

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 17 April 2019
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 10 (v)</i>
Author	Councillor Nick Rayner
Title of Report	Potential Christmas Lights Switch on Event – Village & Church.
Summary	<p>The FOSM are planning to have their biennial Christmas Tree ceremony this year starting on December 6/7th December (tbc). This has been very well supported previously and we believe will be again this year. With over 40 local groups and companies sponsoring and dressing Christmas trees in St Marys church. They are planning to have an “event” to mark the switch on at the church this will include not just lighting the tress bit also illuminating the church spire Green as previous years. We have already agreed to get our Parish Christmas lights to compliment this with the uplighters in the church yard also being changed to green. We were asked if we could time the Village Christmas lights switch on to coincide with this. Whilst it’s not possible do this with the lamp post wraps and the droppers in the trees due to the way the lights are powered, we could (potentially) do the Christmas tree on the green as well as the green uplighters in the churchyard. Please note these will need to be done manually and there is not a “Big Button” to turn it all on!</p>
Recommendation	To arrange with FOSM to time the Christmas tree and the church uplighters to lights at the same time subject to the final dates and timings being agreed with FOSM. We will continue to talk to FOSM about the details if this recommendation is approved.
Reasons for the Recommendation	Practical and pragmatic solution bearing in mind that the FOSM switch on will be at the church.
Impact on Budget	No incremental costs
Risks	NA
Background	See above
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	NA