Bloxham Parish Council - Report for May 2022

Meetings and Parish Council matters

- The Annual Parish Council meeting was held at Jubilee Hall on Monday 9 May 2022. The newly elected Councillors are Leonard Leigh, David Bunn, Richard Boyce, Mike Fenner and Joanna Barton. At the meeting, Russell Avens was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site.
  http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/
- The Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022/2023 is Leonard Leigh and Vice-Chairman for 2022/2023 is David Bunn.
- 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).
- A letter has been sent to Victoria Prentis MP requesting her support for Parish Councils by asking the Government to allow virtual parish council meetings and passing the necessary legislation.
- The village is being consulted on the Parish Council priorities and completed questionnaires should be returned to the Post Office or emailed to the Clerk.

Next Meetings

- The next meeting of the Parish Council is being held on Monday 6 June 2022 at 7.30pm at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham.
- The next Parish Council Drop-In and Chat session is being held on Saturday 11 June 2022 at 1pm to 2pm at Jubilee Hall in the small meeting room. Please come along and meet your Councillors if you are attending the Fun Day!

Planning

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

22/00975/F	Hornton House, Chapel Street, Bloxham
	Demolition of existing out buildings, proposed single storey rear and side and first floor rear extension, internal alterations, new porch and creation of parking and turning areas
22/01058/TCA	Land Adjacent To Hillcrest, Queen Street, Bloxham
	T1 x Sycamore - Pruning to clear the BT cables to create up to 1 metre of clearance, crown lifting to a height of approximately 5 metres above the road, removal of all deadwood from the crown with an attachment size of 25mm or greater, stripping of the ivy from the tree and removal of branch which is approximately 50% debarked.
	T2 x Ash - Removal of all deadwood from the crown with an attachment size of 25mm or greater, stripping of the ivy from the tree and removal of branch which is approximately 50% debarked.
	T3 x Ash - Removal of all deadwood from the crown with an attachment size of 25mm or greater and stripping of the ivy from the tree.
22/00960/F	Bakers Thatch, High Street, Bloxham
	Change of use of ground floor retail area to additional residential accommodation
22/00992/F	Belvedere, Barford Road, Bloxham,
	Demolition of existing extensions and construction of single storey rear extension, a 1.5 storey side extension, 2 storey infill extension, internal modifications and re-modelling, over-rendering the existing facing brickwork, replacement doors and windows and associated landscaping.
22/01014/F	22 The Avenue, Bloxham
	Two storey rear extension, porch to the front of the house and drop the kerb from the local highway onto the site - re-submission of 21/04069/F

22/00770/F	Oak Lodge, Courtington Lane, Bloxham
	Raising of the roof height of the main house to match the eaves height of surrounding properties, alterations to window openings, addition of a single storey side and rear extension and replacement garage outbuilding

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.
- 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 will be held with a resident over the siting of a dog waste bin in Bloxham Grove Road.
- Investigations would be under taken into EV electric charging points and where there might be suitable locations to site them in the village.
- Thames Water were undertaking works at their site off The Ridgeway and concerns had been raised about the speed of vehicles using the track. A 10mph sign would be purchased and erected on this un-adopted road.
- Proposed white lining on the A361 and yellow lining on Courtington Lane would be chased up with the County Council.
- A base for the new bus shelter on the A361 would be laid by the end of May 2022. Then the shelter will follow shortly after.

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.
- A defibrillator is also located outside the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. In an emergency, please always call 999 in the first instance and the emergency services will judge whether or not it is appropriate to obtain the defibrillator and will then issue the access code to open the defibrillator cabinet.
- Please visit https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/ukraine/support-ukraine for details on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- The Parish Council welcomed the new Ward Councillor for Bloxham, David Hingley.

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- A meeting would be held with the PCC with regard to burial space in the village.

Communication
- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- The Parish Council's 'Drop-In and Chat' sessions would reconvene for June, July and August 2022 and a review would be undertaken in September 2022.
- 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?
To find out more please visit

https://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=65
or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com