

## **Bloxham Parish Council – Community Benefits List October 2023**

### **Reasons for Requests in Respect of New Housing Developments in Bloxham:**

The anticipated arrival of additional residents of all ages, who if the current trend continues tend to remain within Bloxham.

In the Parish Council's opinion all residents of Bloxham need to have suitable facilities available to them to ensure that living in the village is an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

To accommodate the anticipated needs of the increase in population the Parish Council would need to drastically increase its precept to an unrealistic level to ensure that these needs are met.

It is felt that monies need to be requested from Developers to support the additional requirements of both the young and old coming to the village.

### **Cherwell District Council considerations:**

1. Contribution and land for a new Burial Ground and Allotments.
2. Play and Sports and Recreation to include:-
  - Equipment or facilities to be used by older children.
  - Outdoor Adult gym/trim trail.
3. Support (financial) in securing land for additional football and cricket pitches.
4. Support (financial) to acquire land for parking solution for Bloxham Grove Road.
5. Improvements to the pitch and pavilion at the Recreation Ground.
6. Astroturf pitch(es) at the Jubilee Park and/or the Bloxham Recreation Ground.
7. Contributions to biodiversity projects such The Slade Nature Reserve and wildflower areas in the village.

### **Oxfordshire County Council considerations:**

Transport, including footpaths:

- ❖ Mini Roundabout provide a solution to the traffic congestion and pollution both of noise and air.
- ❖ Contributions to provision for the elderly of the village. Both in the form of transport provision and financial support for the existing services provided in the village and to allow for expansion of these services.
- ❖ Incorporate improvements recommend in the Sustrans Report.
- ❖ Improvements to footpaths to allow access for all throughout the village.
- ❖ Pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Church.
- ❖ Improvements to Public Rights of Way, to enable wider use.
- ❖ Improved transport support for attendance for hospital appointments at Banbury and Oxford.
- ❖ Highways solution to the bottleneck on the High Street, to enable safe parking.
- ❖ Funds for resurfacing the car park on Tadmarton Road, opposite the Primary School.
- ❖ Additional Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS).
- ❖ Pedestrian crossings near to Bloxham Primary School across Tadmarton Road and on the A361 near Strawberry Terrace. Both of these are for child safety.

Library and other amenities

- ❖ Village library - provision of a static library and support for running costs.
- ❖ Support for Bloxham Museum.

Education

- ❖ Support for the Cherry Tree Children's Centre in Bloxham.
- ❖ If an expansion at Bloxham Primary School is necessary, funds are also allocated for practical elements such as funds for classroom equipment eg, tables, chairs, books, pens etc etc. The School cannot be expected to cover these costs if an expansion is planned by the Local Authority.

Climate Change

- ❖ Support for climate measures such as electric car charging points.