

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for March 2022

### Meetings

- The Parish Council meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 7 March 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

- Monday 4 April 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall. **Bloxham Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall. All residents are invited to attend!**

### Planning

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

22/00169/DISC - Side Acre, Queen Street, Bloxham - Discharge of condition 3 (cotswold stone sample) and 4 (slate sample) of 21/03861/F

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.

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

22/00198/F - Scrubbity Barrows, Cumberford Hill, Bloxham - Removal of shed. Construction of single storey annexe with basement. Removal of double pitch porch roof and single pitch replacement. Vehicle entrance standing area to be extended to accommodate one vehicle off the highway. Entrance walls to access reconfigured to provide improved sightlines

22/00314/F - 14 Lawrence Leys, Bloxham - Single storey rear extension

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

22/00346/F - 1 Winters Way, Bloxham - Demolish existing conservatory. Proposed single storey rear extension and part double storey rear extension. Internal alterations

The Parish Council is currently considering the following applications:

22/00403/TCA - Pitts Orchard, Cumberford, Bloxham - Tree works

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22/00454/DISC - Stone Hill House, Stone Hill, Bloxham - 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 - 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 - Proposed water tank, pump room plant and associated enclosure

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.
- Residents in Queen Street have completed maintenance work on the two pieces of land and thanks are passed to Smiths of Bloxham for providing two skips, free of charge. Meetings would be arranged with the County Council and the Parish Council's contractors to complete works to trees, the footpath and cutting back the brambles. The Parish Council is very grateful to all the hard work from the volunteers who are supporting this project.
- Two new dog waste bins would be installed on the Bloxham Circular Walk at the intersection of the PROW with Tadmarton Road and the intersection of PROW with Ells Lane.
- The two bus stop posts outside Bloxham Museum had been re-painted and the two posts outside the Ex-Servicemen's Hall and one by the wooden bus shelter on the A361 (Banbury Road) would be re-painted shortly.
- An application would be submitted to the County Council for 20mph speed restrictions in Bloxham. This application was being supported by County Councillor Kieron Mallon. To also support the application, a survey will be circulated to residents in the village, along with a request to the County Council to conduct a traffic survey.
- The County Council would be requested to put down yellow lines on Courtington Lane, around the area of the junction with the A361 due to the number of parked cars and the resulting accidents and near misses.
- 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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- Cherwell District Council is holding its annual 'Spring Clean' from **2 March 2022 to 14 April 2022**, which also coincides with the Keep Britain Tidy, Great British Spring Clean. If any residents would like to organise a village litter pick to support the initiative, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for more information.

### **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.
- The defibrillator at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall continues to be checked and maintained by the Parish Council and replacement pads have been ordered.
- Jubilee Hall project was continuing and the works to the roof had now commenced. This is the final phase of the project.
- A meeting would be held with the Royal British Legion in May to discuss the Remembrance Day Parade in 2022.

### **Finance**

- Councillors would not be paid any allowances for 2022/2023. Travel and subsistence would be paid upon the production of receipts.

### **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.***