

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for November/December 2019

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 19 November 2019 &amp; 2 December 2019 (only one meeting in December 2019). 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.</p>
<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council: 6 January 2020 (at St Mary's Parish Rooms) &amp; 15 January 2020 (at Bloxham Primary School).</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miller Homes and Cherwell District Council (CDC) would continue to be contacted about the development on Tadmarton Road with regard to several outstanding issues relating to the site, which included the Country Park, fencing and the surface of the car park. Following the recent wet weather, concerns about the reliability and condition of the balancing pond have also been raised with CDC and Miller Homes.</li> <li>• Further details on the Bloxham Conservation Area Re-Appraisal would be obtained from Cherwell District Council before any comments were made. There would be a public consultation exercise in January 2020, run by CDC.</li> <li>• A traffic survey had been completed by Oxfordshire County Council and the results were awaited. However, it had been carried out during the road works on the A361, therefore it would be queried how accurate and reliable the figures were. This may result in the survey being completed again when conditions on the A361 were back to normal.</li> <li>• There were no planning applications for the Parish Council to consider at its meetings on 19 November 2019 or 2 December 2019.</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 also 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>• A road safety meeting was held on 27 November 2019 to discuss impact on the highway at the A361/Bloxham Grove Road/Ells Lane junction, following the approval of the planning application for the SEND School. The County Council acknowledged some of the safety concerns raised by the Parish Council and a further meeting would be held in January 2020 to discuss progress with the agreed actions.</li> <li>• Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste.</li> <li>• The gates which link the Circular Walk from Bloxham to Brickhouse Farm would now be kept locked. Ramblers were leaving the gates open on a regular basis which was causing animals to escape and get mixed up. In addition to this, the locks on the gates had been deliberately superglued which was causing a number of issues for the Smiths when moving</li> </ul>

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	<p>their livestock. If anyone is aware of who is doing this, please contact the Parish Council. Dog waste bags were also being left in the fields along with Circular Walk and should sheep eat this, it would kill them so please pick up and take home all dog waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A meeting had been held with the County Council's highways officers and they would be arranging for the ditches and drains on Tadmarton Road to be cleared. Miller Homes would also be contacted to clear the ditch which runs alongside their development.</li><li>• The Order to establish the footpath across the Queen Street land into Green Hills Park (footpath 21) was now being formally consulted on and had been supported by the Parish Council. If anyone has any comments please visit <a href="http://www.oxfordhsire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/consultation">www.oxfordhsire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/consultation</a></li></ul>
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal advice was still being sought with regard to ownership of the land in Queen Street, but it had become apparent that a good proportion was owned by Oxfordshire County Council. Smiths of Bloxham were thanked for supplying skips free of charge, to support the residents who had kindly clear the land.</li></ul>
<u>Community</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Parish Council Chairman had laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10 November 2019.</li><li>• The Parish Council would be taking part in the St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival.</li><li>• A Book of Condolence and photographs of senior figures had been purchased and would be stored in the Benefice Office until they were required.</li><li>• A meeting had been held with Bloxham School and they had agreed to meet half of the cost for repairs to the access road to Jubilee Hall and Dewey Hall. The access road was owned by the Parish Council however Bloxham School had a right of way across it.</li><li>• The project at Jubilee Hall was continuing and it was hoped it would be finished by the end of December 2019.</li><li>• The Parish Council thanked Ian Cooper for supporting the Parish Council and helping with the Christmas lights project this year. He had done a fantastic job and his support had been very much appreciated.</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 December 2019 &amp; 11 January 2020.</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>