

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for December 2019/January 2020

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 6 January 2020. (There was only one meeting in December 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 either the third Tuesday or Wednesday. Both meetings include consideration of planning applications. These meetings are also forums for residents to raise issues of concern. There will only be one Parish Council meeting in April, August and December 2020.</p>
<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council: 15 January 2020 at Bloxham Primary School and 3 February 2020 at St Mary's Parish Rooms.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/02283/F, Framar, Barford Road, Bloxham - Retrospective – The Parish Council has no objection on the application for an extension to an existing rear balcony, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/02773/F, Naylands Farm, Ells Lane, Bloxham - The Parish Council has no objections to an application for a detached oak framed garage. • Councillors were asked to submit comments on the Bloxham Conservation Area Re-Appraisal Consultation by 10 January 2020. Cherwell District Council would also be carrying out a public consultation exercise in the village. <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"> • Potholes and street lighting issues can 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 parking fines to drivers who park their cars dangerously or cause an obstruction on the footpaths. There is a particular issue in the lay-by on the A361 outside The Loft which is resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the road with prams and push chairs to get through. This is clearly dangerous on such a busy road as the A361. • Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste. • The locks which had been placed on the gates along the public rights of way/permissive paths in the village by the Smith family, have unfortunately been maliciously glued closed. The locks were placed on the gates due to them being left open by walkers and the cattle kept escaping. If anyone is aware of who is carrying out this vandalism, please contact the Parish Council. The Parish Council kindly requests that those using the public rights of way/permissive paths pay the land owners due respect and do not leave gateways open, do not touch the locks and do not leave dog mess on the ground. • Dog waste bags are also being left in the fields along the public rights of way/permissive paths and should sheep eat this, it would kill them, so please pick up and take home all dog waste. • A new dog waste bin would be installed near to the County Park on the Miller Homes site on Tadmarton Road. • Graffiti was removed from the green cabinets on Courtington Lane and Banbury Road. Thanks to Cherwell District Council for their swift response. • There were still a number of outstanding issues at the Miller Homes site on Tadmarton

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	<p>Road and the Parish Council would be liaising with Cherwell District Council to ensure these were addressed and resolved.</p>
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal advice was still being sought with regard to ownership of the land in Queen Street, but it had become apparent that a good proportion was owned by Oxfordshire County Council. Smiths of Bloxham were thanked for supplying skips free of charge, to support the residents who had kindly clear the land.• The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to sign the transfer documents which would enable an area of land in Gascoigne Way to be transferred from Kibswell to the Parish Council's ownership.• Information had been received on the Section 106 funds available for transport projects in the village. Once further clarification had been received on the allocation of these funds, the Traffic Calming Working Party would look at projects to improve transport infrastructure in the village.
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parish Council thanked Joe Gray and Kirsty Carpenter for kindly supplying the power to the village Christmas tree.• The Christmas lights would be taken down shortly.• The village Christmas Day lunch was an amazing success and thanks went to Pud Hawkins, Bee Myson and everyone involved with the event for all their hard work to make it such a great occasion.
<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. The next sessions were on 11 January 2020 & 8 February 2020.• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com