

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for April 2022

### Meetings

- The Parish Council meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 4 April 2022. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. <http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/>
- All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Monday (unless it is a bank holiday, then it is the Monday of the following week). Meetings include consideration of planning applications and forums for residents to raise issues of concern.

### Next Meetings

- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is being held on Tuesday 9 May 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham.

### Planning

No objections have been made by the Parish Council in respect of the following applications:

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| 22/00403/TCA  | Pitts Orchard, Cumberford, Bloxham,<br>Tree works   |
| 22/00454/DISC | Stone Hill House, Stone Hill, Bloxham<br>Discharge of conditions 3 (slate sample), 4 (timber cladding schedule), 5 (rooflights, doors and windows) & 6 (electricity or gas supply meter housings) of 21/01476/LB        |
| 22/00469/DISC | Stone Hill House, Stone Hill, Bloxham<br>Discharge of conditions 3 (slate sample), 4 (timber cladding schedule), 5 (rooflights, doors and windows) & 6 (electricity or gas supply meter housings details) of 21/01505/F |
| 22/00477/F    | Land Adj To Warriner Game Court, The Warriner School, Banbury Road, Bloxham<br>Proposed water tank, pump room plant and associated enclosure  |
| 22/00632/F    | Firs Hill, Tadmarton Road, Bloxham<br>New single storey rear extension with flat roof, new former windows to roof and modest adjustments to existing fenestration   |

Planning applications and the Parish Council's comments could be viewed at <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as>

### Environment/ Highways

- **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD IN THE JUBILEE PARK PLAY AREA, AS PER THE SIGNAGE**
- Residents are kindly requested not to leave wheelie bins at the front of their properties, if there was rear access. Bins should be put out and put away again on the day they were emptied. Bins should be stored within the curtilage of their properties and please could residents ensure that footpaths are not blocked by bins, at any time.
- Oxfordshire County Council is providing Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the Cherwell area and it is hoped that they will monitor Bloxham for illegal parking. For more information and to report illegally parked cars, please visit the OCC web site. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking>
- Potholes, overhanging trees or hedges and street lighting issues can be reported by residents at <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> When reporting on this site, photographs are useful.
- Tree works will be carried out on the land in Queen Street and permission from the County Council for the Parish Council to complete works to the highway in Queen Street, is still awaited.
- There are no allotments in Bloxham, however there are some in Milton which can be rented. More information can be obtained by contacting Emily Littlejohn at Carter Jonas. [emily.littlejohn@carterjonas.co.uk](mailto:emily.littlejohn@carterjonas.co.uk)

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- The Parish Council will be supporting 'No Mow in May' which means that the verges will not be cut fully during May 2022, only the outside edges will be cut back. This will encourage wildlife and biodiversity in the village. The three wild flower areas in Hawke Lane, Winters Way and Painters Close will also continue again this year and be managed by Bloxham Biodiversity Group.
- Please could all residents respond either on-line to the Parish Council's traffic survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KKVRPB> or complete the paper survey at the back of the Broadsheet this month. The Parish Council would like the views of residents on the proposed 20mph speed restrictions for Bloxham.
- The Parish Council will continue to liaise with Cherwell District Council regarding to the progress of the repairs to the collapsed wall in Cumberford.
- A new dog waste bin has been installed on the footpath at the side of Bloxham Mill, from Milton Road to Barford Road.

### Community

- A defibrillator is held internally at Warriner School, in the admin block outside the general office, it is in an unlocked cabinet and can be accessed during school hours. The second unit is in a climate-controlled cabinet, fixed externally on the sports hall, to the right of the main entrance. This one is locked, but there are clear instructions on the cabinet about how to get the required code. The defibrillators will be checked/maintained regularly by the school and should a defibrillator be used, the school must be notified immediately as the shock pads are single-use.
- A defibrillator is also located outside the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. In an emergency, please always call 999 in the first instance and the emergency services will judge whether or not it is appropriate to obtain the defibrillator and will then issue the access code to open the defibrillator cabinet.
- Repair works would be carried out to the play equipment at Bloxham Recreation Ground.
- Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/ukraine/support-ukraine> for details on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- Six members of the public attended the Annual Parish Meeting and there was a good discussion with regard to the priorities for the Parish Council after May 2022. A wider residents consultation will be undertaken in due course.
- The Parish Council thanks District Councillor Andrew McHugh, who is not standing for re-election in May 2022, for all his work in the village since becoming the District Councillor for Bloxham. Thanks are also passed to Parish Councillor Stephen Phipps who is also not standing for re-election in May 2022, for his hard work over many years, on the Parish Council.

### Communication

- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- The Parish Council's 'Drop-In and Chat' sessions have been cancelled until further notice.
- Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, **during normal office hours** or email [bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com)

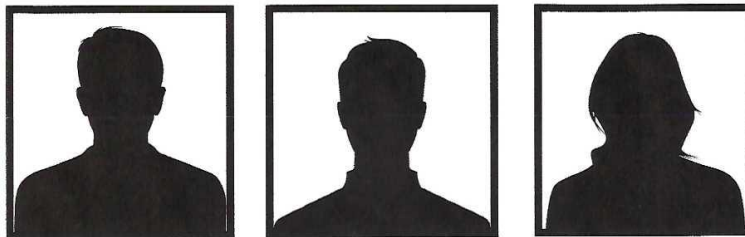
## **Community Speedwatch Scheme**

This Parish Council would like to address concerns residents have raised regarding speeding in the village by setting up a Community Speedwatch Scheme, in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. The Scheme will only be a success if it receives support from the village firstly, by residents being aware of their own speed when driving in and around the village and secondly by volunteering to help run, support and coordinate the Scheme. If any residents would be happy to give a couple of hours each month, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for more details.

**Parish Council Elections**

The Parish Council elections on 5 May 2022 will be an uncontested election. There are twelve seats on the Parish Council and five candidates have been nominated. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk for more details. If these seven seats are not filled, then it will impact on the amount of work which the Parish Council is able to do in the village.

**WANTED**



**Do you care about Bloxham?**

**Do you want to do something positive  
for your community?**

**Can you think, listen and act locally?**

**There are a number of vacancies on Bloxham Parish  
Council so why not...**

**...consider becoming a Councillor?**

**To find out more please visit**

**<https://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=65>  
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