

## BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.20pm (having been preceded by Mulled wine for councillors)  
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

**PRESENT**

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman  
David Carr (DJC)  
Philip Cavill (PCa)  
Paul Christmas (PCh) (arrived 7.25pm)  
David Gibbard (DG)  
Jim Golby (JG)  
Debbie Matthews (DM)  
Alan Miller (AM)  
Annette Thomas (AT)

Cllr Heath; Cllr Mitchell arrived later from earlier meeting.

**2009/1 APOLOGIES**

Cllr L.Thirzie Smart (Mother ill. Also should have been given for December meeting as well for similar reason)

Item		Action by
2009/2	<b><u>Residents' Issues</u></b> None had been raised to councillors	
09/3	<b><u>Declarations by Councillors of Personal &amp;/or Prejudicial Interest</u></b> None declared.	
09/4	<b><u>Minutes of last meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008: Agreed and signed by Chairman as true record</u></b>	
09/5	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> 08/163: Clerk contacted by Mr Scott Andrews of Aplins. To be followed up. 08/185: OCC said no history of accidents there but will be monitoring it. 08/200: Bowl's Club representative away at present; Waiting to hear from Ex-Servicemen's committee 08/206: Statement re freedom of Information to go on website. Agreed by all	Clerk Clerk Clerk
09/6	<b><u>Co-option to fill Vacancy on Parish Council</u></b> No one has come forward for vacancy therefore needs to be by co-option. Any nominations for the vacancy names to be given to Parish Clerk. Notice gone on Notice boards and in village column of Banbury Guardian.	All
09/7	<b><u>Reports from County and District Councillors</u></b> Others having been circulated previously., Cllr Heath gave his verbally. He reported he had had a letter (copy to Clerk) from Mr Hayman on behalf of residents of Greenhills Park about the recent flooding. He had arranged for three inspectors to investigate on the Monday, especially with regard to sewage. He noted that it is better for individuals to write to Thames Water rather than a petition or the like. It was noted that the existing drainage system had not been meant for the extra houses that are being built. DG noted that the flooding was worse now than at any time. The Brook needs to be deepened – Bricked over drives etc have not helped. Cllr Heath noted that new planning regulations take note of that and that there must be a porous membrane put in.	
09/8	<b><u>Environment</u></b> <b><u>Flooding: Meeting at Jubilee Hall on this Thursday at 7.30pm</u></b>	All

	<p><b>Christmas Tree: Socket &amp; electric power: In view of difficulty this year in that occupiers of Woodbine Cottage are away and there was difficulty re their insurance, agreed by all that socket for Tree and electric power should now be inserted in Green.</b></p> <p><b>Litter/Dog Bins: siting to be determined by Environment sub group. Proposed in initially that the first new bins should be concentrated on the A361.</b></p>	<p>Clerk Env Grp</p>
09/9	<p><b><u>Roads and Traffic</u></b></p> <p><b>Message received from Andrew Greasley:</b> OCC Road Safety are considering erecting some speed activated bend chevrons on the A361 on the bend next to New Road (from Milcombe). This is due to the 5-year accident history. These chevrons are a new feature in Oxfordshire and relatively rare in the UK. The nearest things we currently have are speed activated bend marker posts on the B4100 near to Stoke Lynne on the outskirts of Bicester. They are solar powered from panels on two steel posts which will feed power to eight chevrons on four thinner steel posts. The chevrons will probably be set up to warn fast traffic in both directions. There are no financial implications for Bloxham or South Newington Parish Councils. However we request any comments before our first site visit at the end of January 2009. Every attempt will be made to maximise benefit and minimise clutter.</p>	
09/10	<p><b><u>Jubilee Park</u></b></p> <p><b>DM reported that Gas central heating would cost over £1000 to be brought to Hall and another £20000 to fit. So it had been decided to explore further. Bloxham School have now layered the hedge behind Hall. There had been quote from Kompan to fit new base plate to their installation of £400. Clerk to get new quote and to proceed with order.</b></p>	Clerk
09/11	<p><b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b></p> <p><b>No reply received from Wicksteeds. Letter received from Clerk of Recreation Ground accepting transfer of ownership of replaced safety surface.</b></p>	
09/12	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p><b>A) <u>Applications</u></b></p> <p><b>Order for diverting Bodicote Footpath and Bloxham Footpath (no2). Clerk to contact Bodicote Parish Council for their views. Agreed that our reply would include note that gates are to be kept unlocked and maintained. There is also the question of the accessibility for disabled.</b></p> <p><b>08/02403/FF: 5 Dwellings on site of Temple Close Nursery: Though there has been outline permission agreed for four houses, this is for five. Points to be noted the proposed Height of houses is not in keeping; there is the question of safe access onto A361; what are the proposals for the use of 'grey water' from the site, especially in view of flooding in village.</b></p> <p><b>B) <u>Decisions. (from CDC)</u></b></p> <p><b>08/02209/TCA: Felling of various trees for The Chantry Church St: Consent.</b></p> <p><b>08/02206/F: Single storey extension for 2 Hyde Grove; Agreed subject to conditions</b></p> <p><b>C) <u>Refusal:</u></b></p> <p><b>08/02059/F: One two storey dwelling at 15 High St</b></p>	Clerk  Clerk
09/13	<p><b><u>Parish Plan and Strategy Group</u></b></p> <p><b>PCa reported that questionnaire is now complete and that there is a briefing meeting for volunteer deliverers on this Friday at 6.30pm in Jubilee Hall.</b></p>	
09/14	<p><b><u>Emergency Plan for Bloxham</u></b></p> <p><b>08/212 Awaiting phone numbers re. Flooding, etc from Environment Agency.</b></p>	Clerk



<p><b>09/19</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>141</b></p> <p><b>Police wish to come to next meeting. All to let Clerk know of issues they wish Police to discuss. All agreed. Timing to be confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>Planning department to be invited to March Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Noted that Roof of Bus Shelter on Banbury Rd has been damaged again – besides graffiti in it. DG to inspect</b></p> <p><b>Also noted that corner of Milton Rd and Barford rd has been churned up. Highways to be asked for recommendation.</b></p> <p><b><u>Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm</u></b>  <b>(Please note time to be confirmed)</b></p> <p><i>David Godfrey  Parish Clerk  10<sup>th</sup> January 2009</i></p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>DG</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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