

BLACKBIRD LEYS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 29th June 2021, at 7.00 pm held at the Glow Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Parish Councillors:** Robert Davies (Chairman), Peter Nowland, Julio Gonzalez, Ewa Gluza, Olamide Odelajo, Deborah McIlveen, Anthony Church, Imade Edosomwan, Maggie Lewis, Sasha East and Duncan Hall.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: **Oxford City Council Communities & Neighbourhoods:** None.
Members of the Public: 5.
Thames Valley Police: Anna Guzinska
Community Response Team: Godfrey Chizema.

APOLOGIES: The following apologies were received:
Parish Councillors: John Dillon.
City Council Councillors: Rae Humberstone.
Thames Valley Police: Alex Penn.

FC0032/21 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

FC0033/21 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the full parish council meeting held Tuesday 25th May 2021 as a true record by majority vote.
This was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Nowland.

FC0034/21 **Public Participation**

- I. Oxfordshire Community Land Trust attended and gave a presentation.**
 - Research is being carried out to locate affordable housing in the city, the project is being supported by the council and central government. It involves mapping out 'empty, underused, or unusual' sites. Namely vacant garages through a feasibility assessment.
 - The Leys has been identified as one of the five areas to be assessed. There will be consultation starting over the next few months, beginning at the Town Hall, this is a separate project from the regeneration.
- II. The Family Culture Day organisers attended and gave a presentation.**
 - An overview of the event was given and a request for funding for Sunday 4th July was made. The council was unable to award funding outside of the annual grant awarding scheme, although there was a lot of support for this event from the councillors.
 - Discussions took place for the council to explore ways to fund small grant requests through-out the year.
- III. Spindleberry/Knights Road**
 - A resident attended to update that they and other residents felt disengaged and misled by the City Council with regards to the Spindleberry Park land change of use. Along with the site being called 'Knight's Road'.
 - The resident raised there was a lack of response to emails from the City Council.
- IV. Stadium to Return to Greyhound Racing**
 - A member of the public attended to raise concerns with the Greyhound racing returning and proposed a Velodome instead.

- FC0035/21 Regeneration Update**
- The Regeneration Manager advised in response to the resident's concern with the lack of response that he would follow it up for them.
 - There will be a 'pop-up' outside the community centre on the 15th and 17th July.
 - There will be webinars on the 20th and 21st July.
 - Concerns were raised regarding the design of the community centre, and the council (city) have engaged a team for this.
 - To clarify regarding the concerns raised by the resident the Knights Road site, and the District Centre are seen together. The housing is market sale and is subsidising the project.
 - The email address is bblregen@oxford.gov.uk for any queries.
- FC0036/21 Regeneration Survey**
- It was proposed for the parish councillors to engage with the community via a door-to-door survey and ask four questions regarding the regeneration.
- It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Nowland.***
- An amendment to the motion was proposed to create a parish council newsletter advertising the parish council, and information on the regeneration to be delivered when completing the survey.
- It was proposed by Cllr McIlveen and seconded by Cllr Davies.***
- The motion **FAILED** and did not receive a majority vote.
- FC0037/21 Standing Order Update**
- It was **RESOLVED** to amend the 'The role of vice-chairman can be a joint position, should both candidates agree to be considered jointly' by majority vote.
- Action: Clerk to update the standing orders.***
- FC0038/21 Election of the Vice Chairman**
- i. It was proposed by Cllr Gonzalez and seconded by Cllr Edosomwan for Cllr McIlveen to be nominated for the role of Vice Chairman.
 - ii. It was proposed by Cllr Gluza and seconded by Cllr Church for Cllr Church to be nominated for the role of Vice Chairman.
 - iii. It was proposed by Cllr Church and seconded by Cllr Gluza for Cllr Nowland to be nominated for the role of Vice Chairman.
- The candidates all agreed for the role to be joint.
- It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr McIlveen to be elected in the role of Joint Vice Chairman by majority vote.
- Cllr Church withdrew for the nomination.
- It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Nowland to be elected in the role of Joint Vice Chairman by majority vote.
- Action: Clerk to send acceptance of office form***
- Action: Vice Chairman to sign the acceptance of office form.***
- FC0039/21 Nomination of Community Assets**
- Discussions were held regarding the process.
- A working group was formed, and Cllr Davies, Cllr Nowland and Cllr East joined the 'Community Asset Working Group'.
- Action: Community Asset Working Group to meet and discuss next steps.***

- FC0040/21 CIL Fund Expenditure**
The following CIL proposals were considered.
- FC0041/21 Cllr Church proposal**
To purchase one bench and one planter for Linnet Road at a cost of £3,525.00.
The motion **FAILED** as it did not receive a majority vote.
- FC0042/21** It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
This was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Nowland.
- FC0043/21 Cllr Lewis proposal**
To purchase Neighbourhood Watch signs for the parish, to be stored and fitted by the co-ordinators at a cost of between £354 - £900.
The motion **FAILED** as it did not receive a majority vote.
- FC0044/21 Change of Use Query**
- To agree for Cllr De Gregori to represent the parish council by requesting an agenda item at a City Council Meeting.
 - The agenda item to address the change of use for the land next to Spindleberry Nature Park.
 - Cllr De Gregori to attend the meeting and voice the concerns raised by the residents.
- There was no proposer for this item, and therefore it was not considered.
- FC0045/21 Youth Council**
Discussions were held regarding setting up a youth council.
A working group was formed, and Cllr McIlveen and Cllr Gluza joined the 'Youth Council Working Group'.
Action: 'Youth Council Working Group to meet and discuss next steps.
- FC0046/21 Community Groups Report**
Community Response Team (CRT) gave their reports.
- FC0047/21 To receive reports**
Councillors gave their reports.
- FC0048/21** It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.
This was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Nowland.
- FC0049/21 Financial Matters**
- The Internal Financial Controller confirmed the cashbook against the invoices were a true record.
 - It was **RESOLVED** by majority vote to accept the cashbook payments for June 2021.

June 2021 Cashbook

Date	Payee	Description	Total
22/06/2021	BLNSS T/a Agnes Smith	Covid fund	£2,500.00
29/06/2021	Clerk via expenses WIX	Clerk Mailbox	£60.04
29/06/2021	Leys CDI	Hall Hire	£137.50
25/06/2021	Chairman	Allowance	Private
25/06/2021	Clerk	Salary	Private
25/06/2021	HMRC	Employee Cont.	Private
		Total	£4,370.51

3. The following budget virements were considered -
- It was **RESOLVED** for the cost of an additional 12 meetings per year for the planning committee approximately £250 to be moved to 'Hall Hire', by majority vote.
 - It was **RESOLVED** for the sum of £3,500 to be moved to 'grants' in case all grants were awarded in full, by majority vote.
 - It was **RESOLVED** for the Friendly's grant award of £1,000 to be carried over from 2020, and for the rent to be paid directly to the City Council, by majority vote.

4. To receive quarterly budget update.

The quarterly budget was received.

	Hall Hire	Stationery	Postage	Telephone	Dropbox	Expenses	OALC Mem
APRIL	£20.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,165.24
MAY	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
JUNE	£137.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
SPENT	£157.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,165.24
BUDGETED	£240.00	£500.00	£50.00	£120.00	£100.00	£150.00	£2,200.00
REMAINING	£82.50	£500.00	£50.00	£120.00	£100.00	£150.00	£34.76

SLCC Mem	Zoom	Insurance	Info Cert	Audit Internal	Audit External	Training
£249.00	£0.00	£745.84	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£165.00	£0.00	£330.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£249.00	£0.00	£745.84	£0.00	£165.00	£0.00	£330.00
£230.00	£190.00	£700.00	£45.00	£165.00	£300.00	£1,000.00
£19.00	£190.00	£45.84	£45.00	£0.00	£300.00	£670.00

	Grants	Elections	Leys Fest	Covid-19	Annual Meeting
APRIL	£9,950.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
MAY	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
JUNE	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
SPENT	£9,950.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
BUDGETED	£11,500.00	£1,300.00	£5,000.00	£3,462.00	£300.00
REMAINING	£1,550.00	£1,300.00	£5,000.00	£962.00	£300.00

Clerk Mob	Clerk Printer	.GOV	Councillor emails	External Funding	No Budget	Conf. Payments	Total per month	CIL Fund
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,583.52	£14,713.60	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,140.04	£2,635.04	£122.40
£0.00	£0.00	£60.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,672.67	£4,370.21	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£60.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,396.33	£21,718.95	£122.40
£50.00	£300.00	£65.00	£715.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,686.00	£54,368.00	£18,088.31
£50.00	£300.00	£4.96	£715.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,289.67	£32,649.05	£17,965.91

The clerk advised inquiries were being made by councillors regarding the clerk's salary. The clerk addressed the council and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were no questions or concerns raised.

FC0050/21 To propose items for the next agenda

Regeneration working group.

FC0051/21 Date for the Next Meetings

- Planning Committee – Tuesday 13th July 2021
- Full Parish Council – Tuesday 27th July 2021

Meeting ends at 21.30.

SIGNED: _____

Councillor Robert Davies (Chairman)