

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for February 2022

Meetings

- The Parish Council meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 7 February 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. Due to a lack of support from the community, there are five vacancies on the Parish Council and meetings are now monthly, instead of being held twice monthly and the Drop-In and Chat sessions have been cancelled.

Next Meetings

- Monday 7 March 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall. Members of the public are asked to wear face masks when attending the meetings and if possible, take a Covid-19 lateral flow test prior to the meeting.

Planning

- A review of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan would be a priority for the new Parish Council following the elections in May 2022.

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

- 21/04069/F 22 The Avenue, Bloxham
Erect a two storey extension to the rear of the property, a porch to the front and internal alterations
- 21/04065/TCA Stone Hill House, Stone Hill, Bloxham
Tree works
- 21/04182/TCA Old Park Farm, Stone Hill, Bloxham
Tree works
- 21/04258/F Ells Farm, Ells Lane, Bloxham,
Conversion of an agricultural barn into a family dwelling with a separate residential boundary. Part of the existing farmhouse will become part of the new dwelling. Conversion of adjoining stables to become part of the dwelling

Objections have been raised by the Parish Council in respect of the following application:

- 22/00168/F Side Acre, Queen Street, Bloxham
New single storey annexe and triple garage to be created in the rear garden.
- 21/03773/F Lynton, Banbury Road, Bloxham
Single storey rear extension to form kitchen, diner and snug; first floor to be extended to enlarge bedroom and create dressing area and en-suite - resubmission of 21/02209/F

The Parish Council is currently considering the following applications:

- 21/04236/F Bredon House, Courtington Lane, Bloxham
Demolition of existing conservatory. Single storey and two storey front extensions. Render and cladding to entire dwelling. New windows and doors. Garage conversion. Rear pergola. Lean-to timber shed alongside elevation. Solar panels to rear elevation.
- 22/00252/NMA 11 South Newington Road, Bloxham
Non-material amendment to 20/00912/F - change wall material to rear single storey lean to from facing bricks to natural stone to match existing
- 22/00166/TCA Oak Lodge, Courtington Lane, Bloxham,
Tree works

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22/00169/DISC Side Acre, Queen Street, Bloxham

Discharge of condition 3 (cotswold stone sample) and 4 (slate sample) of 21/03861/F

21/04162/F Oak Tree Farm, Tadmarton Road, Bloxham

Creation of farm access and installation of 2 no x 15ft gates - re-submission of 21/02190/F

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

- There are no allotments in Bloxham, however there are some in Milton which can be rented. More information can be obtained by contacting Harriet Featherstone at Carter Jonas. harriet.featherstone@carterjonas.co.uk
- **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD IN THE JUBILEE PARK PLAY AREA, AS PER THE SIGNAGE**
- Residents were 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.
- Incidents of anti-social behaviour are still occurring at Bloxham Service Station during the night and these were being reported regularly to Motor Fuel Group.
- Cherwell District Council would be making changes to their food and garden waste collections from 1 March 2022. Please visit the CDC web site for more information. <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/42/your-bins/3>
- Oxfordshire County Council is providing Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the Cherwell area and it is hoped that they will monitor Milcombe 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>
- 'No Parking' Signs would be located in grass verges around the village where they were becoming damaged from vehicles parking on them.
- A fence belonging to Bloxham School, bordering with Greens Garth, had been vandalised and damaged to enable people to access the Bloxham School playing field. However, the playing field is not open to the public. The School have completed the repair but if vandalism of this nature continues, then more permissive footpaths in the village could be closed as direct result. Please respect the countryside.
- The County Council would be removing the barrier on The Gogs footpath and the tarmacked surface would be extended.
- Tree work would be undertaken at Jubilee Park around 29 March 2022.
- 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.
- Residents in Queen Street will be presenting a land management plan to the Parish Council in relation to the two pieces of land in Queen Street and how they will be maintained in the future.

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

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the shock pads are single-use.

- Following advice from Cherwell District Council, quotes would be obtained for a consultant to advise on the project to identify a new burial ground.

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)

HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – JUNE 2022

Preparations are underway nationally and locally to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

See: <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend> for details.

Among the suggestions from the national organisers is holding a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' parties. These could be street parties, in open spaces or in large gardens. More details may be found here:

<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/blog/the-big-jubilee-lunch>

Bloxham Parish Council may be able to assist residents wishing to organise street parties by liaising with the police and highway authority regarding issues such as traffic management and road closures. The Council may also be able to assist in contacting and seeking to persuade landowners to make a site available where particular road closures are not possible, but using other local land may be an option.

Anyone thinking of holding street parties and other celebrations is advised to begin the planning process early and to let the Parish Council know, especially if road closures or other assistance may be needed.

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

There will be Bloxham Parish Council elections on Thursday 5 May 2022. This means that all Councillors will stand down and all twelve seats on the Parish Council are up for election.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council or any of the Parish Councillors for more details.

Also, all residents are invited to attend the Bloxham Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall. This will provide the opportunity to meet the current Councillors and the Clerk, ask questions and receive information on the work the Parish Council has undertaken in the last twelve months.