

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of meeting held on Monday 6th February 2012 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman
Richard Baggaley (RB)
David Carr (DJC)
Gloria Lester Stevens (GLS)
Alan Miller (AM)
Nicholas Rayner (NR)
David Tyrrell (DT)
Jenny Yates (JY)

There were also present C Cllr K Mitchell(KM) D. Cllr L Thirzie Smart (LTS) (both arrived at about 8.00pm left at about 9.15pm) D. Cllr C. Heath (CH)from about 8.00pm, the Clerk. One resident was present till about 8.00 pm

12/23 Apologies: P. Cavill (on way to Australia); J .Golby (Work meeting)

12/24 Declaration by Councillors of Personal &/or Prejudicial Interest – none given

12/25 Minutes of meetings of 5th December 2011 and 9th January 2012 were agreed as true record and signed by Chairman.

12/26 Residents issues:

This was about the development of the area of the Bungalow, Queen St, and its exit on to King's Rd Letter to be sent to Planning from PC about this.

12/27 Accounts 2010-11 (see attachment)

Letter from BDO (external auditor) was discussed and accepted. Agreed that clerk as RFO should get support needed that an auditor from outside the village should be approached by BDC.

12/28 Clerk's report i) To save time at meetings, it was agreed that item be taken as read as on the agenda notes previously circulated, with the proviso that any Parish Councillor can ask for any particular item to be considered.

ii) Clerk asked that all Parish Councillors check their e mails every two-three days and acknowledge when asked, since sometimes prompt reply is needed, or Clerk needs to be sure it has been received.

iii) Officially agreed to co-opt Nick Rayner to fill one of vacancies on Parish Council. It was noted that PCa knew of someone who might be possible for other vacancy. PCa to approach.

iv) Concern expressed by Flooding Group about proposal to cover over ditch on Tadmarton Rd by the Primary School.

v) Meeting with Bloxham School took place on 11.1.12. Besides HT and Bursar, and Parish Clerk, there were also present 3 members of Parish Council.

Among items discussed were|:

The Slade and possibly Parish Council obtaining it for village; the possible extension of Bus Service to Banbury and return on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings; Neighbourhood Plan; Youth club at Jubilee Hall on Tuesday evenings (closed at present through lack of female helpers); Jubikee Park Gate being shut; Remembrance Sunday parade (School offered to contact ex-warrant officer who helps run their Cadet Force to see if he could be involved); Parking on Courtington Lane; the Ridgeway (School noted that someone had been stealing from scrap metal yard and driving through hedge on the Ridgeway to escape, and also Bursar would contact Clerk re storage of salt, and the state of hedge on The Ridgeway). School also raised the point of Tony Baldry and Bloxfest as opposed to Bloxfest. Re use of tennis court by local community: School felt unable to help as the tennis nets have to be removed, and out of tennis season Cadet Force and Netball use the area.

Next meeting planned for September – date yet to be fixed.

vi) Agreed that something like Action Plan that was circulated at meeting to be used after NR had passed copy of template to Clerk.

12/29 Reports from County and District Councillors (Previously circulated)

KM wished matter of Precept to be clarified since it had been stated that even though there had been more houses built in village, there are less people eligible to pay full council tax, and so as a result to maintain amount that householders pay at the same level as last year, the amount we receive from CDC is reduced.

CH reported that bench and litter bin in Cumberford Close are to be moved. Any thoughts on repositioning of bench to CH as soon as possible.

CH and LTS to speak directly with Phillip Rolls at CDC re 106 monies from District to Bloxham.

LTS had no parish work to report on.

12/30 Highways:

- i) **Salt:** The order for more salt had to be in by November, but due to not knowing until recently where it could be stored, the we could not order more now. It was suggested that the order should be placed in summer and also for Parish Council to obtain load of smaller bagged salt for sale to residents.

AM and CH to see if there is anywhere a salt/grit bin could be placed in Strawberry Hill area.

Clerk to check on where is bin from by Ex-Servicemen's Hall since it has now been moved, since it was one paid for by Parish Council.

- ii) Ownership of Tree at top of Cumberford passed to Highways for clarification.

12/31 NAGS: AM reported that there had been visits to school; theft of metal, heating oil, number plates was continuing. People to be more conscious of not leaving cars unlocked or property in sight in cars. There was also a recommendation not to leave back door unlocked especially at night.

12/32 Queen's Jubilee

Re trees then besides Warriner school there was suggestion made re Jubilee Park and Bloxham School. Grid reference of where to plant trees is needed.

Re provision of tree on War Memorial Green, it was mooted that it could be placed where flag pole is currently and that to be moved to the other side of War Memorial. British Legion to be consulted re this by clerk

Chairman has been approached re closure of The Avenue for a Street Party.

12/33 i) Broadband for the village

Four replies received so far re faster speed in village:

JY reported on meeting on 25th January with Lisa and her Deputy Director and Dave Howard and PCa. She noted that OCC are hoping to have this in place for the County by April 2013. They are sending out to us a draft questionnaire that could possibly go in the Broadsheet, and out through the schools.

ii) Website

It is hoped that at next meeting there will be a presentation of some possible websites to be used by Parish Council. Vote at next meeting in March

12/34 Environment:

The Slade: Through auspices of KM, OCC at most will be charging us no more than £1000. Property services to be contacted.

Reg Tipping to be contacted re possible costs that the group will incur.
Once we know decision, then details to be sent to our Insurance Company.

12/35 Jubilee Park: i) AM reported that last meeting was taken up mainly with the raising of money.
ii) Next meeting of JPMC and Parish Council is on 29th February at 7.00pm at Jubilee Hall. All welcome.

12/36 Remembrance Sunday JY reported on meeting held on Thursday 26th January with reps of British Legion(Bloxham Branch).
It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Ian Cooper at CDC re road closure to be from 10.15 till 12.45 to cover the parade from the Church afterwards.

12/37 Planning

It was noted that there are plenty of brown field sites in Banbury itself which should be used rather than the villages

i) Applications from CDC: (with comments from Parish Council)

11/01398/F Single storey extension for The Hobitt, Banbury Rd: No objection

1/00246/TCA Re- coppicing, felling and pruning various trees: No objection

11/00274/TCA: thinning and felling various trees for Humber House, Humber St: No objection

12/00014/TCA: removing three lower branches of a Sorbus, etc. for Little Bennetts, Rose Bank: No objection

11/01863/F: Continued use of gypsy Site on Milton Rd for Smiths of Bloxham: No objections as long as recommendations are adhered to.

11/01890/F: Amendments to 10/01759/F for Humber house, Humber St: Concern expressed that it will now become a fully residential unit and will change the style of the old house

11/00062 and 0003/TCA: Work on various trees for Bloxham School: No objection

11/01259 Garden Shed for 10 Collins Drive No objections

11/01253/F: First floor extension, etc. for Beehive Cottage, Church St: No objection

12/00080/F: (NB not our area)Development of up to 145 dwellings south of Salt Lane at Crouch Farm: Objecton (letter sent)

11/01849/F: Extend and alter existing chalet for Tall Trees, Rose Bank:

12/00010/TCA: Tree work at Pophey, Banbury Rd. No objection

12/00005/F: Provision of childcare and dance studio at Bloxham Mill:

No objection but must have a clearer plan showing improvements to the entrance allowing two cars to pass, and footpath to be extended on Barford Rd to allow full and safe access to the proposed facility.

11/01928/F: First floor front extension etc for Belmont, Barford Rd

ii) Decisions by Planning Dept at CDC

11/0148/LB Amendments to 10/0760/LB for Humber House, Humber St: Granted subject to conditions

11/01672/F: Variation of condition 2 of 10/01780/F for Bloxham Grove Farm: Granted subject to conditions

11/01687LB: Alterations and refurbishment of Wall flowers, Queen St: Granted subject to conditions

11/012131/F 2 summer houses in garden for 3 Temple Close: Granted subject to conditions

11/01805/F Erection of timber double garage for Willows End, Banbury Rd: Granted Subject to conditions.

11/01360/F: redevelop and extend garage, etc for 35 Greenhills Park: Granted subject to conditions

11/00096/F: Variation of condition 2 of 09/01811/F – amended details for Plot 6 Milton Rd South: Granted subject to conditions.

11/01819/F: front porch extension for 4 Westbourne Ct: Granted subject to conditions.

11/01365/F: Resubmission to refit outhouse to create dwelling for Elephant and Castle: Granted subject to conditions

iii) Withdrawal

11/01850/CAC: removal of part of stone wall to create new entrance for Tall Trees, Rose Bank.

12/38 Youth Group: AM reported that it hopes to reopen after half-term since three ladies have now contacted them.

Clerk to get copy of letter from High Sherriff of Oxfordshire for RB and AM

12/39 Finances:

Contracts including grass cutting, etc: Parish Council needs map of e.g. when and where cutting takes place. To be linked with item on Parish Assets.

12/40 Payment of accounts (Agreed by Parish Council)

Already signed and paid:

D. Godfrey (Salary for November £775.40 & December £775.60)	1551.00
Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity for Oct, Nov& Dec)	109.05
Royal British Legion (Bloxham branch)	200.00
SLCC (insert for clerk)	30.00
BDO LLP (external auditor)	432.00
Cherwell District Council (for trees Winters Way)	188.71
<u>Agreed:</u>	
Sanctuary Maintenance (for signs for road closure on Remembrance Sunday)	213.18
D. Godfrey expenses	
Camera	99.99
Ink for computer (Staples)	121.97
Card for camera	9.97
Donation in memory of Eric Heath	<u>40.00</u>
Total	271.93
D. Godfrey (Salary for January)	775.60
Mr and Mrs Roberts (Electricity for Christmas Tree lights)	50.00

12/41 Correspondence

OCC: Painter's close to be closed for two days 28th February.

Catalogue for Furniture at Work: Feb 2012 issue.

Anglia Bulb Company: Catalogue for Spring 2012

Thank you for donation from British Legion(Bloxham)

Magazine: Allotment and Leisure Gardener issue 1 2012

12/42 For decision

CDC: Spring Clean: Note to go in Broadsheet about this asking for suggestions of where it should be. e.g The Goggs

12/43 Any other item of urgent nature communicated to the chairman/clerk before the start of the meeting.

To discuss at another time about having an odd job man in the village

12/44 Date of Next Meeting Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms. It is hoped there will be a presentation of various possible websites for use by Parish Council.

Meeting finished at about 9.45pm

*D. Godfrey
Parish Clerk, 10 February 2012.*