

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES(yet to be agreed) of the meeting held on Monday 5th November 2007 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman Chairman
David Carr
Philip Cavill
Paul Christmas
Stuart Cruickshank
David Gibbard
Jim Golby
Debbie Matthews
Alan Miller
Annette Thomas

There were also two residents present.

2007/161 APOLOGIES

Isobel Bonner (holiday); Cllr E. Heath (ill); Cllr L.Thirzie Smart (meeting); Cllr K Mitchell (meeting)

Item		Action by
07/162	<p><u>Residents Issues</u> 07/148 Residents wished to know any update re Winters Way/The Avenue and the petitions. E Mail received from Charter Housing which had been passed to Highways who have said it depends on ownership of the top of the pathway. Ownership is in doubt. Email received from resident of The Avenue against closure. She states that if pathway is closed then she will have to consider taking legal advice against Parish Council. Clerk to write to Charter Housing, Cherwell District Council and OCC about this and to suggest a compromise of a kissing gate which would allow pushchairs through.</p>	Clerk
07/163	<p><u>Minutes of last meeting 1st October 2007</u> were agreed by all as true record and were signed by Chairman.</p>	
07/164	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> The only mater was the Winters Way/The Avenue, which had already been raised by residents.</p>	
07/165	<p><u>Roads and Traffic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flooding: Letters received via Tony Baldry from Environment Agency and CDC. Clerk to write back to CDC with details of blocked ditches, etc. b) Crab Tree Close Development: The extension of the footpath and the development of the entrance to Ells Lane has started. But still no sign of the crossing. Developers to ensure that all drainage is re-installed. Clerk to write to OCC. c) Bus Parking at Old Bakery and also on either side of Banbury Road by bus shelter. Clerk to write to Highways about the stopping places being used by other than Public Transport. Is an Order needed on each so that Police could implement? d) Parking on grass verge at corner of Tadmarton Road/Cumberford. Bollards to be erected. Clerk to write to Highways about this. e) There is also parking on pavements on Church St in particular. Clerk to write to Police. 	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
07/166	<p><u>Environment</u> a) Benches Request received from John Cooke for bench in memory of his son. PCa spoke to</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">85</p> <p>this. Various sites indicated, but most already have benches or are planned. Mr Cook has offered up to £500 towards this. Clerk to check i) whether Martin Phillips can provide another set of bench ends ii) check quotes re foundations iii) Check re site availability PCa receiving quote from builder re erection, etc.</p> <p>b) 2000 Bulbs have been ordered and delivered. All agreed to DM to follow up quote of £200 for planting bulbs, and for Accord to 'rotavate' the ground beforehand.</p> <p>c) Erection of Trees: Clerk to re-contact Treetops re tree in Greenhills Park and at top of Stone Hill.</p> <p>e) Delivery of booklets from CDC in plastic folders. These should be in recyclable material or none at all. Clerk to contact Recycling Officer at CDC.</p> <p>f) Email from David Salmon re-Entrance to Raymonds Field and Bloxham School. Clerk to check records re access, and then contact Parish Council's solicitor.</p> <p>g) David Salmon had also raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed and the effectiveness of the annual spraying. Environment Group to check before next year.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PCa</p> <p>DM/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Env Grp</p>
<p>07/167</p>	<p><u>Playing Fields</u> Jubilee Park i) Fencing now erected by Jacksons around play area. BUT Gate is not shutting properly. Clerk to contact Jacksons ii) Leases re Tenancy of JP needs to be updated. It was suggested that solicitor should present at any meeting with JPMC to make sure that both sides know what they are agreeing to. The matter needs further consideration and agreed that there are areas that need discussing and clarifying. Any decision needed about formal handing over of equipment and fencing to JPMC is to be dealt with when leases have been examined. Membership of JPMC under Schedule Three is matter for JPMC and not Parish Council. Clerk to write. iii) Letter received from Parish Council's solicitor expressing concern re no personal liability falling on Trustees in any circumstances whatsoever. He stated that: 'To agree to such a provision would be in breach of your duties as Parish Councillors.' David Bailey has expressed disappointment in the response from the solicitor but would reserve any further comments until after his Committee has debated this. Copy of 'The Essential Trustee' from Charity Commission website sent to David Bailey which stated that If things go wrong, then 'Trustees may also be personally liable for any debts or losses that the charity faces as a result. This will depend on the circumstances and the type of Governing Document for the charity. However, personal liability of this kind is rare, and trustees who have followed the requirements on this page will generally be protected.' (Section D). iv) Letter to Tony Baldry from JPMC re loan from PWLB to Parish Council and high rate of interest.</p> <p>Recreation Ground No further developments or contact.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>07/168</p>	<p><u>Planning</u> Hard copies of Interim Guidance and notes of seminar attended by DJC and Clerk given to members of Planning group. Interim Guidance can be downloaded from CDC's website. PCa raised concerns that with Bakers Thatch being submitted for change of status from retail to Private Housing, there is yet another retail outlet going from the village. All agreed, that unlike at Deddington, one of the major issues is</p>	

Parking and the lack of it.

Clerk to write to Planning re further loss of retail outlet – and also to put a note in Broadsheet.

Applications

07/02152/F: Single Storey extension for 7 Strawberry Hill: Yet to be circulated

07/01912/F: Rear extension to 1 Quarry Close: Yet to be circulated

07/02047/F: Retrospective- Conservatory to rear for 23 Crab Tree Close: No objection

07/02027/F: Replacement Conservatory for 18 Chipperfield Park Rd: No objection

07/02048/F: Two storey side/rear extension for Croyde, S.Newington Rd: No objection

07/02004/F: Change of use to business section to affordable housing unit for Bakers Thatch, High St – No objection

07/02095/TCA: Fell 4 leylandii for Homecraft, High St: No objection

07/02117/TCA: Felling of Mulberry Tree for 2 Stone Hill: Objection unless danger to house

Decisions

07/01701/F: Conservatory to rear for 3 Salmon Close: Agreed subject to conditions

07/01673/F: Replace rear extension with conservatory for 8 Hyde Grove: Agreed subject to conditions

07/01724/F: Replacement single storey rear extension for Flower Walk Cottage, Chapel St: Agreed subject to condition

07/01888/TCA: Tree work for Bloxham School: Agreed

07/01655/F: Extension for 23 Gascoigne Way: Agreed subject to conditions

07/01614/OUT: Erection of single detached dwelling with garages & access to 13 Gauntlets Close: Agreed subject to conditions. (Letter clarifying the agreement since Parish Council had originally objected.)

07/01585/F: Conservatory for Dursley, Banbury Road: Agreed subject to conditions

07/01475/F: Retrospective resubmission- External vehicle spray booth for Unit 1C/D, Yew Tree Farm, The Ridgeway: Agreed subject to conditions

07/01449/F: Conservatory, etc for Ash House, Milton Road. Agreed subject to conditions

Letter also received re Trees at former Temple Close Nursery since Parish Council had expressed concern that others might be taken down as well.

07/169 Parish Plan and Strategy Group

Next meeting of Steering Group yet to be arranged.

07/170 Finance

i) Cheque for £10 from JPMC for annual rent for Hall and Park.

ii) Clerk to write to local organisations about their needs for grants/donations in coming year. Groups to indicate the rationale for wanting the money with some indication of how it is planned to be spent.

iii) Finance statement for October attached.

Clerk

07/171 Correspondence

Resident (Ray Sayer) wishes to dispose of Meals on Wheels Hotlock, since meals service been disbanded. Agreed

Clerk

Information:

OCC: Brochure re Oxfordshire 2007

CDC: Next meeting of Planning Forum for Upper Heyford 23rd January 2007

CDC: Information re affordable housing - see website: www.homebuy.co.uk

CDC: Seniors Forum Minutes of 9 October

S&C Slatter: Rubber based sports and play surfaces

Standards Board: Adoption of Code of Conduct

CPRE: Bulletin for Autumn 2007

	<p>Bank of Ireland: Changes in Cheque Clearing NALC: Copies of LCR Journal for November 2007 CAG Oxfordshire Bulletin for September 2007</p> <p>Decisions: OCC: Bus subsidy Decisions: Meeting Oxford Monday 12th November 1.30pm OR Wednesday 14th November at 7.00pm at Exeter Hall, Kidlington BDC will try to attend at Exeter Hall. Clerk to write in support of subsidised bus route through village. OALC: Winter General Meeting 26 November at Stratefield Brake at 7.30pm. OCC: Parish Transport Rep meeting Tuesday 20th November at 2.00pm No one able to attend. CDC: Parish Liaison Meeting Wednesday 7th November – Surgeries at 6.00pm; Meeting at 7.00pm. Clerk, AM, and possibly BDC to attend. CDC: Local Development Framework Bi Monthly consultation at 7.00pm on 27 November at Banbury Cricket Club – to focus on village facilities and village policy. PCa, PCh and Clerk to attend. CDC: Consultation on Draft Planning Enforcement Policy – moved to drop in session 7th November. Details on website: http://www.cherwell- dc.gov.uk/planning/enforcementpolicy.cfm Comments to be in by 9th November</p> <p><u>Payment of Accounts (Agreed)</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>07/172</td> <td>Jacksons (For fence)</td> <td>3393.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jacksons (For Labour)</td> <td>769.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Telephone (D/D)</td> <td>10.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>ARC Services (Grasscutting)</td> <td>271.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>CDC (for Remembrance Day)</td> <td>75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>David Carr (Transport to Didcot)</td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity for Oct)</td> <td>25.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>David Godfrey</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Salary for October</td> <td>533.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Expenses:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> Postage:</td> <td>0.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> Broadband for Oct</td> <td>15.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> Total</td> <td>15.60</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Any other item.</u></p> <p>07/173 Temporary Traffic Regulation received for closure of High St for Remembrance Day. Wreath to be available in Joiners Car Park from 10.10am on 11th November. Meeting in Shipton re A361 on 13th November at 7.30pm. BDC hopes to be able to attend</p> <p>07/174 <u>Discussion of email from Cllr Mitchell</u> Parish Council wished to acknowledge his reply, and to point out that they will continue to press for what they believe is the good of the village.</p> <p>07/175 <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> 3rd December 2007 at 7.30pm in Parish Rooms</p> <p>David Godfrey Parish Clerk 6.11.2007</p>	07/172	Jacksons (For fence)	3393.13		Jacksons (For Labour)	769.63		Telephone (D/D)	10.99		ARC Services (Grasscutting)	271.10		CDC (for Remembrance Day)	75.00		David Carr (Transport to Didcot)	24.00		Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity for Oct)	25.64		David Godfrey			Salary for October	533.13		Expenses:			Postage:	0.48		Broadband for Oct	15.12		Total	15.60	<p>Clerk</p> <p>BDC Clerk</p> <p>AM,BDC & Clerk</p> <p>PCa, PCh & Clerk</p> <p>All</p> <p>BDC</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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