

## **Bloxham Parish Council - Report for July 2021**

### Meetings

- Parish Council meetings were held on Zoom on 23 June and 5 July 2021. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. <http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/>
- Agnes Balassa was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting on 5 July 2021.
- 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 Monday of 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.
- Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on Zoom during July 2021 and agendas are available on the PC web site as usual. The Zoom joining details are published at the top of the agendas.

### Next Meetings

- 20 July 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom and (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) the meeting on 2 August 2021 will be held in person at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham.

### Planning

- 21/02056/F, Tregarthens, Courtington Lane, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for the conversion and extension to the existing garage.
- 20/02096/F & 20/02097/LB, Rosebank Cottage, Chapel Street, Bloxham - The Parish Council has no objections for applications to replace existing brick built shed with stone shed, face existing extensions with stone. Replace asbestos profile roof with tiled roof. Replace existing felt flat roof with tiled mono pitch roof.
- 21/00725/F, Garden Lee Cottage, Chapel Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for the erection of timber framed building in garden.
- 21/01824/LB, Little Bennetts, Rose Bank, Bloxham – The Parish Council has no objections to an application for the installation of secondary double glazing to nine windows to improve thermal performance and reduce noise from an adjacent road.
- The Parish Council would be requesting that Cherwell District Council included on their planning portal, a letter from the Chairman to Edgars with regard to the Bloxham School Masterplan.
- Works to the roof and plumbing at Jubilee Hall would be starting shortly.  
Planning applications and the Parish Council's comments could be viewed at <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as>

### Environment/ Highways

- Potholes, overhanging trees or hedges and street lighting issues can be reported by residents at <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> When reporting on this site, photographs are useful.
- Please do not park on the grass verges as this destroys them and damages the appearance of the whole village.
- There are no allotments in Bloxham, however there are some in Milton which can be rented. More information can be obtained by contacting Harriet Featherstone at Carter Jonas. [harriet.featherstone@carterjonas.co.uk](mailto:harriet.featherstone@carterjonas.co.uk)
- Three specific areas of biodiversity will be progressed with wild flowers by the new Biodiversity Group, on grass verges in the village and more information is available on the PC web site. <https://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/news-story.php?newsid=74>
- The width of the entrance to the footpath on Barford Road, which leads to Milton Road, is too narrow, therefore, Miller Homes have been asked to increase it.
- DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD IN THE JUBILEE PARK PLAY AREA, AS PER THE SIGNAGE
- Significant damage has been caused to fences along the footpaths in the village and if it does not stop, some of these routes would be closed by the land owners. Bags of dog mess have also been strewn over hedges and fields. Please respect the countryside and clean up after your pets!

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- Walkers going over Hobb Hill will notice posts and string at the gates and on the footpath. The farmer is using these to guide users to the location of the Public Right of Way. The farmer will be making hay in the field this year. If the ground becomes compacted it becomes unusable. Walkers should try to keep to the right, close to the hedge on the way up from Courtington Lane and at the top, walk straight down to the kissing gate at the bottom on Ells Lane. Please keep to the paths and enjoy your walks up Hobb Hill...a good pair of wellies / boots always helps.
- The Barford Road bridge was now open, however there was restricted access and the width of the road was only just wide enough for a car to fit through and there had been reports of damage to cars. County Councillor Kieron Mallon would look into this.
- Residents were kindly requested not to leave wheelie bins at the front of their properties, if there was rear access. Bins should be put out and put away again on the day they were emptied. Bins should be stored within the curtilage of their properties and please could residents ensure that footpaths are not blocked by bins, at any time.
- The hedge overgrowing the Public Right of Way on Hobb Hill would be cut back by the Parish Council's contractor.
- Hedgehog warning signs would be erected at the entrances to the village and residents would be able to obtain signs for their garden fences indicating Hedgehog Highways. More details on how to obtain the signs to follow.

### Community

- The Parish Council would be taking part in the 2021 Christmas Tree Festival.
- Please could parents encourage their children to be careful of pedestrians when riding bikes on footpaths. There was a near miss between a child on a bike and an older member of the community on The Gogs footpath, but thankfully there were no injuries on this occasion.
- Bloxham Service Station – Motor Fuel Group had sent an apology for the early morning deliveries which were not in accordance with the agreed timings.

### Communication

- Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.
- The Parish Council's 'Drop-In and Chat' sessions are held from 10.30 am to 11.30 am on the second Saturday of every month at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall. Please come along and meet your Councillors on Saturday 10 July 2021. (Please note that sessions are dependent on the Government's Covid-19 restrictions and could be cancelled at short notice)
- Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, **during normal office hours** or email [bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## **Home Library Service**

Would you like to borrow library books but are unable to visit the library any reason? The Home Library Service is run from Oxfordshire County Council and serves 700 customers throughout the county.

**How it works** - Contact us to discuss the kind of Books, Large Print/Regular Print, DVDs, Audio Books on CD, Music CD or DVD's, that you like to read or enjoy. We can then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home. Our volunteers are DBS checked, wear an identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

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