

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for July 2019

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 16 July &amp; 5 August 2019. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. <a href="http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</a></p> <p>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 following week) and the third Tuesday/Wednesday alternatively. Both meetings include consideration of planning applications. These meetings are also forums for residents to raise issues of concern.</p>
<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council: 2 &amp; 17 September 2019. <b>Only one meeting in August 2019.</b></p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application for an SEN School in Bloxham Grove Road had been deferred to the September 2019 meeting of Cherwell District Council's Planning Committee to allow for a site visit.</li> <li>• 19/01160/F, Exham House, Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – No objection to an application for the change of use to Exham House, from D1 to a mixed D1/A3 to allow public use of a cafe and associated works.</li> <li>• 19/01167/F, 95 Courtington Lane Bloxham – No objection to an application for a first floor front extension, new windows and timber cladding and a new front canopy.</li> <li>• 19/01119/F, 32 Brookside Way, Bloxham – Objection to an application for a variation of condition 4 (boundary enclosures) of 16/02628/F - change of front boundary from wall and fence to fencing of an open slatted design the same as the Western boundary.</li> <li>• 19/01038/F, Greenup, Banbury Road, Bloxham (Retrospective) – Objection to an application for the removal of Condition 4 of 18/00435/F to allow for alternative stock-proof fencing along the western boundary.</li> <li>• 19/01156/LB, Stone Hill House Stone Hill Bloxham – No objection to an application for internal alterations which were the removal of an internal wall and associated alterations.</li> <li>• Gladman Developments Limited, Proposed Planning Application for 95 houses on South Newington Road, Bloxham - The Parish Council would not be accepting an invitation for a meeting with Gladman Developments Limited and a letter would be sent explaining why. Other actions would be communicated to the village in due course.</li> <li>• Local Transport and Connectivity Plan – It would be suggested that public transport links from Bloxham to Oxford should be improved, with a direct link to the John Radcliffe Hospital.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Environment/ Highways</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please can residents ensure that trees/bushes/hedges are not causing an obstruction because they are overhanging a boundary onto a footpath or road. If an obstruction is occurring in the village, it should be reported to <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a></li> <li>• Potholes and street lighting issues can also be reported by residents at <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a> When reporting on this site, photographs are useful.</li> <li>• Please could drivers park their vehicles safely and considerately in all areas of the village and be aware that Thames Valley Police are continuing to carry out patrols and will issue fines to drivers who park their cars dangerously or cause an obstruction.</li> <li>• Please always pick up the mess which your dog leaves on the ground.</li> <li>• A volunteer Parish Footpath Warden was still required. If anyone was interested in this role, they should contact the Clerk.</li> <li>• Disabled access to the Circular Walk had been requested but unfortunately this would not be possible. However, investigations would be made into whether or not modifications could be made to the footpath from Greens Garth to Bloxham Grove Road.</li> <li>• Three new benches had now been replaced in the village as part of a rolling maintenance programme; two on Courtington Lane and one on Tadmarton Road.</li> <li>• The footpath from Green Hills Park to Queen Street had been designated as a Public Right of Way by the County Council.</li> <li>• The Parish Council supported the proposals for a new A361 Pelican Crossing &amp; shared path way.</li> </ul>

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<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 106 funds were being released by Cherwell District Council to the Parish Council for the works at Jubilee Hall and at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall.</li> <li>• Work at Jubilee Hall was continuing but was still slightly behind schedule. A quote for a new kitchen was approved and quotes for new canopies would be obtained. Changes to the lease between the Parish Council and the Jubilee Park Management Committee would be progressed.</li> <li>• Work relating to the ownership of land in Queen Street was continuing.</li> <li>• A site meeting was being held with Cherwell District Council and Miller Homes to discuss the outstanding issues on the Tadmarton Road site.</li> </ul>
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>There was a vacancy on the Parish Council and anyone who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, should contact the Clerk for more details.</b></li> <li>• A new defibrillator would be installed shortly at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall and thanks was passed to the Bloxham WI for their pledge to make a significant donation to the purchase. Training sessions would be arranged in due course, but residents did not have to attend the training to be able to use the equipment in an emergency. <b>In an emergency, always dial 999 in the first instance.</b></li> <li>• Information on the Gladman Developments Ltd proposal was available at <a href="http://www.yourviews.co.uk/bloxham">www.yourviews.co.uk/bloxham</a> and there is a useful summary on the Bloxham Broadsheet web site. Please submit your comments to Gladman's using this link but <u>please also</u> submit them again to Cherwell District Council when the actual planning application is submitted, which had not happened, as at 5 August 2019.</li> </ul>
<u>Communication</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.</li> <li>• Visit the Parish Councillors at the 'Drop-In and Chat' from 10.30 am to 11.30 am on the second Saturday of every month at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. <b>The next sessions were 10 August 2019 on 14 September 2019.</b></li> <li>• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <b>during normal office hours</b> or email <a href="mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com">bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>