

## Bloxham Parish Council - Report for October 2018

Meetings	<p>Parish Council on 2 October 2018 &amp; 5 November 2018. The Planning &amp; Strategy Committee met on 11 October 2018 and the Environment Committee met on 18 October 2018. 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 and Committee meetings are open to the public. These are forums for residents to raise issues of concern.</p>
Next Meetings	<p>Parish Council: 3 December 2018 &amp; 7 January 2019 (usually first Monday of the month)</p> <p>Planning &amp; Strategy: 13 November 2018 &amp; 11 December 2018</p> <p>Resources Committee: 15 November 2018</p>
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council has delegated the authority to the Planning &amp; Strategy Committee to submit comments to Cherwell District Council (CDC) on its behalf. Parish Councillors consider representations made to the Committee either in writing or during the public forum. The Committee then deliberates how the application fits with relevant planning policies and formulates its comments to CDC. Full responses can be viewed under the relevant application on the Cherwell District Council Planning Portal;</li> <li>• Planning applications and notices for works to trees can be found on Cherwell District Council's web site; and  <a href="https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application">https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application</a></li> <li>• A Contractor had been chosen to complete the works to Jubilee Hall and the works would be funded from Section 106 funds held at Cherwell District Council.</li> </ul>
<u>Environment/</u> <u>Highways</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potholes can be reported by residents at <a href="https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/">https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/</a>, along with other highways and street lighting issues. When reporting on this site, photographs are useful;</li> <li>• Purple and yellow bulbs would be planted on the triangles of grass at the end of Courtington Lane and the end of Tadmarton Road;</li> <li>• Funding for a village defibrillator would be investigated and a suitable location would be confirmed;</li> <li>• Additional directional signs had been requested from Oxfordshire County Council for the Circular Walk;</li> <li>• Those using the Circular Walk and walking through the Slade Nature Reserve are reminded that dogs should be kept on their leads at all times;</li> <li>• It was anticipated that the village Christmas lights would be ready to be switched on by early December 2018;</li> <li>• Residents are asked to kindly abide by the road closure notices for the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 11 November 2018. The usual roads would be closed between 10.00am and 12.45pm;</li> <li>• Work would start on an Emergency Plan for the village and any residents who had experience of emergency planning would be welcome to assist the Parish Council.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Please contact the Clerk for further information;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The street light/bus stop on Tadmarton Road had been replaced and the power supply would be connected shortly;</li><li>• Free saplings had been donated by the Woodland Trust to commemorate the end of the First World War and the Parish Council had taken up this offer, which also include a plaque;</li><li>• The Winter Volunteers and Bloxham School had kindly agreed again this year to assist with filling the grit bins and gritting the footpaths in the village, should there been a need this winter. Two tonnes of grit have been delivered to the Bloxham School depot where it is being stored until it is required;</li><li>• Works to a number of trees in the village would starting during November; and</li><li>• The clearing of the land on Queen Street would take place early November.</li></ul>
<u>Legal/Financial</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parish Council would seek advice from Cherwell District Council on making changes to its Code of Conduct to ensure that non-pecuniary interests were disclosed properly;</li><li>• Consideration was being given to restructuring the Parish Council &amp; Committee meetings, which would disband the Committees in favour of two Parish Council meetings per month;</li><li>• A budget for 2019/2020 had been drafted and it would be considered by the Resources Committee on 15 November 2018. A precept figure for 2019/2020 would also be recommended to the Parish Council, by the Committee.</li><li>• Applications for Parish Council grants for 2019/2020 would be considered at the Resource Committee meeting as part of the budgetary process;</li><li>• Work was continuing on the Gascoigne Way land transfer from Kibswell to the Parish Council; and</li><li>• A meeting was being held with Cherwell District Council for further discussions on the Section 106 funds for the village.</li></ul>
<u>Vacancies</u>	<p>There are two vacancies on the Parish Council. Further details with regard to applying for the positions could be obtained from the Clerk. Contact details are below.</p>
<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;</li><li>• Parish Council web site <a href="http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/">http://www.bloxhamparishcouncil.co.uk/</a>; and</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>