

Bloxham Parish Council - Report for October 2019

<p><u>Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council on 7 & 16 October & 4 November 2019. 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.</p>
<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p>	<p>Parish Council: 19 November and 2 December 2019. Only one meeting in December 2019.</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Application 19/01705/OUT for 95 houses on South Newington Road had been withdrawn by Gladman Developments Limited. • 19/01886/F, Brickhouse Farm, Milton Road, Milton – No objection to the application for the change of use of three agricultural dwellings to D1 (non-residential institutions). • 19/01160/F, Exham House, Bloxham School, Banbury Road, Bloxham – No comments on the amendment to the application for the change of use to Exham House from D1 to a mixed D1/A3 to allow public use of a cafe and associated works because further information was required. • 19/01865/LB, 5 Merrivales Lane, Bloxham - No objection to the retrospective application for the erection of an extension/ conservatory to rear, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer, however there was a concern that the extension/conservatory was erected later than 1979, in the absence of a planning application. • 19/01938/F, The Old Manor, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham - No objection to the application for pedestrian and vehicular gates across the driveway, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/02034/LB, The Old Manor, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham - No objection to the application for the conservation, repair and replacement of windows and doors, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/02032/F, Seal Cottage, Kings Road, Bloxham - No objection to the application for a stone wall to replace the existing trellis and a new oak gate within the wall to access the garden, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/02053/F, The Knoll, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham - No objection to the application for the reinstatement and realignment of a walled entrance with new vehicular and pedestrian gates, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • 19/02274/F, High Walls, Steeple Close, Bloxham – No objection to the application for a replacement roof (with higher ridge and eaves) to create additional first floor bedroom, plus re-roofing of garage, breakfast room and utility room and construction of dormer window to first floor bedroom, subject to comments from the Conservation Officer. • Miller Homes and Cherwell District Council 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. <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 also 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 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

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	<p>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"> • A road safety meeting is being held on 20 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. • A crossing on Milton Road had been requested. However, when the Weavers Field estate was approved, the footpath was intentionally located inside the development to direct pedestrians to cross further up the road at the refuge. This request would now be picked up by the Traffic Calming Working Group and discussed with OCC Highways officers. • Dog Walkers, please always pick up the mess which your dog leaves on the ground. • Residents are reminded that grit bins are not to be used for throwing away general rubbish and dog waste. • The gates which linked 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. Dog waste bags were also being left in the fields and should sheep eat this, it would kill them so please pick up and take home all dog waste. • The Parish Council thanked Ian Cooper for supporting the Parish Council and helping with the Christmas lights project this year. • Maintenance work would be carried out on the circular bench outside The Joiners Arms by David Gibbard, with thanks from the Parish Council for his support. • A new grit bin would be installed in The Ridgeway. • A permanent base would be installed in the green outside The Joiner Arms for the village Christmas tree. • Dog friendly stiles on the PRow around the village would be investigated. 																		
<p><u>Legal/Financial</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advice would be sought with regard to ownership of the land in Queen Street. • The grant to St Mary's Thursday Club would be increased from £1500 per year to £5000 to help safeguard its future. • The following grants for 2020/2021 were approved: <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1279 1377 1776" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Organisation</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grant 2020/2021</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bloxham Senior Citizen's Club</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ex-Servicemen's Hall</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tree Work St Marys Church yard, church yard up-keep and grass cutting.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bloxham Pre School</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Bloxham Scout Group</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£600.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flower Club</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bloxham Fun Day</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Organisation	Grant 2020/2021	Bloxham Senior Citizen's Club	£300.00	Royal British Legion	£400.00	Ex-Servicemen's Hall	£1000.00	Tree Work St Marys Church yard, church yard up-keep and grass cutting.	£1000.00	Bloxham Pre School	£1350.00	First Bloxham Scout Group	£600.00	Flower Club	£200.00	Bloxham Fun Day	£2000.00
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<p><u>Community</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council Chairman would be laying a wreath during the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10 November 2019. • Contact would be made with the PCC and Royal British Legion with regard to VE Day celebrations in 2020. • Apple Day had been a success and the organisers were thanked for their work on the event. • Councillors Amanda Baxter and Sophie Floate would be dressing the Parish Council's 																		

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	<p>Christmas tree for the St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Parish Council had been requested to investigate a skate park in the village. Unfortunately, at this time, there was no land or funding for a skate park, however should these become available in the future, then the Parish Council would certainly look at the request again.
<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 9 November 2019 and 14 December 2019.• Contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965, during normal office hours or email bloxhamparishcouncil@gmail.com