

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 5th March 2007 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

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

There were eight residents present.

2007/34 APOLOGIES

David Carr (DJC), District Councillors Heath, and County Cllr Mitchell.

Item		Action by
2007/35	<p><u>Sgt Dave Hibbert</u>, Rural Police Sgt was present to discuss issues within the village, especially re Winters Way. Prior to Christmas period offences in Bloxham had been down in comparison with previous year. BUT the criminal incidents at that time pushed the figures over the numbers. Since the suspected person has been arrested and bailed (3rd February) there have been no further incidents and the criminal damage level has dropped off since then. Youngsters associated with him have also curtailed their activities. He has been given bail on condition of not going towards any witnesses, and to observe a curfew from 8.00pm to 7.00am. There have also been increased patrols by Police Officers.</p> <p>For all non 999 incidents contact 0845 505505. He recommended that a call could be given as soon as people begin to congregate.</p> <p>He noted that a URN number is automatically created when an incident is reported and should be given.</p> <p>Sgt Hibbert also spoke about the value of PCSOs who would be an increased uniform presence at the very least, and can cover more of an area that the two officers can. He also indicated that we were to be approached by Adderbury and Deddington about joining with them in the part funding of a PCSO. (Sgt Hibbert is willing to join in any discussions). This would be about £20,000 between three villages. If after two years villages felt that it was not meeting their need, then Thames Valley Police would pick up the cost. TV Police feel that PCSO should spend most of time in villages. The issue is not usually cost, but just how PCSO is to be used.</p> <p>Before any decision is made, contracts need to be looked at. Sgt Hibbert agreed to send copies of samples of contracts to us for our consideration.</p> <p>Speed on Cumberford Hill and also Milton Road was also raised with the Police Sergeant. Though A361 is getting all the measures, it is the side roads that are now being used as cut throughs, which are now being affected. There is the need to discuss this with Highways. This also applies to Milton Road</p> <p>Clerk reported on a meeting re: Temporary Speed Sign on Wednesday 28th February at CDC: For permanent site: got to be casualty history – got to be 40% over speed limit in 1 hour peak period – BUT this must be 40% over 35 mph – following ACPO figure. The question to be asked is it a real or perceived problem. Previous temp VAS could collect data but could be 40% incorrect. New temporary ones do not collect data. If permanent VAS is required it will cost us £2000 if there is suitable location as outside Warriner School, or will be £5,500 if solar powered. Either way Speed survey needs to be done and need 40% of traffic to exceed speed limit at busy periods to get OCC approval.</p> <p>Cost of temp Speed sign: £2100 + ground screw and post. – Possibly another £300. BUT got to be real speeding issue. Idea is for signs to be moved around. Ground screw remains in place. OCC will fund operating costs and move signs around.</p> <p>CDC is proposing to buy 2-3 for PCs to use in area, with PCs paying for ground screws. Parishes could also combine together to purchase and then have it moved around.</p> <p>Steve Wood thought that the answer for us on Milton Road was when there was</p>	<p>Sgt Hibbert to Clerk</p> <p>Clerk to seek data</p>

	the development there.	
07/36	<p><u>Declarations of Interest by Parish Councillors</u> Besides DG raising issue of Lectern for Museum, which occurs in accounts, no other declarations were made.</p>	
07/37	<p><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting of 8th February 2007</u> These were agreed by all as being true record and were signed by Chairman</p>	
07/38	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> 07/16: Affordable Housing:: It was agreed that a survey of need was required but that it should form part of Parish Plan questionnaire. 07/18.2: Speed on Milton Road: Dealt with when Police Sergeant was present. But noted that proper data is required and that 'marksmen' are required to get accurate data. 07/21Electricity Board: had sent fridge magnets with free phone number for reporting faults: 0800 328 1111. There was also an example pack of items that people might like to have in case of power cuts. 07/22; Flooding in Courtington Lane: On list of works, but since is not entering properties, it is half way down list – others having priority. But since this statement made, there has been further inspection and the matter is due to be resolved, even though near end of financial year. 07/29: Millennium Photo Album: Copy to be officially handed over to Bloxham Museum on Saturday 24th March at 11.00am. All invited. It was suggested that MP and District and County Councillors should also be invited. Thanks expressed to DG for the construction of lectern for holding the albums.</p>	Parish Plan Steering Group
07/39	<p><u>Code of Conduct</u> AM gave a summary of the very informative training meeting held at Bodicote House on 22 February 2007. He noted that if at any time any councillor had concerns about anything, it should be raised as a possible declaration of interest so that it can be logged. It is important to be seen as honest and true.</p>	Clerk
07/40	<p><u>Roads and Traffic</u> Report on meeting with Highways Inspector BDC gave report of meeting with Geoff Reeve, Hways Inspector on 22 February. Areas noted: Blocked gullies on A361: To be followed up and cleared. Strawberry Hill (kerbs loose) and Strawberry Terrace (condition of road surface): to be referred to Area team; Footpath opposite Warriner School: to be followed up by Utilities Inspector Pathway from Church St (by the former Hawk and Partridge) to Little Green is to be looked at. It was pointed out some of the existing slabs go under the wall on the Hawk and Partridge side of the alleyway. He was also told of our proposed inspections of village.</p>	
07/41	<p><u>Environment</u> a. Report of meeting of 1st March: DM reported that the Planters at either end of village on A361 are to ahead once got permission from Highways. It was also proposed and agreed that later in year bulbs should be planted on either side of A361 on the approach to the village. b. Spring Clean April 2007: It was agreed that there would no formal participation in the Spring Clean Awareness week, due to information received re need for public liability insurance, etc. c. Condition of Village: Booklets containing street lists and of footpaths given to councillors to inspect during March and return to Clerk for collating in April. Next inspection will be in June.</p>	Clerk
07/42	<p><u>Playing Fields</u> <u>Jubilee Park:</u> DM showed the revised plans for the development of Jubilee Hall. The JPMgt Committee had felt that the Warriner plans would not impinge on the Jubilee development. DM also noted that there is a condition of hire form which indicates times on it. A noise limiter is already installed. Discussions with D. Bailey by Clerk</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking: DB to arrange for car park to be cordoned off to prevent users of 2. Dewey Centre parking there. 3. To pay remainder of 2006/7 grant, and next year to pay grant in full 	All & Clerk

initially and DB to send any VAT cheques to clerk for payment and then DB will arrange for net sum to be reimbursed to Parish Council. All agreed to this process.

3. Clerk to check previous minutes re installation of fence round children's play area – who did it, and whose responsibility is it?

b. Recreation Ground:

Grant to be given for this coming year.

Concern expressed that in 2005 only 24% of income was raised the remainder was the Parish Council grant and it appears that there is no plan for increasing income. Trustees to be notified that there needs to be a plan for the future to get income and expenditure more in line. Parish Council, will need to re-assess in coming years about the grant. There needs to be a development plans since the ground is for the benefit of this village.

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Planning

Applications

07/00303/F: Installation of stone guards to some windows in St Mary's: No objection

07/00207/F: Retrospective: External vehicle spray booth at Yew Tree Farm: No objection

07/00311/TCA: Reduction and felling of trees at Pophleys, Banbury Road – Conservation area: No objection

07/00337/TCA: Felling of Cypress tree for the Old Manor, Little Bridge Road: No objection

07/00323/F: Single storey extensions for 1 Hyde Grove: No objection

Decisions

Clerk had received message that Care Home at Godswell had been granted planning permission.

06/02309/F & 0602310/LB: Extension, etc to Bloxham Grove Farm: Granted subject to conditions

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Parish Plan and Strategy Group

Meeting took place 19th February and following exercise to brainstorm issues, working parties established to consider such aspects as: Environment, Economy, Transport and Traffic, Social & Community. Grant has been applied for from ORCC. Next meeting to be on 12th March at Elephant & Castle back room.

7/45

Finance

Budget 2006/7

07/27: Clerk was unable to attend Practitioners Conference on 2nd March.

Budget 2007/8

Letter from ARC Grass cutting giving quote for grass cutting. All agreed for it to be accepted. Clerk to write

SLCC: Renewal of membership £105 – Agreed

Precepts for neighbouring villages to be checked.

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It was noted that we are still waiting for update about the Ex-servicemen's Hall grant. At the moment it appears that quote is for £19000, of which there is £13000 available. We need more information as cannot meet shortfall of £6000

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Report on County Council Meeting 27th February BDC reported that this had generally been good. It was mainly a PR meeting

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Annual Meeting of Parish/Village

Proposed by PCh and seconded by AM that this should be in week beginning 23rd April. (In fact this will be on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30 pm in Jubilee Hall.)

Structure proposed should be summary of Parish Plan by Keith Janes, and Police to be present if possible by Sgt Hibbert.

Clerk

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Correspondence

Tony Baldry: reply re gobbledegook from CDC planning dept

CDC: Carbon Savers Day Sat 17th March in Banbury Town Hall 10.4.00. Posters put up in village.

OCC: VAS Guidance – received via Cluster Group meeting

OCC: Three Unitary Council Proposal – Does it make sense – Passed to PCa

OCC: Feb 2007 News from Oxfordshire County Council – achieved 4 star grades.
 OALC: County Circular for February 2007
 OALC: 66th General Meeting held 20th November 2006
 NALC: Briefing on Local Govt & Public Involvement in Health Bill
 NALC: Briefing re Amendments to Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members
 Wicksteed Leisure: Brochure - Mystical world of imaginative play for 3-8 year olds.
 CPRE: Winter 2006 Oxfordshire Bulletin
 Safe and Sound Playgrounds: Details received
 ORCC: Bulletin February 2007-03-01 Aplins: letter received re Terms of Access over Jubilee Park
 OCC: Press release: 1.3.07 repairs to Waterbush Rd, Chipping Norton 27/28 March
 OCC: What's on in Oxfordshire Spring 2007 – celebrating a thousand years of Oxfordshire
 Plantscape: Catalogue 2007
 SLCC: The Clerk arch 2007
 Topiarus Horticulture Chipping Norton
 NALC: Official Journal March 2007
For action:
 CDC: Bi-monthly meeting 76th March at 7.00pm re progress of Local Development Framework : BDC & Clerk to attend
 CDC: Spring Clean April 2007 (see Under Environment)
 OCC: Parish Transport Representatives Meeting 19 March at County Hall at 2.00pm
 Communities and Local Govt: Revised model Code of Conduct – replies needed by 9th March – Clerk to respond
 OCC: Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – Preferred Options – Consultation paper – replies needed by 23rd March BDC to respond
 OCC: Waste sites proposals- Consultation document may be viewed at www.Oxfordshire.gov.uk/links/public/mineralsand Replies to be in by 23rd March – PCa to respond
 CDC: Monitoring Ethical Framework replies to be in by 20th April
 Enjoy England: 23rd April 2007: Do we want to organise/ support event on St George's Day: IB to consider
 SE Regional Assembly: Consultation doc on Regional Housing Strategy Review – comments to be in 27 April – PCh to respond
 SE Regional Assembly: Partial Review of SE Plan – Revised Apportionment of Primary Land-Won Aggregates – respond by 30th March

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IB

PCh

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Accounts Agreed

Warriner School (Agreed February meeting)	£2500
Junior Citizens Trust (Agreed February Meeting)	£50.00
SLCC (Renewal of membership for 2007/8)	£105.00
DB Chapman (Travel: Oxford and Banbury)	£27.40
Jubilee Park (Remainder of grant for 2006/7)	£933.68
Gibbard Joinery	£315.00
Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity Account Feb & Mar)	£49.70
Ramblers Association (Membership)	£24.00
David Godfrey	
Salary (for January)	£516.82
Expenses:	
Stationary (Staples)	£5.98
Stationary (Staples)	£35.88
Telephone Line (BT)	£11.99
Broadband (Jan & Feb)	£15.59
	£15.82
Travel:	
(Banbury CDC 22 nd Feb @52.7p & 28 Feb.)	£10.54
Postage stamps	11.04
Total:	£106.84

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Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 2nd April at 7.30pm

David Godfrey Parish Clerk 8 March 2007