BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL (JAN 2024)

Vacancies — There are four vacancies on the Parish Council and anyone interested in supporting the community and joining our friendly team, will be very welcome. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Stuart Begg has recently resigned as a Councillor and the Parish Council thanks him for all his work. Neil Hegarty was co-opted as a new Councillor at the meeting on 8 January 2024. We all look forward to working with him.

Christmas Lunch — The Parish Council donated £500 to help fund the village Christmas Day lunch and it was a great success with 48 people attending on the day. Thank you to Bee Myson and her team of volunteers for all their work making the day one to remember.

Drains/Hedges/Highways — Residents are asked to report any issues relating to the highways and footpaths, including blocked drains or hedges overhanging the footpaths to the County Council using their Fix My Street web site. **https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/**



Please contact the Parish Council with the reference number if you do not receive a response or any action after a month and the Parish Council will follow this up with the County Council.

Deeley's Planning Application — The appeal hearing for this application on Ells Lane is being held on 10 January 2024 at 10am at Bodicote House. The Parish Council will be addressing the Inspector with its objection.

Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan — The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a grant and a review of the current Plan will now be undertaken by a consultant.

Tree in Jubilee Park — A tree had become damaged in Jubilee Park during the recent bad weather and works will be undertaken shortly to address this.

Footpath and Bench by War Memorial — Work has been completed to widen the footpath back to its original width and quotes will be obtained for maintenance work to the circular bench. Quotes for a replacement bench will also be sought as a comparison.

Potholes — The Parish Council is pleased that the County Council completed a lot of work prior to Christmas to address the potholes in the village and they are thanked for their support. There are a number which are still outstanding and these will be repaired in due course.

Air Quality — The air quality data which has been collated by Cherwell District Council, will be used to compare air quality in the village, once the roll out of the 20mph speed restrictions have been implemented.

Inpost Boxes — The Inpost boxes which are located outside the Co-op were installed without planning permission and this was highlighted to Cherwell District Council by the Parish Council. A subsequent retrospective application has been refused by Cherwell District Council and the boxes must be removed by the end of January 2024.

Wheelie Bins — If residents are unable to store their wheelie bins at the rear of their property, please ensure that any which are stored at the front, are located on your land and not that of your neighbours.

Parking & Lining — Councillors are still working with Thames Valley Police to address parking issues in the village and residents are reminded to park legally and considerately. Work is also continuing with the County Council to progress the white and yellow lining.

Parish Council Meetings at Jubilee Hall, small meeting room, 7.00pm: 05.02.24 & 04.03.24

Parish Council 'Drop-In and Chat' at the Ex-Servicemen's Hall, 1030am to 1130am: 13.01.24 & 10.02.24