

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for July 2022

Meetings and Parish Council matters

- A meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 4 July 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.
- A new Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Parish Council. Training will be attended in due course.

Next Meetings

- The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held on Monday 1 August 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham.
- The next Parish Council Drop-In and Chat session is being held on Saturday 9 July 2022 at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. The following session is being held on Saturday 13 August 2022, 1030am to 1130am. Please come along and meet your Councillors!

Planning

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

- 22/01458/F 12 Schofields Way, Bloxham
Removal of carport and construction of side extension, enclosure of front entrance porch. Single storey rear extension
- 22/01494/F Ells Farm, Ells Lane, Bloxham
Convert 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. (follow-up to 21/04258/F)
- 22/01568/LB Rectory Farm, Church Street, Bloxham
Installation of radon sumps, fans and vents to cellar and sitting room of house and to adjacent barn
- 22/01686/F Saxton House, Exchange Lane, Bloxham
Loft conversion and solar panels to roof

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

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- 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
- Discussions are ongoing with the Church with regard to a new burial ground in the village. A further meeting will be held at the end of July 2022.
- Requests for widening the access to Jubilee Park and the installation of EV charging points would be discussed by Jubilee Park Management Committee, prior to any decision by the Parish Council.
- Investigations into issues with the foul drainage at Jubilee Hall would be undertaken, in conjunction with Cherwell District Council officers.
- Thanks to the residents who responded to the survey regarding the proposed 20mph speed restrictions in Bloxham. The majority of those who responded supported the initiative and the results would now be shared with Oxfordshire County Council to support the Parish Council's application. The vehicle speed survey had also been completed and although the mean average over 7 days was not particularly high, within the data, it was clear that vehicles were speeding excessively in the village.
- The Parish Council referred parking issues in Little Green to the County Council, as it is the responsible body for these matters.
- A request for funding for 'The Big Green Week' from Bloxham Biodiversity Group will be discussed at the next meeting.

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.
- The Parish Council was pleased to be able to support by way of a grant, seven Platinum Jubilee street parties in the village.
- Marie Jones, Warden at The Slade provided the Parish Council with an update on the work at the Local Nature Reserve. The Parish Council thanks Marie and her assistant Natalie Dayer for all their hard work at The Slade to ensure it stays a wonderful facility for the village to enjoy.
- Works to the roof at the Bloxham Recreation Ground pavilion were being discussed and a contract will be awarded shortly. This will be funded using Section 106 funds from the Oak Farm development in Milcombe.

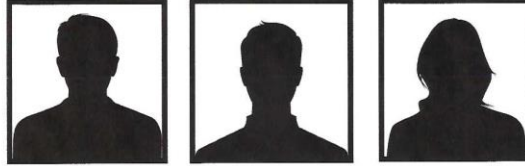
Communication

- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, **during normal office hours** or email 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.

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?

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or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com**