

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Monday 1 April 2019
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 9 (iv)</i>
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Title of Report	Warriner School Transport
Summary	<p>The Parish Council had been contacted by concerned residents from the Astons regarding the stopping of the school bus that serviced these villages.</p> <p>It appeared initially that there were no children for the September term who qualified for free travel so OCC intended to stop the provision for all children, as the children who paid would not cover the cost for the service.</p> <p>The ceasing of this service would result in approximately 28 additional cars coming into Bloxham and clogging up Ells Lane and Bloxham Grove Road.</p> <p>A meeting was called on the 27th March 2019 at 6.00pm at the Warriner 6th form.</p> <p>Approx. 14 people were present plus three officers from OCC.</p> <p>At the start of the meeting an announcement was made that after reviewing their admissions and following a parent making representation to OCC, it was found that an error had been made and that there was, after all, one child who would qualify for a “free” space.</p> <p>This would enable the service to be provided on a cost-effective basis as long as 24 -27 fee paying pupils could be found.</p> <p>These were found, so the service would be run.</p> <p>Although the times that children would be on the bus would be increased given that there would be a 7.15 am pick up at Middle Barton and 16.40 drop off, this is the consequence of the bus also servicing Heyford Park Free school.</p> <p>Parent still had concerns that this was not a permanent service and the possibility that this situation could occur year on year.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that the group seek to persuade OCC to consider an amendment to the existing Policy to enable a “special” case to be made for regular transport from these villages. This would avoid unnecessary concern in future for parents and children.</p> <p>OCC have also agreed to review their allocations to check if there have been any other errors.</p> <p>The North Newington, Hornton, Horley etc pupils are faced with a similar problem, of a long school day, arising from their bus service to the Warriner.</p>

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Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Bloxham Parish Council support the groups intention to seek an amendment to the existing school transport Policy to enable a special case to be made for the group of villages around the Astons. 2. Ask CDC to place additional Air Pollution monitoring devices at Ells Lane and Bloxham Grove Road as a matter of priority.
Reasons for the Recommendation	<p>To limit the increase in cars travelling to the Warriner and increasing traffic congestion and air pollution.</p> <p>To ensure that the PC has knowledge of the levels of Air Pollution in this sensitive area.</p>
Impact on Budget	None at present, if the PC need to carry out traffic or air pollution monitoring then there is an allocation in the budget.
Risks	Adverse increase in traffic and Air Pollution for the village.
Background	
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