

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman
Richard Baggaley (RB)
David Carr (DJC)
Phillip Cavill (PCa)
Tracy Cuthbert (TC)
Jim Golby (JG)
Gloria Lester Stevens (GLS)
Alan Miller (AM)
David Tyrrell (DT)
Jenny Yates (JY)

Besides 1 resident present there was also District Councillor Heath from 7.30pm and District Councillor Smart present from about 8.00pm (left at about 9.00pm) and also C Cllr Mallon till after item on Boundary changes.

11/173 Apologies: C. Cllr Mitchell

11/174 i)	<p>David Blenkinsop from Solagen spoke about possibility of providing <u>a solar powered road sign near to Primary School</u> and left brochures. Cost (for a 30mph sign) would be about £3995 + VAT + Data (approx. £195 per year + VAT) or a flashing sign would be £1030 +VAT + about £350 per programmer. He will send clerk details. They do not put poles in ground, equipment is solar powered. There might be grant money from OCC.</p> <p>Emily Lewis from ORCC spoke about <u>car sharing scheme</u> and gave out handout about the scheme. It seems likely that BCTA will be folding come March/April. Our Options are: do nothing; give support to Banbury CVS (by advertising for drivers from Bloxham) – but this is more health driven; or set up our own car scheme.</p>	Action By
11/175	<p><u>Declarations by Councillors of Personal &/or Prejudicial Interest.</u> None made.</p>	
11/176	<p><u>Minutes of last meetings of 1st August 2011:</u> Agreed and signed by Chairman after correction to item 11/159.2 which should read ‘to flats of Cumberford’ and not ‘Colesborne’.</p>	
11/177	<p><u>Clerk’s report</u></p> <p>i)Cherwell Countryside Forum: Kirtlington Village Hall 6th Sept at 6.30pm. Clerk to attend.</p> <p>ii)Housing Needs Survey: It is to be delivered to all households and then they are to return it to Anna Kennedy. Clerk to ascertain what data we will then have access to. This would help towards formulation of neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>iii)Vacancy on Parish Council: Any nominations as yet? So far Clerk has had one person, Nicholas Raynor, put his name forward. Cllr Heath said she might have a person</p> <p>iv)Timing of this Meeting: Last time we touched on this and a suggestion was that we should approach the Care Home at Godswell for a room so that we can discuss this at leisure. Do we want to do this? When? Where? Time? PCa noted that it was not just timing but general review of use of meeting. JY to follow up.</p>	Clerk Clerk JY

	<p>v) Queen's Golden Jubilee - street parties: No one knows where these are. The Parish Council will still commemorate the event by a tree on War Memorial Green of Christmas Tree style.</p>	Clerk
11/178	<p><u>Residents' Issues.</u> Cllr Heath reported that she had passed onto Environment Heath at CDC re 21 Brickle Lane being empty. They were unable to do anything about it. She has been assured by mother of owner that it would be cleared out and cleaned up.</p> <p>Cllr Heath also reported on developments with Mr Dubber, Newstones, Banbury Rd. She had also noted that the hedge (oldest in Bloxham) She is also following up a complaint to Mr Barker on Barford Rd who is saying that the new house on Milton Road are being built 4ft higher than his garden.</p>	CH
11/179	<p><u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u> Previously circulated. It was noted that Cllr Smart had noted that it was questionable whether CDC had got a five year plan. JY commented that it seems that there is reference to 5yr plan plus 20% was needed and so on that basis CDC would not have 5yr plan.</p>	
11/180	<p><u>Roads and Traffic(Highways)</u> DJC commented that he had been in touch with OCC Highways re Parking, etc and he was due to have a local meeting with them to which anyone interested was welcome to attend. The dates he has given Highways are either 15th or 22nd September.</p>	DJC
11/181	<p><u>NAGS:</u> AM reported that there was no meeting in August and the September one is this Thursday</p>	AM
11/182	<p><u>Boundary changes of divisions within County:</u> JY led discussion and AM proposed that we should accept the following proposal. 'Create a division comprising of: Adderbury, Barfords, Bloxham, Bodicote (inc. Bankside), Deddington, Milcombe and Milton. This division would have an electorate of 7498 in 2011 (a variance of -4%) and 9087 (a variance of 9%) in 2016.</p> <p>Easington would remain as part of Banbury and be a whole division without the need for an arbitrary boundary.</p> <p><u>The counter proposals:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Endorse the senior school catchment area. ❖ Reflect the similarity of Council Tax banding within areas. ❖ Acknowledge the Natural boundary between the rural villages to the south of Banbury and urban Banbury itself. ❖ Group the common concerns of rural parishes, notably - provision of effective rural transportation services, local facilities for young people, bad weather and flood provision. 	

The Boundary Commission assert that there is no evidence that their recommendations would have any adverse effect on local taxes, house prices, or car or house insurance premiums. But, equally, there is no evidence to the contrary and the proposed change may well stimulate an increase in these categories for the electorate of Bloxham.

The Boundary Commission proposal raises the following potential issues:

- ❖ A wide Council Tax price range between the Bloxham and Easington components of the new Division.
- ❖ The creation of an arbitrary boundary along Queensway in Banbury.
- ❖ Perceived loss of identity of Bloxham as a village.

The prospect of the area of Bloxham, Milton and Easington being viewed as having potential for future urban development

This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Heath would take copy of proposal to Milcombe Parish Council (Tuesday evening). Chairman was to try to contact the local chairmen about our proposal.

Cllr Mallon was invited to make his observations in which he expressed his disappointment in our decision.

JY

11/183

Environment: i) The Slade: Clerk reported that he was awaiting reply from Ruth Kerry who has now suggested £1800 as Parish Council contribution towards legal costs. At Cllr Mitchell suggestion he had asked her for breakdown of costs – but still waiting reply.

ii) He had also been contacted by CDC re Play areas on Crabtree Close and on Milton Rd. Do we want responsibility for these? Crabtree Close which is the current request to us will attract about £21,000 plus interest since 2005. The decision was NO.

ii) Cllr Golby reported on sub group meeting held at TC’s house on 9th August Among items discussed and not already mentioned were: Camera to be obtained for all to use for PC work; Bulbs to be ordered; letter to Bloxham School re hedge on Ridgeway; Date to be fixed for determining posts for litter/dog bins

Clerk

11/184

Jubilee Park:

i)AM reported that after false start central heating is now being put it.

ii) Suggestions required for chairman for Jubilee Park Management Committee following retirement of David Bailey. It was suggested that Scott Cuthbert might accept the position. He was aware of meeting on this Wednesday

iii)Meeting of Parish Council with Jubilee Management Committee on 7th September at 7.00pm in back room of Elephant and Castle since central heating being installed in Hall.

iv) Thursday Club wish to have a member of Parish Council on its committee. GLS volunteered. Clerk to let her have dates

Clerk

11/185

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Planning

Planning sub group: Cllr Yates reported that the discussion re Draft Proposal re Lanning will take place at the meeting she is arranging.

Planning Applications from and Decisions by Planning Dept at CDC

Applications

11/01173/F Single Storey Extension for Willow Nook, Steeple Close: No objection

11/01050/LB: Conversion for Killowen House, S.Newington Rd: No objection

11/01143/LB: Installation of fascia boards for Ashwell House Stone Hill: No objection

11/01142/LB: Installation of boiler exit flue for Ashwell Hose, Stone Hill: No objection

11/01190/F: Rear extension to existing dwelling and garage for 8 Gascoigne Way: No objection.

11/01231/F: 2 Summer houses, etc for 3 Temple Close: Circulated

11/00186/TCA: Felling of Horse Chestnut for Willow Bank, High St: Circulated.

Decisions:

11/00149/TCA: Felling of two trees for Unicorn House, Unicorn St: Consent granted

11/00152/TCA: Felling of two silver Birch trees for Holly Tree Cottage, Unicorn St: Consent granted.

11/00151/TCA: Felling of trees for The Malt House Barn Queen St. Consent granted.

Withdrawal

10/01556/F and 10/01557/LB Refit outhouse to create dwelling for Elephant and Castle

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Youth Group: AM reported that Youth club was closed for Summer holidays and for central heating to be installed. Reopens in October

11/187

Finance: Dates for Calendar have been circulated by PCa.

Oxfordshire Association for the Blind: 8 people visually impaired in Bloxham. We gave £100.00 donation last year. Agreed to similar donation this year

OPFA: Membership due in August: £45.00. Agreed

Clerk's Training: Sept meeting of Oxfordshire SLCC on 13th Sept at 10.00. Agreed

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Payment of Accounts: Agreed by Parish Council.

Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity for August) 36.35

David Godfrey (Salary for August) 775.40

David Godfrey (Expenses)

Postage 0.75

Staples(Ink for Printer)40.97

Total 41.72

A Miller (The Firs Garage- signs for Jubilee Park) 110.00

BT Tel Line (D/D) 13.90

JY

Clerk

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	ARC Services (Grasscutting for August)	345.16
	OPFA (Agreed under 15)	45.00
	Oxfordshire Association for the Blind (Donation)	100.00
11/189	<u>Correspondence</u>	
i)	<u>Information</u>	
	Unwins : Autumn Catalogue for Bulbs and Plants	
	Thompson and Morgan: Autumn Catalogue for Plants.	
	Viking: Catalogue	
	SLCC: Training Courses for September	
	SLCC: Notice of AGM on 15 th October at 2.15 at Reading	
	Public Enquiry on 27 th September at 10.00 is at Bodicote House re Diversion of Bloxham Footpath 2 and Bodicote Footpath 8 past converted mill house.	
	Solagen: details of 5 & 10 year warranties.	
	SMP Playgrounds: Newsletter from SMP	
	Royal Horticultural Society: Letter supporting 'Britain in Bloom'	
	AgeUK Oxfordshire: Itea and biscuits 19-23 September at White Lion	
	Walk10-4. Taster sessions available. (Posters up about this)	
	CDC: Posters for Registering to vote	
	Catalogue Furniture at Work	
ii)	<u>Decision needed:</u>	
	Magistrates Association: Invitation to Meeting at Exeter Hall, Kidlington on 23rd September for a forum 10-00 – 12.30 to consider future delivery of summary justice. Chairman and Clerk to attend.	Clerk
	ORCC: Networking event and AGM at Chalgrove Village Hall 6.30pm for 7.00 on 3 Oct. No one able to attend as it is date of the next Parish Council meeting.	Clerk
11/190	<u>Any other item of urgent nature</u> communicated to the Chairman/Clerk before the start of the meeting:	Clerk All.
	Bloxham Public School: Meeting with Parish Council in HTs room at 6.30pm on 7 th October. (<i>Now to be on either Wed 9th or 16th November – after half term</i>)	
11/191	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Monday 3 rd October 2011 at 7.00pm in Parish Rooms. Since sending the agenda out I have noticed we had been contacted by Neil Laurence from CDC re improving the look and function of their website. I am waiting for confirmation that he is able to come on that date.	
	Meeting ended at 9.35pm	
	David Godfrey, Parish Clerk, 6 th September 2011	