

MINUTES OF THE BLOXHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Steve Craggs; Councillors Joanna Barton, David Bunn, Sophie Floate, Leonard Leigh, Stephen Phipps and Nick Rayner.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillors Christine Heath and County Councillor Kieron Mallon and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

The Chairman reported that he and other Councillors were saddened to learn that former Parish Councillor and Parish Council Chairman, Geoff Mollard had passed away the previous day. The Chairman passed the Parish Council's condolences to Geoff's wife and family.

1/21 MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2/21 MATTERS ARISING - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018.

3/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Prior to the meeting, the Parish Council had published on the Parish Council's web site, the Chairman's report and presentation on the Parish Council's activities over the last 12 months.

The Chairman gave his presentation and also thanked the past and present Councillors and Theresa Goss, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer for their work during the last 12 months.

The Chairman also reported that District Councillor Christine would be stepping down in May 2021 and he thanked her for all her hard work as a District Councillor, over many years.

4/21 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – Prior to the meeting, District Councillor Christine Heath and County Councillor Kieron Mallon had circulated their reports.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports and their support over the last 12 months. The reports would be available on the Parish Council web site.

A resident asked Councillor Mallon when the white line painting on the resurfaced A361 would be completed. Councillor Mallon would obtain this information from the County Council Highways Officers.

Councillor Mallon thanked Councillor Heath for all her work in the Ward during her time as a District Councillor and prior to that, in the supporting role she played when her late husband Eric was a District Councillor.

5/21 FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET AND FUNDING – The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2020/2021. The figures had been subject to internal audit and gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year. There were no items of clarification. The accounts for year ended 31 March 2021 were available on the Parish Council web site.

6/21 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS – The Chairman invited residents in attendance to send questions through to the Clerk, using the chat function on Zoom.

A resident advised that she was concerned about dangerous walls in the village and she would be happy to identify walls which might fall down. The Chairman advised that Cherwell District Council was responsible for monitoring walls and she should liaise with the District Council over this matter.

The resident then advised that the mud at the Queen Street end of the Public Right of Way through to The Square was so bad last month that she could not use it for over two weeks. Would the Parish Council please take steps to improve the surface or stop vehicles reversing there?

Councillor Nick Rayner advised that this should be maintained by either the landowner or the County Council. However, it was unlikely that this work would be undertaken and it could be investigated by the Parish Council.

A resident asked whether the Parish Council was aware of the developments at Bloxham School - planned new coach park at the main entrance and consequential movement and expansion of the cricket nets. The resident stated that the impact on residents will be significant in terms of noise, disruption, traffic hazard and loss of view. Would the council be supporting an objection to the plans?

The Chairman thanked the resident for the question and advised that the Parish Council was unable to make comments on any planning applications until it was formally consulted by Cherwell District Council.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting.

(The meeting closed at 8.19pm)

Chairman
23 March 2022

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