

2006/196: Clerk has met with Bursar, Bloxham School. New signs to be erected re parking. Bursar to contact their solicitor about developments re access to Dewey Centre (Copy of letter from Bursar to Aplins 20th December received.); and Water Lane work should be completed in next six months. DG raised again issue that bollards are missing from Water Lane. To be raised with Bursar
 2006/197: Highways been contacted re manhole cover on Banbury Road.
 2006/200: Supplemental Development Plan: Reply sent to CDC in principle objecting to the two new sites proposed. Copies of letters from 6 residents received.
 2006/203: Representative re Affordable Housing to attend February Meeting.

Clerk

07/7 Roads and Traffic
 No report.

07/8 Environment
Planters: Chairman reported that Probation are prepared to look after them. Environment sub group has not met, but will be meeting to determine the dividing up of the village.

07/9 Jubilee Park
 Inspection has been undertaken by ROSPA – report to be given to David Bailey, noting that there are some issues marked as medium to high that need to be resolved.

Recreation Ground:

Letter received from David Tyrell re inspection by Wickstead of Play Area – Parish Council, still wishes to see copy of accounts for 2006 and whether surplus noted in Charity Commissioners website for 2005 is to be used for the items identified by Wicksteads. Parish Council is responsible for the spend of Village monies and must ensure that it is getting value for money.

Clerk

07/10 Planning

a. Update on The Avenue, Bloxham – affordable housing scheme. Cllr Heath had reported that Bloxham should get 1 in 3 of the Houses being built. There should be at least 4 houses at The Avenue and at Ells Lane site. Electricity board due to remove cable on The Avenue site mid February and building to begin in March with completion by October 2007

b. Applications (with sub groups comments)
 06/02412/F: Single storey extension 9 Brookside Way: No objection
 06/02295/F: two storey extension 14 Cumberford Close: No objection
 06/02309F & 06/02310/LB: Farmhouse extension and 6 dwellings: Bloxham Grove Farm: In principle no objection but concern expressed about traffic on single track road and at junction with Banbury Road; should historical building be turned into accommodation; Potential for increase in traffic on bridle way from Bodicote; Has habitat of bats, swallows, owls been catered for?

c. Decisions
 06/02295/F: Two-storey side extension for 14 Cumberford Close Agreed subject to conditions
 06/02284/TCA: Pollard of two trees for Hill House, Workhouse Lane: Agreed
 06/019996/ADV: Retrospective 2 free standing poles for Ells Lane Development: Agreed subject to conditions: (Also letter stated that Highways had advised they had no objection to application. Can only refuse such an application on grounds of public amenity or highway safety.)
 06/02005/F: Two storey side extension for Hifields Banbury Road: Agreed subject to conditions
 06/02050/F: Change of use of Hawk & Partridge to single residential Dwelling: Agreed subject to conditions
 06/02095/F: First floor side extension, etc for 10 Salmon Close: Agreed subject to conditions
 06/01985/F: Amendment to 03/00248/F for insertion one first floor window for Beehive Cottage, Church St. Agreed subject to conditions

d. Appeal:

16 January at 10.00am at Bodicote House re Floodlighting at Dewey Sports Centre. Clerk to attend with anyone else who is available.

07/11

Parish Plan and Strategy Group

Next meeting is on 23rd January at 7.30pm. Besides 3 Parish Councillors and Clerk, there were only 4 other people present from potential steering group. Agreed to defer election of chairman till 23rd January.

7/12

Finance

a) Proposed Changes to Council Tax –Outlined by DJC who said that this was only a proposal at present for Council Tax to be replaced by Land Value Tax. This could lead to a doubling of tax, leading to extra hardship for all with no indication of any of the extra monies coming to local councils.

Letter to be sent to Cllr James MacNamara supporting his opposition to this possible change from Council Tax to Land Value Tax. Support of surrounding parish councils to be sought. Copy of letter to MP

b) Budget 2006/7

Christmas Day Lunch: Lindsay Mills £20.00 (for napkins, etc)
Jacqui Sayer £10.00 (for vegetables & Potatoes)

SPISE: Renewal of subscription for 2007 £30.00

All Agreed.

c) Budget 2007/8

Proposed Figures were discussed. Proposed that Precept to be raised by £1000 to £46,600 for 2007/8. Though this will not cover the proposed spend, there is approximately £49,000 in reserves, which will do so.

Grants for coming year:

Requests for 2007/8 from :

Recreation Ground £2000 (as already noted letter to be sent seeking clarification of whether previous surplus is to be used for points noted by Wicksteeds.);

Jubilee Park £2000;

Maintenance of Churchyard extension £1000; (Also the previously agreed £1000 a year for the trees maintenance, with £200 for the original graveyard.)

Thursday Club £700;

Lunch Club: £520;

Christmas Day Lunch £150.

Ex-servicemen's Hall: Contribution requested – letter to be sent asking what amount they are seeking. It was agreed that in principle a contribution would be made and would come out of Reserves. The question was raised about the whereabouts of the deeds.

Proposed Precept of £46,600 Agreed. Clerk to notify CDC

07/13

13. Parish Council Web Site

Website is almost ready to go live. James Sheppy has worked further on it. Home Page has been rewritten.

07/14

14. Correspondence**For Information**

OCC: Oxfordshire School Travel Survey Results: Our Choice their future.

OCC: Parish Transport Representatives Meeting: Minutes of 6 Nov 2006: Next meeting 19th March 2007-OCC: Community Transport Newsletter Autumn 2006

OCC: News from OCC: December 2006

OCC: Adoption of: Statement of Community Involvement

CAB: seeking volunteer Advisers: Notice on board

Resident: Thank you letter for the Rebuilding of Elephant & Castle Wall near to Ellen Hinde Hall – conveyed to Chas Finch.

CDC: Monitoring Ethical Framework – Questionnaire returned

CDC: Draft Home Extensions and Alterations Design Guide: Comments passed to CDC

CDC/ORCC: Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites

ORCC: Information re County Council Grants for Community building: passed to Jubilee and Ex-servicemen's Hall reps

ORCC: News for Winter 2006

ROSPA: Play Area Inspection report on Jubilee Field: Passed to David Bailey

Clerk

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OALC: December Highlights: County Circular
 NALC: Local Council Review Jan 07
 Bloxham School: Letter from Bursar re signage for Dewey Centre car parking
 CDC: Standards Committee: Minutes of meeting 23rd November and Agenda for 12 December
 CDC: Youth Spotlight Newsletter Winter 2006
 Oxfordshire Carers' Forum: Thank you for donation of £100
 Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust: Thank you for donation of £200
 Glasdon: Winter newsletter
 DTI: Letter from Jim Fitzpatrick MP (for Post Offices) in response to letter sent.
 OCC: Press Releases from Transport
 SPISE (Sane Planning in the South East) Newsletter Winter 2006
 Kibswell Homes: Now considering a more realistic offer for transferring part of Gascoigne Way
 Bloxham Primary School: Note that received grant from Lottery Fund re funding of sculpture project

For Decision:

Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG): Agreed for Parish Council to have annual subscription at cost of £42 inc VAT?

Clerk

Thames Valley Police: Meeting 24 January at 7.15pm at Hopcrofts Halt for briefing re Police Community Support Officers and Neighbourhood Policing. DM and AT to attend

DM & AT

SPISE: Workshop 21 April 2007: Progress of SE Plan, Latest Planning System Changes. Further information to be obtained.

Clerk

SPISE: Renewal of subscription: Agreed.

OCC: Invitation to Chairman and one other to reception at County Hall 27

BDC

February 6.30-8.30pm BDC to attend

Tony Baldry MP: Petition re Post Offices - sign on line at

www.ProtectOurPostOffices.com: All to sign.

All

Resident re Parking and Traffic on Ridgeway becoming very dangerous. Copy sent to Steve Howell, Head of Transport

CDC: Review of Parish Members' Allowances 2007/8: Agreed to continue with travel allowances only

OCC: Conversion of 'Cherwell Villager' minibus service to Dial a Ride service – note to go in Banbury Guardian to ascertain use by village.

Clerk

07/15

Payment of Accounts agreed

Lindsay Mills (for Christmas Lunch)	£20.00
Jacqui Sayer (for Christmas Lunch)	£10.00
SPISE renewal of subscription (if agreed)	£30.00
Bloxham British Legion (Donation)	£100.00
HM Revenue & Customs.	£280.54
St Mary's Church (Access to Clock)	£1050.00
ROSPA (Inspection of Jubilee Park)	£84.60
Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity Fund December)	24.85
David Godfrey Salary (December)	£516.82
Expenses:	
BT Tel Line	£11.99
Staples (Stationary)	£57.76
Website	£45.63
Total	£115.38
Expenses:	
Broadband (June, Aug, Sept, Nov & Dec)	£79.53

07/16

Date and Time of Next Meeting: 5th February 2007 at 7.00pm when James Alcock from ORCC will be speaking about 'Affordable Housing' before the meeting proper.

David Godfrey
 Parish Clerk
 13.1.07