

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for February 2020

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 15 & 21 January and 3 February 2020. 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: 18 February 2020 and 2 March 2020 at St Mary's Parish Rooms.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19/02968/F, Chequer Tree Farm, Ells Lane, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the erection of building to provide a tea room, including food preparation area, toilets and training room as ancillary use to existing horticultural nursery. • 20/00061/LB, The Malt House, Queen Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the installation of a log-burning stove, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • R3.0037/18 at The Warriner School, Banbury Road, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objections to an application for the reinstatement of damaged hardstanding comprising compacted tarmac planings with a new surface of permeable macadam, following works approved under permission R3.0037/18. • 18/01243/OCC (R3.0037/18) at The Warriner School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council considered the details pursuant to condition 3 (Travel Plan) of planning permission 18/01243/OCC (R3.0037/18) at The Warriner School, Banbury Road, Bloxham and felt that closing the school carpark to sixth formers to enable more staff parking was moving the parking issue over to the village community, exacerbating parking problems for residents and other village users. The school should instead provide additional parking on site. • 19/02831/F, Hornton House, Chapel Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council objected to an application for the demolition of an existing greenhouse, carport, garage and porch, the extension and alterations of Hornton House, the erection of 3 bed dwelling house and adjoining new ironstone boundary wall and the creation of 2 driveways to enable 4 cars to park off Chapel Street because it was contrary to a number of Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan policies. • 19/02826/F, Bloxham School, Dewey Sports Centre, Barley Close, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for car park lighting and security lighting, however there should be a condition which states that the car park lighting and security lighting both be switched off at 10.30pm. • 19/02889/F, Randles Cottage, Humber Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for a partial demolition of an existing extension and the creation of an enlargement of the existing extension, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. <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

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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste. • A meeting had been held with Cherwell District Council and the County Council with regard to the highway concerns at the junction of Ells Lane/A361/Bloxham Grove Road following the planning approval of the new SEN School. The County Council agreed to investigate further, the installation of railings and double yellow lines. The VAS would also be repositioned. • Investigations would be made into replacing stiles with kissing gates on the footpaths around the village. This would either be funded from Section 106 funds if they were available and if not, from the Parish Council's budget. • A new dog waste bin and litter bin would be purchased and replaced on Tadmarton Road. Miller Homes would not give the Parish Council permission to install a dog waste bin near to the Country Park on their site on Tadmarton Road. • The Parish Council would consider at a future meeting, declaring a climate emergency. • The street light at the access to Dewey Hall and Jubilee Hall was not lit due to a planning issue.
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 106 funds from Cherwell District Council were continuing to be released for the projects at Jubilee Hall and the Ex-Servicemen's Hall.
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal British Legion would be invited to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss ideas to mark the 7th anniversary of VE Day and the centenary of Bloxham & District Royal British Legion. • There would be an improvement project at St Mary's Church and the plans included a café, improved flooring and seating, lighting and audio equipment. There would be an impact on the use of the Church and if any residents were planning a wedding, they should get in touch with the Vicar to discuss this. • The Parish Council was supportive of the proposal to introduce outdoor fitness equipment in the village. Locations and funding options would be investigated. • Bloxham Annual Parish Meeting was being held on Thursday 16 April 2020 at 730pm at Warriner School Hall. All residents were invited to attend. • Residents in Queen Street continued to meet and look after the two areas on land in Queen Street. The Parish Council thanked the residents for their support with this matter. • Bloxham School had agreed to address the issue of hockey balls going over their boundary by installing new fencing.
<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 8 February & 14 March 2020. • Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com