

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for May 2020

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 5 May 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>Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Parish Council will be holding virtual meetings. Agendas will be available on the PC web site as usual and the Clerk should be contacted for further details, including attendance at the virtual meeting.</p>
<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council: 6 May 2020, 20 May 2020 &amp; 1 June 2020. Annual Parish Meeting: Cancelled due to Covid-19 Pandemic, however all relevant documents will be available on the PC web site, before the end of May 2020.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20/00958/ADV, Exham House Bloxham School, High Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council objected to an application for hanging a non-illuminated cafe sign.</li> <li>• 20/00990/F, Clinton House, Humber Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for the demolition of an existing single storey outbuilding, replaced with a single storey rear extension, Part garage conversion, alterations to upper floor, replacement windows and doors, part re-render of rear elevation and installation of solar panels, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer.</li> <li>• 20/01010/F, Land Adjacent To Warriner Game Court, The Warriner School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council objected to an application for the variation of condition 2 (plans) and 19 (waste water network) of 19/00617/F to allow for an on-site treatment plant for wastewater and associated connections into the Sor Brook, rather than connections to mains drainage.</li> <li>• 20/01025/F, 24 Gascoigne Way, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application to infill an extension to connect the garage to the main house at ground floor level. The double garage was to be partially converted to create habitable accommodation at ground floor level and within the roof space.</li> <li>• 20/01042/LB, 1 Unicorn Street, Bloxham – The Parish Council had no objection to an application for two provisional roof lights in rear slope of roof, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer.</li> <li>• Cherwell District Council had been contacted for an update on the outstanding issues at the Miller Homes site on Tadmarton Road. There was on-going negotiation between CDC and Miller Homes on the surface of the carpark. The Parish Council still had concerns about the pedestrian access to the balancing pond and the subsequent access to The Slade.</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</li> </ul>

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	<p>parking fines to drivers who park their cars dangerously or cause an obstruction on the footpaths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste.</li> <li>• The Parish Council had asked Miller Homes if it could install a new dog waste bin near to the new Country Park on Tadmarton Road, covering the cost of the emptying of the bin too, but the request had been refused, despite Miller Homes being aware that people are using the litter bin in the play park instead. Therefore, the Parish Council encourages people to continue to pick up after their dogs and that they take the waste home to dispose of it.</li> <li>• Despite all the warnings and polite requests, which did not make any difference, some of those using the permissive path on the short Circular Walk close to the Ridgeway still showed no respect for the farmers or the Countryside. Therefore the Parish Council is sorry to announce that permission has now been withdrawn and this section of the short Circular Walk by The Ridgeway, is now CLOSED. The Parish Council fully supports this decision by the land owners who have been left with no alternative. The PC will now be assessing how this impacts on the Walk as a whole and will update residents in due course. The minority had sadly ruined it for the majority.</li> <li>• The track along The Ridgeway to the water tower and onto Milton had been closed by the land owner due to damage to his crops. While not a Public Right of Way, residents feel there is plenty of evidence it has been used by the public for many years. The Council has advised interested residents to gather any evidence they have and bring it to the Parish Council.</li> <li>• A request for a new street light on Barford Road would be progressed with Oxfordshire County Council.</li> <li>• A new dog waste bin would be installed at the Milton Road entrance to the footpath which runs across land next to Bloxham Mill, to Barford Road.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Legal/Financial</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 106 funds from Cherwell District Council were continuing to be released for the project at Jubilee Hall.</li> <li>• Councillor Andrew McHugh had approved a grant application for £500 for the Bloxham Community Support Group who are assisting residents during the Covid-19 Pandemic.</li> <li>• The Parish Council approved a number of grants and community donations to organisations in the village.</li> <li>• The accounts for year ended 31 March 2020 were approved by the Parish Council. These were available on the Parish Council web site.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Community</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any residents needed support during the Covid-19 Pandemic, they should either contact the Parish Council or email <a href="mailto:bloxhamcommunity@yahoo.com">bloxhamcommunity@yahoo.com</a> for advice.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Communication</u></p>	<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 sessions were cancelled until further notice due to the Covid-19 crisis.</b></li> <li>• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, <u>during normal office hours</u> or email <a href="mailto:bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com">bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>