

## BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 7.00pm  
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

**PRESENT**

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman  
Isobel Bonner (IB)  
David Carr (DJC)  
Philip Cavill (PCa)  
Stuart Cruickshank (SC)  
David Gibbard (DG)  
Jim Golby (JG)  
Debbie Matthews (DM)  
Alan Miller (AM)  
Annette Thomas (AT)

Cllr E Heath and 6 residents were also present. Cllr Mitchell arrived at 8.20pm.

2007/15 APOLOGIES: Paul Christmas (work)

| Item  |   | Action by   |
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| 07/16 | <p><b><u>Affordable Housing</u></b>, James Alcock, from ORCC gave a presentation on Affordable Housing on Rural Exception sites.<br/>Currently the price of properties in Bloxham whether to buy or rent means that they are not affordable, especially for first time buyers. He explained the terminology of affordable housing to include homes to rent, to part buy, the rural exception site policy and 106 agreements. Process would be to do a Housing needs survey via Parish Council initially (copies of questionnaire available). Houses, though owned by Housing Association, will be allocated via District Council. Average time would be about 3 years for the process.</p>  |   |
| 07/17 | <p><b><u>Mehra Meh Director of Chacombe Park Ltd</u></b> gave a presentation of the proposed <b><u>Development at Godswell House</u></b>, which is now to include 6 close care units and two bedrooms. It was noted that it would give rise also to some local employment, and it was hoped that the extension would be sympathetically done in materials to match the conservation area.</p>   |   |
| 07/18 | <p><b><u>Residents' issues</u></b><br/>1. Residents spoke about their grave concern about vandalism in Winters Way area. (IB declared personal interest since Christmas lights at shop had been damaged and newspapers had been set on fire)<br/>Clerk had contacted police and reply from Superintendent Paul Emmings was read out. He stated that recorded crime since April 2006 has in fact fallen. Sgt Dave Hibbert to attend March meeting.<br/>It was noted that every incident should be reported and a URN obtained to ensure there is a record.<br/>Clerk to check with Charter Housing about procedures when someone is or has been subject to ASBO.<br/>Clerk to enquire about Right of Way from the Avenue to Courtington Lane and whether it can be blocked up.<br/>It was also noted that the transformer in Winters Way has had large stones thrown on it.<br/>Deddington had circulated pictures of damage in their area. But concern was expressed about whether this would just highlight it for the perpetrators.<br/>Clerk to do note for Broadsheet about Vandalism.</p> <p>2. A resident of Milton Road expressed concerns about speed in Milton Road, and drew attention to fact that Traffic Camera regulations change this coming April. Could Speed Partnership do a speed check? He was concerned that precept had been increased several years ago for speed calming measures, one of which was to be yellow background to 30mph signs, which has not happened.<br/>Clerk to get details of cost of VAS for Milton Road</p> <p>3. Letter in Banbury Guardian re speeding and accident on Cumberford Hill</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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|  | <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest by Parish Councillors</u></b><br/>07/19 As noted IB declared personal interest in issue raised by residents re vandalism.</p> <p><b><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007</u></b><br/>07/20 These were accepted as a true record and were signed by the chairman.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b><br/>07/21 2007/2: Public Exhibition re <u>Conservation area</u> on 13<sup>th</sup> February in Parish Rooms.<br/>2007/3: b) <u>The Ridgeway</u>: letter from Steve Howell stating that unable to provide additional signing.<br/>c) <u>Police</u>: willing to come to meet residents of Winters Way. One youth being arrested re incidents.<br/>d) <u>Public Footpath</u>: aware of danger and will be following it up.<br/>2007/6: 2006/192: Representative of <u>Central Networks</u> feels that at present no point in coming to future meeting. Letter read out indicating that aware of disruptions and proposals are being developed to improve reliability.<br/>2006/196: <u>Closure of Water Lane</u>: been extended for further six months. School informed that original message had meant to refer to signposts at either end indicating the right of way.</p> <p>07/14: Report by DM/AT on <u>Neighbourhood Policing Briefing</u> at Hopcroft Halt on 24<sup>th</sup> January. This was to indicate that there was a resource to ensure continuity of service in the community since Police can be called away to other incidents. But though their powers can be wide ranging, they do not have power to arrest.</p> <p><b><u>Roads and Traffic</u></b><br/>07/22 Note from Highways that <u>flooding in Courtington Lane</u> will be rectified when there are resources and funding.</p> <p><b><u>Environment</u></b><br/>07/23 Report on meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February.<br/><u>Planters (at either end of village)</u>: Smith's are willing to cut up sleepers to form base, etc.; Details are awaited from Probation Dept about the planting up and the ongoing maintenance of them; Permission to be sought from Highways initially.<br/><u>Village survey</u>: The sheets for each road will be available for next meeting; To be done quarterly. JG distributed yellow jackets to all members to be used for safety reasons when going round the village.</p> <p><b><u>Jubilee Park</u></b><br/>07/24 DM reported on the last Mgt committee meeting when the following points were raised: i) The title to be changed from 'Jubilee Park Pavilion' to 'Jubilee Park Village Hall' This is needed to be put before Charity Commissioners, and also will enable applications to be made for proposed changes. Proposed by DJC, seconded by DM. All in favour.<br/>ii) Clerk to re contact David Bailey re Grant for 2006/7 and 2007/8.<br/>iii) Repair still to be resolved to children's play area.</p> <p><b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b><br/>Reply received from Secretary of Trustees but no reference made to payment for issues identified by Wicksteeds. Further letter sent. Reply read out. Clarification and accounts to be brought to Finance subgroup when completed.</p> <p><b><u>Planning</u></b><br/>07/25 a) <u>Applications</u> (with sub groups' comments)<br/>07/00042/F: Dormer window to rear &amp; Single Storey extension for Horelia, The Ridgeway: No objection<br/>06/02498/F: Proposed extension to include 6 closecare units and 2 bedrooms for Godswell House: No objection<br/>07/00057/F: Demolition of garage and build study on side for 7 The Pound: No objection<br/>06/02466/LB: works and repairs to listed building for Ashwell House, Stone Hill: No objection<br/>07/00065/F: Conservatory to rear for 7 Bloxham Court: No objection</p> <p>b) <u>Decisions</u><br/>06/02360/F: 8 conservatories to new houses on Ells Lane: Agreed subject to conditions</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
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06/02227/F: Variation to condition 34 of permission 06/00312/F relating to Ells Lane development: Agreed subject to conditions  
 06/02252/F: Garage conversion, etc for 16 Schofields Way: Agreed subject to conditions  
 06/02271/F: Twp storey dwelling with new highway access for Avalon, Banbury Road: Agreed subject to conditions  
 Tree Preservation order applied for Sycamore Trees at Bloxham Grove Farm

c) Appeal

Appeal against floodlighting at Dewey Centre was upheld.

Parish Plan and Strategy Group

7/26 The following have been elected for the Steering Group: Chairman - Keith Janes; Vice-Chairman: David Powell; Secretary: Ann Shaw; Treasurer: Wendy Arnold. It was agreed that at the next meeting (19<sup>th</sup> February) the group would consider how best to consult people; to bring ideas for different events, etc that we could use to consult people; to determine which different groups of people we need to consult and who to do it.  
 Keith Janes, David Powell & Philip Cavill to attend workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Finance

07/27 Budget 2006/7: Agreed for Clerk to attend Practitioners' Conference at Stoke on Trent on 2<sup>nd</sup> March – cost £70.50 + mileage  
Warriner School: Request received to help equip new school assembly hall to be used by community groups: requesting £2500 towards cost of £5700. (Copy sent to Jubilee Hall Mgt Com for information and comment)  
 Proposed by DM seconded by PCa. All (with one abstention) agreed.

Budget 2007/8

Ex Servicemen's Hall: Hall is not owned by British Legion but by 4 trustees. Seeking assistance towards quote of £17,480: Have £8000 set aside, promise of £5000 (when required) and donation of £50.00. Proposed by PCa and seconded by AT that the Council agreed in principle, but to wait to hear about the actual shortfall. All agreed.

Complete Weed Control: Quote £984.65 Agreed to accept quote.

Parish Council Web Site

07/28 Information has been passed to Bloxham Village website for link up.  
 Website address is: [www.bloxham-parish-council.org](http://www.bloxham-parish-council.org)

Clerk

07/29 Millennium Photo Album: One copy has now been placed at Oxfordshire Studies and second copy will officially be handed over to Bloxham Museum on 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am. All invited. Clerk to be informed whether attending or not.  
 DG constructing the lectern for it for it to be displayed during next exhibition.

All

07/30 Cluster Meeting of surrounding Parish Councils: Chairman gave a report on this. It had been found again to be a very useful forum. (Copy of minutes attached)  
 Next meeting to be organised by Adderbury in May and extended to surrounding parishes of Northamptonshire and Warwickshire.

16. Correspondence

07/31 For information:

Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group: Pack received for subscription

British Legion: Receipt received for donation

OCC: news letter January 2007

OCC: Statement re reorganisation in favour of County Council

CDC: Statement re reorganisation in favour of Unitary Council, based on Cherwell & West Oxfordshire Districts.

Shaws: Catalogue of forms and publications

John Hicks & Associates: Play area inspections 2006/7

Glasdon: Catalogue for Winter 2006

CDC: Community Hall grants 2007/8: Passed to Robert Aplin and David Bailey

Thames Valley Police: Re: Funding for Neighbourhood Policing: Not the expansion he had hoped for.

OCHA: Names for the Housing in the Avenue- suggested long standing families e.g. Hemmings

**CDC: Sustainability Appraisal: unable to understand letter, nor did various others in village. Cllr Heath took it up with Chris Thom who replied by sending copy of glossary.**

**CDC: Code of Conduct Training 22 Feb: Names submitted.**

**CDC: Standards Committee Minutes of 12Dec & agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**CDC: email: re Supplemental Consultation for Site Allocations – comments will be noted.**

**Kidney Research UK: Walking London's bridges: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

**ORCC: News bulletin February 2007**

**CPRE: Oxfordshire Bulletin Winter 2006**

**OCC: Temporary Road closure Wykham Lane 5<sup>th</sup> March for 5 days.**

**For decision**

**Fire & Rescue Service – Junior Citizens Trust: seeking donation of £50.00- Proposed by PCa, seconded by DM All agreed.**

**OCC: Consultation on Future of Primary School Provision in Oxfordshire Reply to be sent by clerk**

**OCC: Invitation for reception for Parish Councils on 27 February 6.30-8.30. BDC and DJC to attend**

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BDC & DJC

**Payment of Accounts (Agreed)**

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| 07/32 | David Andrews: Invoice 16141 (Christmas Tree lights)    | 159.80  |
|       | Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity Fund for January 2007) | 24.85   |
|       | David Godfrey   |         |
|       | Salary (January)  | £516.82 |
|       | Expenses  |         |
|       | BT Line:  | 11.99   |
|       | Staples (folders)                                       | 9.96    |
|       | Travel: Oxford (40 miles @52.7p)                        | 21.08   |
|       | Park & Ride   | 2.60    |
|       | Total   | £45.63  |

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm when Sgt Dave Hibbert will be present to discuss issues re Vandalism in Village especially with reference to Winters Way**

David Godfrey  
Parish Clerk  
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