

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for June 2021

Meetings

- Parish Council meetings were held on Zoom on 19 May 2021 and 7 June 2021. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. <http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/>
- Mike Fenner was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting on 7 June 2021.
- All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and are held twice a month; the first Monday (unless it is a bank holiday, then it is the Monday of the following week) and either the third Tuesday or Wednesday. Both meetings include consideration of planning applications. These meetings are also forums for residents to raise issues of concern.
- Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on Zoom during June and agendas are available on the PC web site as usual. The Zoom joining details are published at the top of the agendas.

Next Meetings

- 22 June 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom and (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) the meeting on 5 July 2021 will be held in person at St Mary's Parish Rooms.

Planning

- 21/01685/F, Bloxham School Playing Field, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to a retrospective application for the installation of six cricket nets and bays, subject to (1) the cricket nets only be erected on the site from 1 April to 31 August; (2) the cricket nets are not in use after 8pm; and (3) a Community Use Plan be devised by Bloxham School to encourage engagement with the local community.
- 21/01505/F & 21/01476/LB, Stone Hill House, Stone Hill, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for an extension of existing boarding house through the reinstatement of part of the existing ruined coach house, the demolition of outbuildings, the erection of an extension and link structure (with associated alterations to Stone Hill House), insertion of internal wall, and associated works.
- 21/01779/F, Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for a replacement of a single storey building (nissen hut) with 2 no. single storey timber-clad buildings, and associated works.
- 21/00777/F Beehive Cottage, Church Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for a replacement porch/canopy with green oak structure to be tiled with slate. Existing Dwarf wall to be replaced with new stone Dwarf wall. Damaged/shot bricks to front of property to be removed or repaired with like for like. Approx. 60 bricks in total to be replaced/repared and repointed.
- 21/01249/F, 10 Crab Tree Close, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to a retrospective application for a partial conversion of garage to a family garden room and storage.
- 21/01232/F & 21/01233/LB, The Old Manor, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for the re-modelling of a single storey rear corridor extension; conversion of store to create artists studio; replacement of existing garage/workshop.
- 21/01265/F, Side Acre, Queen Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for the renovation and change of appearance of the existing dwelling, creation of front gable extension, new entrance porch, rear extensions and extension to existing outbuilding to form a proposed garage. Replacement of existing roof covering with natural slates. Creation of external stone walls and integrated gates.
- A contractor has been appointed to complete the works to the roof and plumbing at Jubilee Hall. It was hoped that work can start in the next few weeks.

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/

- Potholes, overhanging trees or hedges and street lighting issues can be reported by

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Highways

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

- Please do not park on the grass verges as this destroys them and damages the appearance of the whole village.
- New litter and dog waste bins would be installed in Bloxham Grove Road.
- A new bench for Gascoigne Way is being investigated.
- 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
- Three specific areas of biodiversity will be progressed with wild flowers by the new Biodiversity Group, on grass verges in the village and more information is available on the PC web site. <https://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=74>
- The width of the entrance to the footpath on Barford Road, which leads to Milton Road, is too narrow, therefore, Miller Homes have been asked to increase it.
- DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD IN THE JUBILEE PARK PLAY AREA, AS PER THE SIGNAGE
- The Parish Council thanks all of the residents who have been volunteer litter picking and take pride in the appearance of the village.
- Significant damage has been caused to fences along the footpaths in the village and if it does not stop, some of these routes would be closed by the land owners. Bags of dog mess have also been strewn over hedges and fields. Please respect the countryside and clean up after your pets!
- Quotes are being obtained for painting the play equipment at Bloxham Recreation Ground and also for tidying the land in Queen Street.
- New signage for Golby Road, asking drivers to slow down, is being arranged.
- Walkers going over Hobb Hill will notice posts and string at the gates and on the footpath. The farmer is using these to guide users to the location of the Public Right of Way. The farmer will be making hay in the field this year. If the ground becomes compacted it becomes unusable. Walkers should try to keep to the right, close to the hedge on the way up from Courtington Lane and at the top, walk straight down to the kissing gate at the bottom on Ells Lane. Please keep to the paths and enjoy your walks up Hobb Hill...a good pair of wellies / boots always helps.

Finance

The Parish Council made the following donations to organisations in the village:

Bloxham Senior Citizen's Club	£300.00
Ex-Servicemen's Hall	£500.00
Ellen Hinde Hall	£2000.00
Bloxham Pre-School	£1560.00
First Bloxham Scout Group	£1250.00
Bloxham Recreation Ground	£2000.00
St Mary's Thursday Club	£5000.00
Cherry Tree Centre	£6000.00
Bloxham Bowls Club	£500.00
St Mary's Church	£1000.00

Community

- Please could parents encourage their children to be careful of pedestrians when riding bikes on footpaths. There was a near miss between a child on a bike and an older member of the community on The Gogs footpath, but thankfully there were no injuries on this occasion.

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Covid-19

- The latest guidance on the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Communication

- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- The Parish Council's 'Drop-In and Chat' sessions are held from 10.30 am to 11.30 am on the second Saturday of every month at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. Please come along and meet your Councillors on Saturday 10 July 2021. (Please note that sessions are dependent on the Government's Covid-19 restrictions and could be cancelled at short notice)
- Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, **during normal office hours** or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Temporary Road Closure, Weight and Width Restriction at: Barford St Michael Bloxham Road

In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close *a section of / *the length of Bloxham Road to facilitate partial reconstruction of the bridge works / repairs.

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure, weight and width restriction and will operate from 26 April 2021 to 30 September 2022.

(The maximum duration of a TTRO on a road is 18 months and on a footpath is 6 months, or until completion of the works, whichever is the earlier.)

Notice of intention to make the Order will be published in the local press.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

This Order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.

Traffic Regulations Team (Ref T8972) for the Director for Infrastructure Delivery, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND. 0345 310 1111.

Home Library Service

Would you like to borrow library books but are unable to visit the library any reason? The Home Library Service is run from Oxfordshire County Council and serves 700 customers throughout the county.

How it works - Contact us to discuss the kind of Books, Large Print/Regular Print, DVDs, Audio Books on CD, Music CD or DVD's, that you like to read or enjoy. We can then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home. Our volunteers are DBS checked, wear an identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

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