

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for December 2018/January 2019

Meetings	<p>Parish Council on 7 January 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 for a trial period would be held twice a month; the first Monday and third Wednesday and both meetings will include consideration of planning applications. These are forums for residents to raise issues of concern.</p>
Next Meetings	<p>Parish Council: 16 January 2019, 4 February 2019 and 20 February 2019</p>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC's lighting survey of Bloxham Service Station had been received and the planning application was due to be considered by Cherwell District Council in February 2019; • The Parish Council was unhappy with how this lighting issue had been dealt with by CDC and would be writing to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council raising its concerns; • Residents' concerns regarding street lighting on Tadmarton Road and Barford Road were followed up with the County Council; and • Works to Jubilee Hall are due to start shortly. The Parish Council apologises for any inconvenience to users whilst the works are being carried out.
<u>Environment/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 are 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; • Residents need to be aware that there have been reports of gangs coming from outside the village targeting children related to either drugs or grooming. Read more about 'County Lines' on the Children's Society Web Site; https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines • There had been very good feedback about the Christmas lights in the village and also the 'Santa at The Slade' event; • A Traffic Calming Working Group had been established to investigate funds available to Bloxham and what measures could be implemented with the funding which was available; • The Boys Brigade had kindly agreed to deliver emergency planning leaflets around the village and would also assist with the clearance of vegetation along the Bloxham Circular Walk. The Boys Brigade was thanked for their support; • The alignment of the new pavement installed by the developer opposite the Primary School resulting in a physical protrusion into the highway, was raised as an issue with the County Council because it was a potential hazard to drivers. This would be included as part of the road safety audit following the highway works by Miller Homes; • The PC assisted the Primary School and liaised with Thames Water with regard to a leak which occurred outside of the pedestrian entrance to the school; and • a pothole at the top of Cumberford Hill, created by the relocation of a grit bin, was due to be filled in by the County Council.
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council had sought advice from Cherwell District Council on making changes to its Code of Conduct to ensure that non-pecuniary interests were disclosed properly, and it was agreed to adopt an amended Code; • The transfer of land in Gascoigne Way from the developers, Kibswell, to the Parish Council

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	<p>was continuing to the processed; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Locality Funding application for 'No Parking' signs to be located at The Warriner School and Bloxham Primary School had been approved by the County Council. Councillor Kieron Mallon was thanked for supporting the application.
<u>Vacancies/Co-option</u>	<p>Mike Morris was co-opted onto the Parish Council. This left one vacancy and further details with regard to applying for the position, could be obtained from the Clerk. Contact details are below.</p>
<u>Communication</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patricia Hopkins had stepped down as a non-voting member of the Parish Council's Environment and Planning & Strategy Committees, following the PC's reorganisation of its meetings. Mrs Hopkins was thanked for all of her hard work assisting the Parish Council and also for her continued work litter picking and cleaning the road signs;• 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, except the February session is now being held on Saturday 16 February 2019;• Parish Council web site http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/; and• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <u>during normal office hours</u> or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com