

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for March 2020

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 18 February &amp; 2 March 2020. Agendas and minutes are available on the PC web site. <a href="http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</a></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: 17 March 2020 &amp; 6 April 2020 at St Mary's Parish Rooms (only one meeting in April 2020).</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 16 April 2020 at 730pm at Warriner School hall. All residents invited to attend.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19/02979/F, 8 Collins Drive, Bloxham, Retrospective – The Parish Council could not comment on an application for the erection of a shed because there were no plans available on the Cherwell District Council web site.</li> <li>• 20/00119/F, Potters Mill, Hogg End, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the erection of a garage, subject to comments from the neighbours.</li> <li>• 19/02547/F, 32 Brookside Way, Bloxham - The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the refurbishment and re-positioning of an existing greenhouse, replacing two existing shed structures with a single combined shed and wood-store.</li> <li>• 20/00272/F, Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to application 20/00272/F, subject to the structure being painted green to ensure it complements the surrounding buildings and landscapes and the shrubs which shield the structure, must be retained.</li> <li>• 19/02849/F, Brickhouse Farm, Bloxham Road, Milton – The Parish Council had no objection to the change of use of land and three agricultural buildings to a D1 training use.</li> <li>• The deadline for comments on the Bloxham Conservation Area Re-Appraisal is 23 March 2020. Comments should be sent to the Design and Conservation Team at Cherwell District Council or email to <a href="mailto:design.conservation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk">design.conservation@cherwell-dc.gov.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>Planning applications and comments could be viewed at <a href="https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as">https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as</a></p>
<p><u>Environment/ Highways</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potholes and street lighting issues can be reported by residents at <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a> When reporting on this site, photographs are useful.</li> <li>• 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. <b>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.</b></li> <li>• Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste.</li> <li>• 'No Parking' signs would be erected on the patch of green at the entrance to Kings Road.</li> <li>• The County Council would be contacted with regard to bus services in the village and a request would be made for an increased service.</li> <li>• A new bench would be located at the junction of Station Road and Queens Street, replacing the existing bench. The location of a second bench will be decided at a later</li> </ul>

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	<p>date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council reviewed the question of access to The Slade from the Country Park but decided the position should remain that there should be no access. A quote for fencing around The Slade would be obtained. The Parish Council had also locked two gates which surrounded the pond, on the grounds of health and safety and the third gate would also be locked. The Chairman would contact Cherwell District Council to escalate the many issues on the Miller Homes site, which were still outstanding.</li> <li>• A climate emergency would be declared in Bloxham.</li> <li>• Dog fouling had been highlighted as an issue again and residents were invited to assist the Parish Council with new initiatives to address the issue.</li> <li>• A number of trees had been assessed following the bad weather.</li> <li>• The contractor who was completing work to a property in Little Bridge Road would reinstate the grass verges once the work had been completed.</li> <li>• A new camera had been purchased for The Slade and would be used to identify wildlife at different times of the day and night.</li> </ul>
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 106 funds from Cherwell District Council were continuing to be released for the projects at Jubilee Hall and the Ex-Servicemen's Hall.</li> <li>• Councillors would continue to work on a voluntary basis and would not receive any allowances for 2020/2021, except for travel and subsistence, if they made a claim.</li> </ul>
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any members of the community would like to arrange a street party to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, please contact the Clerk for more information. The Parish Council would help with funding any events.</li> <li>• The Village Spring Clean was being held on 4 &amp; 5 April 2020.</li> <li>• District Christine Heath had been awarded the Oxfordshire High Sheriff's Award following a nomination by the Parish Council. There was an award ceremony being held on 24 March 2020.</li> <li>• Liaison with the residents of Queen Street was on-going with regard to improvements to the two areas of land.</li> <li>• The Parish Council thanked Bloxham School for installing the new fencing around the hockey pitches.</li> <li>• A big charity football match was being held on 8 May 2020 and would run for 24 hours, to raise funds for MIND. It was being held at Dewey Hall and was being organised by local residents.</li> </ul>
<u>Communication</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Bloxham Parish Council on Facebook.</li> <li>• 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. <b>The next sessions were on 14 March &amp; 11 April 2020.</b></li> <li>• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <b>during normal office hours</b> or email <a href="mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com">bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>