

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 4th February 2008 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman Chairman
Isobel Bonner
David Carr
Philip Cavill
Paul Christmas (arrived 7.25pm)
Stuart Cruickshank
David Gibbard
Jim Golby (arrived 7.10pm)
Debbie Matthews
Annette Thomas

No Residents present.

2008/16 APOLOGIES

Alan Miller; Cllr E. Heath (ill); Cllr L.Thirzie Smart (meeting); Cllr K Mitchell (meeting)

Item		Action by
08/17	Jeremy Sacha and Andrew Barns (of <u>Sacha Barnes Associates</u> based at Colin Sanders Innovation Centre, Mewburn Road, Banbury) spoke about their work re. Landscaping, etc and how it would fit in with play areas, planning applications, etc. They are willing to be contacted for advice, etc.	
08/18	<u>Training: Future Responsibilities of Parish Councils</u> : Following study of leaflet from NALC and the fact that a statement is to be issued later this year, it was felt that it would be better to wait at present. We do not want to just have the authorities, but also the money to go with them.	
08/19	<p><u>Residents Issues</u></p> <p>Clerk reported on the email from Charter Housing re passageway from The Avenue to Winters Way, and that Charter Housing were not willing to have it closed if there was chance of it having to be re-opened. In telephone discussion with resident it was agreed to wait till after the summer, as things seem to have quietened down at present.</p> <p>SC had been contacted by resident about there being a very steep drop on Cumberford Hill from the pathway. Highways to be contacted about this by the Clerk and the possibility of a fence of some kind being erected.</p> <p>PCa noted that there were potholes in Queen St just before the Square that need refilling. Clerk to contact Highways.</p> <p>Jean Curran had contacted AT about the possibility of flooding on Tadmerton Road due to ditches not being cleared. Clerk reported on contact he had had with Highways re this matter, but would do so again.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
08/20	<u>Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January 2008</u> were agreed as true record and signed by Chairman.	
08/21	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>Letter from Malcolm Gates, Stone Hill</u>, about condition of section of Stone Hill. This has now been resolved with Bloxham School.</p> <p>Potholes that had appeared in <u>Rose Bank</u> have been filled in.</p> <p>07/181: <u>b. Bollards at junction of Milton Rd</u>: Highways feel that metal ones are not the answer. Highways have reported cost to be about £1500 + VAT. Clerk to check what cost is actually for.</p> <p>07/184: <u>Planning Decisions</u>: CDC been contacted re <u>Milton Rd Development</u>: Can Traffic Calming measures include making the junction with Barford Road bigger? Clerk to contact CDC.</p> <p>08/12 <u>Primary School</u>: Clerk reported on meeting held with Headteacher and Diane Thompson to mark the significance of the nine trees planted by Parish Council in 1995 with a plaque or something similar. It had been suggested having something in</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

08/27	<p><u>Correspondence</u> <u>Information:</u> Macemain+Amstad: Street Furniture OCC: Public Transport Guide Queensbury Shelters td: Catalogue re bus shelters received Audit Commission: BDO Stoy Hayward LLP to be appointed for next 5 years as external auditor Alan Griffin: Thank you letter for £150 honorarium for clock maintenance Tree Tops surgery: Brackley – details received <u>Decision</u> ROSPA: Agreed for it to be contacted re assessing Jubilee Park area as in previous years. CDC: Street Names for Milton Park Development – proposed that names of those killed in from village in conflicts of previous century. Initially Clerk to send names of those on War Memorial. CDC: Community Hall, etc Grants 2008/9: Applications to be received by 28th March – to be passed to JPMC CDC: Spring Clean 2008: Decision made as in last year not to participate due to insurance, etc needed ORCC: Course: Challenge of Community Change : 13th Feb Clerk to attend OPFA: Seminar 14th May at Steeple Aston (£25.)) Clerk to attend ORCC: Letter from Nicola Ball – replacement for James Alcock Affordable Housing – agreed again that survey of need to be included in parish Plan. Clerk to contact to see if any particular questions need to be inserted. CDC: Recreation Strategy: Workshop 20 Feb. Clerk to attend CDC: Countryside Forum: No one able to attend on 6th February OCC: Parish Transport Reps Meeting 25th February – felt that it would be better if someone who uses buses was able to attend.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
08/28	<p><u>Payment of Accounts Agreed by all</u> David J Andrews (Electrical) (for Lights for Christmas Tree) £162.15 CAB - Donation £100.00 Banbury Benefits Advice Project - Donation £100.00 Bloxham Parish Council – Gratuity for Dec(already agreed) & Jan £49.04 David Godfrey – Salary for Jan £546.35</p>	
08/29	<p><u>Other Matters</u> a. Chairman reported on meeting that he and Clerk had attended re Village Boundaries/Local Settlements with CDC under auspices of Local Development Framework. Also noted that Astrid Blackburn who organises this has now left CDC. b. PCh raised issue of Councillors, District and County, being present at meetings and perhaps to speak every 2-3 months on matters concerning village. BDC to follow up.</p>	BDC
08/30	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> Monday 3rd March 2008 at 7.30pm in Parish Rooms Meeting closed at 9.20pm <i>David Godfrey</i> Parish Clerk 10th February 2008</p>	