

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for September/October 2019

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 17 September 2019 & 7 October. 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 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: 16 October 2019 & 4 November 2019.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/01729/ADV, Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the replacement of three existing school signs. • 19/01751/F, 12 Collins Drive, Bloxham – The Parish Council objected to an application for a side extension to an existing double garage at the front of the property and a new garden shed in back garden. • 19/01780/F, The Web, Church Street, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a kitchen extension to the rear along with glass infill, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/01735/LB, Seal Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a stone wall to replace the existing trellis and a replacement rain shelter (porch) , subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/01817/F, 15 Schofields Way, Bloxham - The Parish Council objected to an application for single storey side extensions. • 19/01927/LB, The Old Manor, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a replacement front door; removal of external plumbing of the front elevation; pedestrian and vehicular gates across the driveway; installing a stove in the sitting room fireplace; alterations to the second floor layout; alterations to rear corridor, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • The Parish Council would be meeting with Cherwell District Council to discuss a review of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan. <p>Planning applications and comments could be viewed at https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as</p>
<p><u>Environment/ Highways</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ • Potholes and street lighting issues can also be reported by residents at https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ When reporting on this site, photographs are useful. • 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. • Please always pick up the mess which your dog leaves on the ground. • Residents were reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste. • The footpath from Bloxham Mill to St Mary’s Church had recently flooded and Cherwell District Council had been approached for advice on this matter. • Additional Christmas lights would be added to the display for 2019. • The Circular Walk which crossed land belonging to the Smiths would be closed for one week from 21 October 2019 for maintenance work to the bridge. • The gates which linked the Circular Walk from Bloxham to Brickhouse Farm would now be kept locked. Ramblers were leaving the gates open on a regular basis which was causing animals to escape and get mixed up. Dog waste bags were also being left in the fields and

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<p><u>Legal/Financial</u></p>	<p>should sheep eat this, it would kill them so please pick up and take home all dog waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Legal advice would be sought with regard to the damage which was caused to land in Queen Street by parties who claim to own the land. • Quotes had been approved by the Parish Council for kitchen items at Jubilee Hall. The changing rooms had been the first part of the project and these had now been completed and handed back to the Jubilee Park Management Committee. A meeting was yet to be arranged with Aplins to discuss the lease between the Parish Council and the Committee. • The deadline to apply for a Parish Council grant in 2020/2021 was Friday 11 October 2019. Applications should be emailed to the Clerk. • The external audit for 2018/2019 had been completed by Moore and all financial information was available on the Parish Council’s web site.
<p><u>Community</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Griffin was thanked by the Parish Council for keeping the Church Clock working. • A new defibrillator had been installed at the Ex-Servicemen’s Hall and thanks were 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. In an emergency, always dial 999 in the first instance. • The Parish Council thanked all those who attended the village meeting on 2 October 2019. Information on the Gladman Developments Ltd proposal was available at www.yourviews.co.uk/bloxham and there is a useful summary on the Bloxham Broadsheet web site. Please submit your comments on the application to Cherwell District Council using the link https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as and reference 19/01705/OUT. The Parish Council had objected to the application and so too had Milcombe Parish Council. If any residents would like to be added to the Parish Council’s contact list, they should email the Clerk at bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com
<p><u>Communication</u></p>	<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. The next sessions were on 12 October 2019 & 9 November 2019. • Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com