

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for January/February 2019

Meetings	<p>Parish Council on 16 January 2019 &amp; 4 February 2019. Staffing Committee on 30 January 2019. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site.  <a href="http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</a></p> <p>All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and for a trial period would be held twice a month; the first Monday and third Wednesday and both meetings will include consideration of planning applications. These are forums for residents to raise issues of concern.</p>
Next Meetings	<p>Parish Council: 20 February 2019 &amp; 4 March 2019.</p>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works to Jubilee Hall are due to start w/c 25 February 2019. The Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience to users whilst the works are being carried out. One container had now been scrapped and removed from the site and the other would be re-located on the Jubilee Park site in the next couple of weeks.</li> <li>• The Parish Council agreed to the request from the Ellen Hinde Hall Trustees to support its grant application to Cherwell District Council, to fund a new roof at the Hall;</li> <li>• The Parish Council strongly objected to the retrospective application 18/01113/ from Motor Fuel Ltd, Bloxham Service Station, South Newington Road, Bloxham for new recessed forecourt canopy lights. The application will be heard at Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee on 14 February 2019.</li> <li>• The Parish Council also objected to application 19/00013/DISC, for the discharge condition 9 (parking and manoeuvring areas) of 16/02173/F at the former The Bungalow, Queen Street, Bloxham.</li> <li>• The Parish Council had no objections to two applications; 19/00110/F for the relocation of a storage container and removal of second storage container at Jubilee Hall, Jubilee Park, Barley Close, Bloxham and 19/00060/F for a single storey rear extension and garage conversion, new windows and timber cladding and a new front canopy and roof over garage at 95 Courtington Lane Bloxham.</li> <li>• The Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan Review team had met and would be bringing their findings and recommendations to future meetings of the Parish Council;</li> <li>• A request had been made to the County Council, supported by Councillor Kieron Mallon, to remove the narrowing to the road outside the Primary School. This would be replaced by white lines.</li> </ul>
<u>Environment/ Highways</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potholes can be reported by residents at <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a>, along with other highways and street lighting issues. When reporting on this site, photographs are useful;</li> <li>• The parked vehicles in the following locations are causing hazardous obstructions: on the A361 slip way leading to Ells Lane; on the corner verge of Ells Lane/A361 and on the corner of Bloxham Grove Road and the A361. <b>Please could drivers park their vehicles safely and considerately in all areas of the village and be aware that Thames Valley Police are continuing to monitor the village;</b></li> <li>• Residents need to be aware that there have been reports of gangs coming from outside the village targeting children related to either drugs or grooming. Read more about 'County Lines' on the Children's Society Web Site;  <a href="https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines">https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines</a></li> <li>• Dog owners are reminded to keep their dogs on a lead whilst walking on the Circular Walk, in the Slade Nature Reserve and Public Rights of Way. If dogs continue to be let off their leads and frighten or attack cattle or sheep, the land owners who have given permission for Permissive Paths are within their rights to withdraw permission for the Circular Walk to cross their land, which would be to the detriment of the village.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Please keep dogs on leads at all times when using the Circular Walk.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Emergency Planning Working Group had met and if any residents had any relevant knowledge or experience and would like to join the Group, please contact the Clerk;</li><li>• Ideas for improving the amenity land in Walsingham Close would be investigated and reported back to a future meeting. If residents have any suggestions, please contact the Parish Clerk. This land was designated as amenity area and therefore any improvements had to ensure it stayed as amenity land and could not be designated for any other use, such as a carpark;</li><li>• a request for a new grit bin by the Primary School was approved. The Clerk would now liaise with the County Council on its exact location; and</li><li>• the Trustees of the Ex-Servicemen's Hall would be contacted about locating a village defibrillator on their site.</li></ul>
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The transfer of land in Gascoigne Way from the developers, Kibswell, to the Parish Council was continuing to the processed;</li><li>• The Parish Council had provided two 'No Parking' signs for The Warriner School and Bloxham Primary School. Councillor Kieron Mallon was thanked for supporting the application which was approved by the County Council for the necessary funding; and</li><li>• Information on the Parish Council's budget and expenditure was available on the Parish Council's web site.</li></ul>
<u>Vacancies/Co-option</u>	<p>Sophie Floate was co-opted onto the Parish Council on 16 January 2019. All 12 seats on the Parish Council were now filled.</p>
<u>Communication</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook;</li><li>• Visit the Parish Councillors at the 'Drop-In and Chat' from 10.30 am to 11.30 am on the second Saturday of every month at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, <b>except the February session was now being held on Saturday 16 February 2019;</b></li><li>• Parish Council web site <a href="http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</a>; and</li><li>• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <b>during normal office hours</b> or email <a href="mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com">bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com</a></li></ul>