council, and that a temporary traffic regulation notice has been issued for the footpath with a planned start date of 1 October 2026.

2. Blackbird Leys Library – Temporary Closure

To note that Oxfordshire County Council will close Blackbird Leys Library from Monday 9 November to Friday 4 December 2026 for decarbonisation works, with extended opening hours at Littlemore Library during the closure.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

To consider the following 2 planning applications

Application Reference and Details	Address	Ward	Deadline
26/02323/FUL – Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to allow subdivision of the existing property to create 1 x 2-bedroom flat and 1 x 1-bedroom flat (Use Class C3). Installation of PV solar panels to rear roofslope and rear extension roof. Provision of private amenity space, bin and cycle storage.	140 Sandy Lane, Oxford	Blackbird Leys	05.11.2026

Application Reference and Details	Address	Ward	Deadline
26/02192/CEU (amended description) – Application to certify that the section of the drainage scheme implemented constitutes a material operation and has lawfully implemented planning permission 22/02880/RES.	Plot 2000 John Smith Drive, Oxford	Temple Cowley	27.10.2026 (extended)

9. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL TRACKER

To receive the Agenda Item Proposal Tracker.

To agree -

- i. Which proposed committees and working groups to take forward to terms of reference.
- ii. An estimated number of meetings a year for each, for budgeting purposes only.
- iii. To include in the 2027-28 draft budget estimated costs for a committees clerk (subject to a business case), room hire, and a Neighbourhood Plan consultant.
- iv. To engage OALC to review or draft the terms of reference at £35 an hour plus VAT, up to £1,000 plus VAT, from General Reserves.
- v. Up to £100 for room hire for an informal councillors' catch-up.

To note -

- i. That any further proposals for committees or working groups should be submitted to the Clerk on an agenda item proposal form for a future meeting.

10. GRANT REQUEST

To consider a grant application from Leys Cricket Club of £1,000 towards the hire of sports facilities and the purchase of cricket equipment, including a bowling machine, under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

11. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2025-26

To review the effectiveness of the internal audit for 2025/26 (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 5) and not the clerk will need to work on the actions.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Finance Report

To be received and considered.

2. Internal Financial Auditor

To confirm that the cashbook payments for October are true and accurate records.

3. Cashbook Payments

To approve and pay.

13. ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Budget 2027-28.
- Reserves Policy.