

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for August 2022

### Meetings and Parish Council matters

- A meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 1 August 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 of the month (unless it is a bank holiday, then it is the Monday of the following week).
- **There are still six vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone interested in joining should contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, for more information.**



### Next Meetings

- The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held on Monday 5 September 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham.
- The next Parish Council Drop-In and Chat session is being held on Saturday 10 September 2022 at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 1030am to 1130am. Please come along and meet your Councillors! The session scheduled for August has been cancelled.

### Planning

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

- 22/01947/TCA Beauchamp House, Chapel Street, Bloxham  
Tree work
- 22/01480/LB Damson Cottage , 8 Merrivales Lane, Bloxham  
Secondary double-glazing to 9 windows to improve thermal insulation and noise reduction

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

- **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

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residents at <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> When reporting on this site, photographs are useful.

- 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)
- Discussions were continuing with the Church with regard to a new burial ground in the village.
- The Parish Council is supportive of EV charging points and discussions would be held with the Jubilee Park Management Committee to investigate this at Jubilee Park.
- Investigations into issues with the foul drainage at Jubilee Hall would be undertaken, in conjunction with Cherwell District Council officers.
- A request for funding of £300 was approved for activities during 'The Big Green Week'.
- A memorial to the Smith Family would be erected in the village, subject to permission from the relevant land owner.
- Works to a number of trees would be carried out in the village, by Cotefield Treecare Ltd.
- The Parish Council would again be assisting with the Remembrance Sunday Parade, in consultation with the Royal British Legion and Tom Smith.
- The new Bus Shelter on the A361 would be erected on 16 August 2022.
- A quote had been requested from Field and Lawn for the Christmas lights for 2022.
- Cherwell District Council officers had tried to remove some offensive graffiti from the swings at Jubilee Park, but was unable to completely remove it. Alternative options would be discussed with the Jubilee Park Management Committee.
- The ivy had been cut back along the footpath from Queen Street to Greenhills Park.

### **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD IN THE JUBILEE PARK PLAY AREA, AS PER THE SIGNAGE**

#### Community

- Please visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/ukraine/support-ukraine> for details on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- Applications for Parish Council grants for 2023/2024 are being invited and an application form could be downloaded from the PC web site or a paper copy could be requested by emailing or calling the Parish Clerk.  
<https://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=110>

#### Communication

- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- 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.