

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 4th June 2007 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman Chairman
David Carr
Philip Cavill
Stuart Cruickshank
David Gibbard
Jim Golby
Debbie Matthews
Annette Thomas

Councillor Eric Heath, representatives of Shipton under Wychwood A361 Action Group, Fulbrook, Milcombe, Banbury Guardian, and six residents were also present. Cllr Keith Mitchell and Lynda Thirzie Smart arrived at 7.30pm

2007/94 APOLOGIES

Paul Christmas (work); Alan Miller (ill)

Item		Action by
07/95	<p><u>Presentation by A361 Action Group</u> (from Shipton under Wychwood) Two members of the group summarised their report, which is on www.A361.org.uk. Their purpose is to try to reduce the weight of vehicles using A361, and to get drivers to respect the villages. From survey carried out in October 2006 over 3 days from 5.00am – 7.00pm they discovered 20% were speeding. They had already spoken with S Newington Parish Council. Representative from Fulbrook had spoken with Barford and carried out a HGV survey at the two roundabouts. Through co-operation with Thames Valley Partnership, they have erected Route Alert Notices. From OCC Transport network review A361 is designated to be lorry route, and lorry drivers from continent it is indicated as the preferred route linking M40 and M4 – even though not direct for the North. Milcombe reported that heavy lorries are now using byroads to bypass parts of A361. It is feared that funding in future will be for presentations re education rather than actual road improvements. A resident asked how many of the statistics indicated on the boards were fatal ones, since he could recall there had been at least 5 fatal incidents in the village over past 40 years. Noted that though an inconvenience the traffic parked at the shops does act as a calming influence. It was also possible that if there was a by pass shops and businesses in the village would be affected and any gap between bypass and village edge would soon be filled with houses. We need to determine – if possible – alternative route for heavy goods vehicles. Proposed that Action Groups along the route should get together as there was strength in numbers. BDC said on behalf of Parish Council that Parish Council would be very supportive of this.</p>	
07/96	<p><u>Residents' issues</u> Besides the traffic issue, resident handed in a petition for the closure of the gap between Winters Way and The Avenue. To be passed on by the Clerk. Also question was raised about why there was not a substantial barrier on the Winters Way side of the brook.</p>	Clerk
07/97	<p><u>New Code of Conduct</u> The new Code of Conduct was distributed at the last meeting. It was resolved and accepted by all that: a) the mandatory provisions in the Model Code of Conduct set out in the Statutory Instrument 2007/1159 be adopted as the Bloxham Parish Council Code of Conduct, to be effective from the 1 June 2007, subject to: i) the inclusion of the 'general principles' as an Annex of the Code, with a footnote to explain that it is not part of the Code but is included as an Annex because of the requirement in paragraph 1(2) of the Code for members to have regard to the principles; and</p>	

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	<p>Milton Road. Agreed for this to be pursued. This will be an extra new bench. Clerk to write to residents near by about this. Litter Bins to be ordered for each new bench. It was also noted that there had been a recent report about the necessary height for all benches. DJC to check on this.</p> <p>4. Notice received of repairs to older lampposts in village – retaining old iron columns but replacing with better light at top.</p> <p>5. Dog bins were reported as overflowing. Clerk had already contacted CDC and they had been emptied.</p>	Clerk DJC
07/103	<p><u>Playing Fields</u></p> <p>a) <u>Jubilee Park</u>: DM reported there had been no meeting since previous one. Clerk still awaiting quotes for repairs to fence from Gibbard Joinery and the original installers.</p> <p>Letter been sent to VAT office since emails had not been replied to about e.g. Hall, acting as agent for Parish Council</p> <p>b) <u>Recreation Ground</u> (Deferred to end of meeting)</p>	Clerk
07/104	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p><u>Applications</u> (with sub groups comments)</p> <p>07/00934/F: Conservatory to rear for Hifields, Banbury Road: No objection</p> <p>07/00962/F: Conversion of existing buildings for The Old Barn, Cumberford: No objections</p> <p>07/00950/TPO: Tree work for Orchard House, Barford Rd: No objection</p> <p>07/00905/F: 2 storey and single extension for 4 Green Garths: No objection</p> <p>07/00919/F: Single storey extension to kitchen and 2 storey side extension as granny annexe for 5 Courtington Lane: No objection</p> <p>07/01038/TCA: Felling, etc of trees for Pighle, Stone Hill: No objection.</p> <p><u>Decisions</u></p> <p>07/00599/F: Proposed changes to windows, etc for Bloxham Mill, Barford Rd: Agreed by CDC subject to conditions</p>	
07/105	<p><u>Parish Plan and Strategy Group</u></p> <p>PCa reported on developments and that there is the logo day on 23rd June at Ex - Servicemen's Hall. All welcome.</p> <p>Steering group meeting this Thursday 7 June.</p>	All
07/106	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>Budget 2006/7</u></p> <p>The unaudited summary was circulated. Resolution re acceptance needed for next meeting.</p> <p><u>Budget 2007/8</u></p> <p>Updated report on current finances available.</p>	All
07/107	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p><u>For information</u></p> <p>OCC: Home2School Newsletter Summer 2007</p> <p>Oxford Inspires: Inspired newsletter</p> <p>OCC: Press Releases re Public Transport</p> <p>NALC: LCR Official journal of NALC May 2007</p> <p>OCC: Temporary Traffic Order closing Bloxham footpath 1e (Church St to Little Green) as from 25th June for two weeks</p> <p>OCC: Temporary Traffic Order – No waiting restriction on Milton Rd from 21st June – 25th June for duration of Steam Fayre from Brooklands House to start of Village</p> <p>Ramblers Association: Magazine WALK Summer 2007</p> <p>CPRE: Fieldwork June 2007(Has items on planning e.g. housing being refused on tranquillity grounds; effective councillor involvement in planning; How to get rid of illegal advertising.)</p> <p>CPRE: Oxfordshire Bulletin Spring 2007 (article: re Roundabout advertising – needing planning consent)</p> <p>CPRE: Oxfordshire AGM at Rewley House 30th June at 2.30pm</p> <p>CDC: Letter re new Code of Conduct and CD</p> <p>CDC: Bloxham Conservation Area Appraisal – adopted by CDC on 14th May. (Further copies requested especially for those involved in planning applications)</p>	

For decision

CDC: Village Traffic Calming – Portable Speed Indicators (email from Steve Wood indicating Barford Rd and Milton Rd as possible sites) Agreed that we should accept and have two fixing points - one on Barford Road, and one on Cumberford Hill. Proposed by DJC, seconded by DM. All in favour.

Clerk

Also agreed that Milton Road site needed to be looked at after developers have clarified what speed-calming effects are to be used.

OCC: Locality primary School review – meeting 11th June 1.00-3.00 at Bodicote House. PCa to attend.

PCa

CDC: Green Spaces and Playing pitch strategies: DM available to be contacted till 1st August if clerk not available – answer machine available otherwise.

DM/Clerk

OALC: AGM 11th June at 730pm at Exeter Hall – hall open at 7.00pm (BDC to attend).

BDC

CDC: Cherwell Local Development Framework – Site Allocations Development for Bicester and Central Oxfordshire: Representations to be in by 16th July – copies can be downloaded at www.cherweell-dc.gov.uk It was agreed that the areas indicated did not impinge on us.

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Accounts (agreed)

Cheques dated 22.5.07 and sent – Agreed at previous meeting

SLCC: (1 day conference for clerk) 47.00

OALC: 2 study days 4 July & 10 Oct 141.00

Zurich Insurance Company: 607.52

Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity Account for May) 25.64

ARC Services 519.70

BT Tel line (by direct debit) 10.98

David Godfrey

Salary (for May) 533.35

Expenses

Broadband 14.99

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Any other item of urgent nature communicated to the Chairman before the start of the meeting.

i) **The Pound:** State of road raised, but it is unadopted and so residents need to pay for this work themselves.

ii) **The Avenue and gap to Winters Way:** AT will seek out views of other residents of The Avenue and possibly have a separate petition requesting the gap to remain open.

AT

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Date and Time of Next Meeting: 2nd July at 7.30pm

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By resolution Public and Press were asked to leave for the discussion of next item:

Recreation Ground:

Though Trustees of Recreation Ground do not regard the Parish Council as ‘a person’ as mentioned in their governance, Charity Commission had taken legal advice and indicated that the Parish Council was to be regarded as a person.

DG reported he had had discussions both with the Chairman, Graham Butler, and also with their secretary, David Tyrell.

Clerk to write to chairman, copy to each of Trustees, indicating view of Charity Commission and that we understand that secretary is placing on agenda for the Recreation Ground Annual Meeting that all Trustees to meet with Parish Council for discussions about future use of Recreation Ground. In view of this Parish Council would not be insisting on presence at Annual Meeting.

Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

David Godfrey
6 June 2007