

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for March/April 2019

Meetings	<p>Parish Council on 20 March 2019 and 1 April 2019. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</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 Wednesday. Both meetings would include consideration of planning applications. These meetings are also forums for residents to raise issues of concern.</p>
Next Meetings	<p>Parish Council: 17 April 2019, 13 May 2019 & 21 May 2019</p> <p>Bloxham Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7pm at Jubilee Hall, Bloxham. All residents are invited to attend.</p>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/00326/F, The Brewhouse, Bloxham Grove Farm, Bloxham Grove Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council made no comments on a retrospective application for the creation of three flower beds and the levelling of gravel area to include the replenishment of existing gravel upon completion of the beds, because the ownership of the land and the access rights were not clear. • 19/00414/F, Dunedin, Courtington Lane, Bloxham (Retrospective) – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a single storey canopy extension. • 19/00405/F, 21 Greenhills Park Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a garden renovation including construction of raised decking. • 18/01113/F - Motor Fuel Ltd, Bloxham Service Station, South Newington Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council responded to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of this appeal for retrospective planning permission for new recessed forecourt canopy lights, which had been refused by Cherwell District Council. • The Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Planning Group had invited all 26 of the Parishes who had adopted Neighbourhood Plans, to a meeting to discuss the best way to influence the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. The Parish Council anticipated attending the meeting. • The Parish Council would be meeting with Motor Fuel Ltd on 8 April 2019 to discuss the various issues at Bloxham Service Station.
<u>Environment/</u> <u>Highways</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes can be reported by residents at https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/, along with other highways and street lighting issues. When reporting on this site, photographs are useful. • The parked vehicles in the following locations continue causing hazardous obstructions: on the A361 slip way leading to Ells Lane; on the corner verge of Ells Lane/A361 and on the corner of Bloxham Grove Road and the A361. 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 monitor the village. • Dog owners are reminded to keep their dogs on a lead whilst walking on the permissive footpaths on the Circular Walk and in the Slade Nature Reserve (volunteers working in the Slade are often approached by a dog not on a lead). <i>If dogs continue to be let off their leads and are not under control and frighten or attack cattle or sheep, the land owners who have given permission for permissive paths are within their rights to withdraw permission for the Circular Walk to cross their land, which would be to the detriment of the village.</i> <p>Dogs must also be under control on the Public Rights of Way including those connected to the Circular Walk. <u>Please always pick up dog mess.</u> If dog mess continues to be left around the Circular Walk, again land owners who have given permission for permissive footpaths to across their land, may withdraw their permission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a meeting with Oxfordshire County Council with regard to the proposal for a footpath from Greenhills Park to Queen Street. The application was supported by the

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	<p>Parish Council and the application was now being progressed by the County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council would be purchasing 8000 corms to be planted in the triangle near to Bloxham Primary School, in support of 'Purple for Polio'. The Parish Council thanked the Boys' Brigade for kindly agreeing to plant the bulbs.
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 funds would be released by Cherwell District Council to the Parish Council for the works at Jubilee Hall and at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. • Work at Jubilee Hall was continuing and was going well. • At the next meeting, the Parish Council would be considering a new project at Bloxham Recreation Ground.
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Amanda Baxter would be liaising with the Funday Committee with regard to a Scarecrow Festival for the village. • Investigations would be made into holding a Christmas lights switch-on event. This would be discussed further at the next meeting. • The Parish Council thanked Bloxham WI for agreeing to fund a defibrillator for the village.
<u>Communication</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook. • 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. • Work had been undertaken to the Parish Council web site to ensure it was complaint with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/ • Annual Parish Meeting – The APM was being held on Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7pm at Jubilee Hall, Bloxham. All residents were invited to attend, and it was hoped there would be displays by Thames Valley Police, Thames Water, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue, Oxfordshire County Council. There would also be presentations from the Parish Council about its work over the previous 12 months, the work of Cherry Tree Centre and its future funding and the proposed footpath from Greenhills park to Queen Street. • Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com