

**BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

**PRESENT**

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman  
Isobel Bonner (IB)  
Paul Christmas (PCh)  
Stuart Cruickshank (SC)  
David Gibbard (DG)  
Jim Golby (JG)  
Debbie Matthews (DM)  
Alan Miller (AM)  
Annette Thomas (AT)

Cllr Heath was present and Cllr Mitchell arrived at 8.00pm

**2006/158 APOLOGIES**

Philip Cavill and David Carr (both on holiday)

Item		Action by
2006/159	Matthew Ingall (Headteacher) and Douglas Boomer Parent Governor Bloxham Primary School attended to speak on Primary School's New Travel Plan by means of which they wish to address the traffic congestion issue. Summary and Full copy of Travel Plan is filed with these minutes. It was agreed that it needed to be directed at the parents and that a questionnaire was to be devised to determine why the school buses are underused. The 'Walking Bus' is still functioning well. One of the major issues is getting over Courtington Lane at either end. The possibility of a Pelican Crossing is to be explored with County Engineers. But this will cut down on resident's parking on the road. The Parish Council welcomed this exchange of information.	
2006/160	<u>Residents Issues</u> Though no residents were present issues had been raised with individual councillors. Bench in Painter's Close: Could there be a rubbish bin by the bench? Clerk to follow up. Wall in Chapel St near Ellen Hinde Hall appears to be in danger of falling down. Clerk to speak with landlord of Elephant and Castle in first instance.	Clerk Clerk
2006/161	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> DG expressed a personal interest in future item relating to erection of noticeboard at bus shelter.	
2006/162	<u>Minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006</u> These were accepted as a true record, and were signed by Chairman.	
2006/163	<u>Matters Arising</u> 2006/146:/126 Meeting on 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept at 18.45 at Drayton Golf Club re Neighbourhood Policing. Apparently it was at the one near Didcot! Copy of papers circulated at meeting received. Ass Chief Constable Gargan is willing to arrange another briefing meeting! Agreed that another meeting should be requested. 2006/126:/135: Hawk and Partridge Meetings postponed to 5 <sup>th</sup> October. DG attended in absence of PCa and reported that application has bow been withdrawn as not in keeping with the surrounding area. Likely to	Clerk

	<p>be resubmitted.  <b>2006/148: Hard Copy of transport plan received.</b>  <b>2006/150: Recreation Ground: Surface has now been repaired.</b>  <b>2006/154: CAB – report from PCa filed with minutes.</b></p>	
2006/164	<p><b><u>Roads and Traffic:</u> Murphy’s have accepted responsibility for broken slabs in Humber St, and will replace, and also ensure traffic does not use that route to the Ridgeway.</b></p> <p><b>Bus stop surface out side of Texaco Garage has now been resurfaced.</b></p> <p><b>Noted by DM that coaches bringing other pupils to Bloxham School, e.g. On 17 Sept, had been parking on Chipperfield estate and causing difficulty for residents. IS also noted that coaches had been parked in Courtington Lane, causing traffic problems. Suggested that Bloxham School might like to contact Warriner school for coaches to be able to park there instead for the afternoon. Clerk to write to Bursar.</b></p> <p><b>E mail from Cllr Mitchell re representations made to him by Mr and Mrs Baggley, 2 Old Cottages, about the speeding along High St. Letter to be sent to Highways.</b></p> <p><b>Clerk said he had contacted Highways about the proliferation of posters/hoardings at end of Courtington Lane (currently four). Highways will look at situation and arrange for them to be removed, informing owners where to collect them from.</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2006/165	<p><b><u>Environment:</u></b>  <b>IS reported that Smith’s had offered sleepers for the <u>Planters</u> at either end of village and to cut them to shape free of charge. Letter of thanks to be sent.</b>  <b>IS has also approached British Legion through Doug Todd about paying for bulbs, etc.</b>  <b><u>Seat in memory of Connie McCammon:</u> it was agreed that best site would be by the bus stop/tree at end of Cumberford.</b>  <b><u>Award in her memory:</u> IS spoken with son Trevor who said mother had liked animals. Suggested perhaps to be linked with Warriner Farm. To be put to family.</b>  <b><u>Bench outside Post Office:</u> Lad who damaged it is willing to pay. IS to write to him to get money from him. Bench from e.g. Countrywide would cost in region of £349.</b>  <b><u>Inspection of Trees, etc, which are responsibility of Parish:</u> IS requested may from Highways, still waiting for it but will try again.</b></p> <p><b><u>Welcome Pack:</u> DM has begun work on devising a welcome pack which could be left for newcomers to village. List of organisations in village was circulated – to be completed with any additions, corrections by next meeting.</b></p> <p><b><u>Gascoigne Way</u> PCh reported that the latest mowing of that area was very uneven and also the pruning of the Laurel Hedge was very uneven. Letter to be sent.</b></p>	<p>Clerk IS</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>DM/ ALL</p> <p>Clerk</p>
2006/166	<p><b><u>Jubilee Park:</u></b>  <b>DM reported that at latest meeting the plans for the extension had been discussed.</b>  <b>The ‘Elvis’ show in September had been very successful, and another artist has been booked for 1<sup>st</sup> December.</b>  <b>Under 6 Play area: The wire round it is sagging through older youngsters</b></p>	

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	<p>sitting on it. Contractor to be contacted. Current grant balance to be notified. Clerk to discuss with Chairman, David Bailey.</p> <p><u>Recreation Ground:</u> Letter from Dave Tyrell wanting to know why Parish Council is so interested in having names of Trustees. It was noted that it is a Charity and names need to be in Public Domain. It was also noted that names feature in Betty Walton's new book. Clerk to write. AT noted at request of Bloxham childminders that the gate onto the A361 from the Recreation Ground is missing, and since lot of children use the play area, they could run out onto road. More variety in equipment was requested at both Jubilee and Recreation Ground. Childminders prefer taking their children to Hook Norton. To be invited to meeting re Parish Plan.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AT/Clerk</p>
2006/167	<p>10. <u>Planning</u></p> <p>a. Godswell House Plans All who had attended were impressed by the plans, but were concerned that rooms etc would be so expensive.</p> <p>b. <u>Applications</u> (with subgroup's comments)</p> <p>06/01752/F: Demolition and then erection of 2 dwells at Illey, Banbury Road: No objection 06/01695/F: Erection of machinery/general purpose farm building for Park Farm, Tadmarton Road; No objection 06/01805/F: Erection of 2 m high wall/fence for Berkswell House, Milton Road: No objection 06/01958/TCA: Fell Silver Birch and Reduce Chestnut: No objection</p> <p>c. <u>Decisions</u></p> <p>06/01351/F &amp; 06/01352/LB: Removal of existing stone wall and rebuild nearer house for Wheatlands Cottage, Kings Road: Granted subject to conditions 06/01497/F: Conservatory etc for 8 Colesbourne Road: Granted subject to conditions 06/01508/CLUP: certificate of lawfulness of proposed use or development relating to Ibstock, Little Bridge Road.</p> <p>d. <u>Withdrawal:</u></p> <p>06/00665/CAC: Hawk &amp; Partridge Development application for demolition to rear withdrawn</p>	
2006/168	<p><u>Parish Plan and Strategy Group</u></p> <p>Open meeting arranged at Jubilee Hall for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Aimé Evans to attend. Draft Letter to all groups in Village was accepted. PCh circulated list of organisations in village – to be returned to him by end of the week with alterations, etc.</p>	ALL
2006/169	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>Budget 2006/7</u></p> <p><u>Gate for Churchyard:</u> Clarification received from PPC that they will pay third. Agreed to send Parish Council's third to St Mary's Treasurer <u>Spire Staircase:</u> Request via Alan Griffin for contribution of financial assistance for installation of staircase and railings for maintenance of clock at insistence of Health and Safety Inspectors. Estimated cost is £2100+VAT. Letter from PPC stating they have not got the funds for this and are seeking full financial assistance. Until then Alan Griffin is not allowed to adjust the clock, etc. Agreed that Parish Council would contribute 50% of cost, and trusted that Church would raise the remainder. <u>Extra Notice Board</u> at bus shelter: Quote of £80 from Gibbard Joinery was accepted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>2006/170</p>	<p><b><u>Parish Cluster Meeting:</u></b> report by BDC that this had been a very successful meeting, covering such topics as the Open Air Swimming Pool and possible contributions from neighbouring parishes for its upkeep; Cemeteries in that Bodicote have problem with regard to people outside of village; Horton Hospital; Policing and funding from Parish Councils; Local Development Plan – felt that consultation had been pathetic and that Planners do not take notice of Parish or Town Councils. All agreed that it had been a very valuable meeting and for North Oxfordshire to speak with one voice. Next Meeting will be in January 2007 in Banbury Town Hall. Proposed that agenda should be limited to one item e.g. Highways to include signs</p>															
<p>2006/171</p>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p><b><u>For Information</u></b>          CDC: Transfer and Adoption of Open Spaces in New Residential Developments: Amended guidance          CDC: RAF Upper Heyford – Draft Revised Comprehensive Planning Brief Leaflet          CDC: Arts at Large Rural Touring Scheme          OCC: Issue raised at Environment and Economy meeting with Parishes re cost savings targets          OCC: Parish Transport Representatives Meeting Minutes of 1st August; Community Transport Newsletter &amp; Map of Frequency Guide.          BBONT: Parish Councils and Wildlife: New legal duty          ‘Keep the Horton General’ Committee: urged to write letters to Trust.          Thames Valley Energy Efficiency Advice Centre: Posters – save 20%          North Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust Partnership: Annual Report 2005/06          NHS: Leaflets and Poster re Flu jab          ORCC: AGM Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October at Tackley Village Hall 7.30pm; Annual Report 2005/6          Thames Valley Police: Posters re Fireworks and Trickle Treat.          Thames Valley Police: Poster Competition re Fireworks          Thames Valley Crimestoppers: Poster, etc re Get Rid of Graffiti          LCR: Sept 2006: Official Journal of NALC          DEFRA: Rural Services Review          Dept of Transport: Guide on travel plans for developers</p> <p><b><u>For Decision</u></b>          CDC: Play Provision on Cherwell: Questionnaire to be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> October: Passed to AT          OPFA: AGM Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at Standlake Village Hall at 7.30pm. No one able to attend.          Thames Valley &amp; Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust: Appeal for Donation          Parish Church of St Mary’s: South Porch Notice board – request to relinquish use and for it to be able to be used by the church. Parish Council requested that there could still be space each month for agenda, etc.</p>	<p>AT</p> <p>Finance Group</p> <p>Clerk</p>														
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	<b>St Mary's Parish Rooms (Hire of Apl 05 – July 06  - 17 sessions @ £14.00)</b>	<b>238.00</b>
	<b>David Godfrey</b>	
	<u>Salary</u>	
	Sep	516.82
	Arrears for Aug	0.22
	<u>Total</u>	517.04
	Gratuity Account	
	Sep	24.85
	<u>Expenses</u>	
	Broadband	18.34
	Telephone line (Sept)	11.99
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	<u>Total</u>	42.32
2006/173	<b>Frequency of Power cuts in Bloxham: Resident has raised this issue.  Clerk to write.  Cllr Heath reported that the site in The Avenue is due to be cleared in next  two weeks.</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
2006/174	<u><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm</b></u>	<b>ALL</b>
	<b>David Godfrey  Parish Clerk  10<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>	