

BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th October 2024, at 7pm held a Blackbird Leys Community Centre

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Parish Councillors:** Imade Edosomwan (Chair) Anthony Church (Vice), Peter Nowland, Gill Taylor, Kathy Balsamo, David Newman, Maggie Lewis, Hassan Sabriye and Jenny Wells.
- OTHER COUNCILLORS:** **City Councillor:** 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: Karoline Soisalo de Mendonca.
Peabody Development Manager: Kristina Hall.
Community Groups: Friends of Spindleberry Nature Park.
Members of the Public: 7.
- APOLOGIES:** The following apologies were received:
City Councillors: Linda Smith, Simon Ottino and Lubar Arshad.
- FC070/24** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**
None
- FC071/24** **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept the minutes for the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024 as a true record. This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Lewis.
- FC072/24** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- i. A representative from the Friends of Spindleberry Nature Park attended to provide an update.
 - ii. A resident attended to raise concerns regarding light pollution near the nature reserve. The chair proposed a letter could be sent from the parish council and asked the resident to email the clerk the information so a letter can be drafted.
 - iii. A resident raised concerns regarding the speed of the construction traffic, working on the regeneration. The chair proposed a letter could be sent from the parish council and for the information to be sent to the clerk for a letter to be drafted.
 - iv. During the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group agenda item, significant disruption occurred when a city councillor and resident architect repeatedly interrupted from the public gallery regarding the consultant selection process. The clerk advised that the decision to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan and its funding process had been unanimously agreed at the July meeting, which neither party had attended. Despite the clerk's confirmation that the council had followed financial regulations, questioning continued and undermined the council resulting in the parish councillors questioning whether to proceed with the plan at all. The clerk requested the questions be submitted in writing to enable a formal response and to restore order to the meeting.
- FC073/24** **REGENERATION UPDATE**
An update was received, including presentation boards showing concept designs for the new community centre.

FC074/24 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

The councillors, officers and community groups present gave their update.

FC075/24 PLANNING APPLICATION

The following planning application was reviewed due to the consultation deadline falling before the next Planning Committee meeting.

Applications Reference	Address	Ward	Deadline	Outcome
24/02429/FUL Demolition of existing front porch. Erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension. Formation of a front porch. Removal of 1no. chimney stack to front elevation.	45 Brambling Way Oxford OX4 6EH	Northfield Brook	15.11.2024	No objection.

FC076/24 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP

1. An introduction to the neighbourhood plans and working group was received.
2. It was explained how people can join the working group or otherwise help the group develop a good plan for the Leys.
3. It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to subscribe to mapping services for approximately £540 per year for Parish Online. This was proposed by Cllr Newman and seconded by Cllr Edosomwan.
4. It was **NOTED** the meeting dates would to be arranged over email.

FC077/24 It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

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

FC078/24 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GRANT

It was **NOTED** the grant neighbourhood plan has been approved.

FC079/24 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The external auditor's response was **NOTED**.

FC080/24 OALC TRAINING INVOICE AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR TRAINING

1. It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to approve the payment of invoice #5202 (£42.00) for OALC training "Communicating with Your Community". This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Taylor.
2. It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to adopt the scheme of delegation for training. This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Edosomwan.

FC081/24 LETTERS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Overmead Gardens**
The approval via email to send the letter to college regarding Overmead Garden disruption was **NOTED**.
2. **Bowls Club**
It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to send a thank you letter to the Bowls Club. This was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Nowland.

FC082/24 It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to extend the meeting by a further 15 minutes.

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

FC083/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. **Income**
None
2. **Finance Report**
The report was received.

3. **Internal Financial Controller**

It was **NOTED** the invoices against the October 2024 cashbook were correct.

FC084/24 CASHBOOK PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to pay for the cashbook items listed on the October 2024 cashbook.

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

Date	Payee	Description	Total
31/10/2024	Moore	External Audit fee	£378.00
10/10/2024	Lloyds Bank	Oct Corporate Card Monthly Fee	£3.00
31/10/2024	Unity Trust	Service Charge	£5.40
31/10/2024	Parish Online	Mapping Tool	£560.00
24/10/2024	HMRC	Employee Contributions	£1,650.66
02/10/2024	HG3	Oct Mobile Phone Charge	£12.54
10/10/2024	Ox County Council	Oct Pension	£457.31
25/10/2024	Clerk	Oct Wages	£1,484.61
31/10/2024	Clerk	Working from Home all. Oct	£24.00
31/10/2024	OALC	Communicating with your community	£42.00
31/10/2024	Clerk	Mileage 15/10/2024	£11.70
31/10/2024	Clerk	Mileage 22/10/2025	£11.70
		Total	£4,640.92

FC085/24 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

All proposals need to be submitted to the clerk in writing at least 10 clear days before the meeting it is proposed for. (*As per standing order 9B*).

FC086/24 The meeting closed at 21.30

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Councillor Edosomwan: - Chair