

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.00pm
in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham

PRESENT

David Chapman (BDC) Chairman
David Carr (DJC)
Philip Cavill (PCa)
Paul Christmas (PCh)(Arrived 7.30)
David Gibbard (DG)
Jim Golby (JG)
Debbie Matthews (DM)
Alan Miller (AM)
Annette Thomas (AT)

Also present were Cllr Heath (left 8.30pm to go to Milcombe Parish Council), Cllr Mitchell (arrived 8.00pm left at about 8.30pm – left to go to Milcombe Parish Council) and three residents present. (one left at 7.30 after main part of Environment Agency presentation).

2009/40 APOLOGIES

Cllr L. Thirzie Smart (visiting Mother in Nursing Home).

Item		Action by
09/41	<p><u>Environment Agency</u> – Jim Sokol from Environment Agency attended. He told us that the Brook is in good condition, and does not need dredging. It has a hard bed and any dredging would only remove stones from bed. It would be too expensive to have a bund upstream of Bloxham. With regard to Highlands he was aware that Tony Brumell of CDC was following this up. Bloxham is regarded as high risk area (Medium risk jobs are not being done at present.) If the Brook was to be altered to be a two stager, then bridges, e. g. in Brookside Way would have to be widened. Env. Agency has very little say re planning unless properties are already involved.</p> <p>Responsibilities: Main River courses: Land Owners to keep clear; Ditches: Landowners; Sewage: Thames Water; Piping of water down into water course: County.</p>	
0942	<p><u>Apologies for absence:</u> IB (holiday).</p>	
09/43	<p><u>Co-option to fill Vacancy on Parish Council</u> Nick Rayner has agreed, but unfortunately he has been called away till this Friday in connection with work. Minutes, etc to be delivered to him. There will be another vacancy as IB is retiring, (moving away I believe) but as yet I have not had her resignation letter. AT knew someone who might be interested.</p>	Clerk AT
09/44	<p><u>Residents' Issues.</u> Two residents raised issue of Graffiti and vandalism in Winters Way and Tadmarton Road. Tyres have been slashed in Winters Way. Garden Bench has been taken from another resident. Concern expressed re youths' behaviour – sitting on back of bench at end of Winters Way/Tadmarton Rd drinking lager (from garage?) Police aware of incidents – residents reminded to get crime number every time from Police and to notify Parish Council who can if necessary follow it up. Cllr Heath will speak with Charter Housing who are responsible for flats in Cumberland Close.</p>	Cllr Heath
09/45	<p><u>Declarations by Councillors of Personal &/or Prejudicial Interest</u> None made.</p>	

09/53	<p><u>Planning</u> A. <u>Applications</u> (with sub groups comments) 09/00018/TCA: Felling of Sycamore for St Mary's Lodge – no objection 09/00126/F: Two storey extension at rear for 4 Brookside Way: no objection 09/00151/REM: Replacement of existing single storey annexe for Pophleys, Banbury Rd: No objection 09/00150/F: single storey rear extension for Ashley Cottage, Cumberford: No objection</p> <p><u>Decisions</u> 08/02554: Sign for Co op – agreed subject to conditions (Phone call from resident complaining about colour used)</p>	
09/54	<p><u>Parish Plan and Strategy Group</u> 76% return – very good – now being collated.</p>	
09/55	<p><u>Emergency Plan for Bloxham</u> Red folders, etc to be available during next two weeks with phone numbers, etc</p>	Clerk
09/56	<p><u>Finance</u> Request for sponsorship of £50 for book box used by volunteer in Bloxham Primary School: Agreed as it was a one off request. Request for donation from Oxfordshire Advice Centre (formerly Banbury Benefits Advice – gave a donation in February last year of £100.00: Agreed Quotation from ARC Services re Grass cutting for coming year: £300 per cut. Agreed to accept.</p>	Clerk
09/57	<p><u>Actions by Parish Council in past year</u> (To assist chairman at Annual Meeting 21st April). Brainstorming to collate all that Parish Council has done in past year. Items raised included: Bulb planting; 4 new benches, replacements and one at Court House; 3 Street Lights; Flood meeting; grant to Recreation Ground for replacement of safety surface; Representative on Standards Committee; Emergency Plan for Bloxham; Parish Plan; Naming of New streets; Plaque at Primary School commemorating war dead of WWII; Donation to Ex-Servicemen's Hall towards refurbishment</p>	All
09/58	<p><u>Village Survey</u> by Councillors To be done by beginning of May especially making note of state of roads after ice, snow and frosts, and whether there is need for salt bin &/or litter bin and where to be placed. Booklets available in next two weeks. Also to note any absence of Street Lighting – or where could be switched off.</p>	All Clerk
09/59	<p><u>Correspondence</u> <u>For Information</u> Primary School; Thank you for cheque of £100 ROSPA: Acknowledgement of booking of JP inspection Ramblers Association: Appeal – noted. Thames Valley Primary Care Agency: Refusals of applications for Pharmacies in Bloxham for Suhaib Abdullah at Bloxham Pharmacy and for Balraj Atwalat Little Thatch High St. Thames Valley Primary Care: Notice that Deddington is regarded as rural – But can go to appeal. Viking Direct: Catalogue Spring 2009 CAB: Poster of opening hours and additional service (On notice boards) CDC: Parish Councillors remuneration</p>	

CDC: Civil Contingencies Act 2004: Key holders for halls, etc.
Police: Intro to Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Team (note in Broadsheet about this)
Police: Notices re Community Policing Awards
NHS: Health News (Oxfordshire)
OCC: Temporary closure of Ells Lane to Broughton Rd on 29 March.
Council and Clerk direct: March 2009
Town and Parish Standards bulleting: February 2009

For decision:

OCC: Street Lighting, Bloxham – any of street lights from 12.30am - 5.30am we think could be switched off? Note to go in Broadsheet following email to OCC.

Clerk

Bloxham Grove Windmill: Thank you for £50 donation and suggesting some evening in May for visit. Agreed – Clerk to contact Glynn Stanley re date. (depending on weather!)

Clerk

CDC: Recycling of electrical items: Posters on boards & Post Office

Clerk

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Payment of Accounts: Agreed.

SLCC: renewal of subscription	117.00
SLCC: Training Day 24 th March 2009	56.35
David Godfrey (Salary for Feb)	574.45
David Godfrey Expenses	
Staples(folders for new councillor, etc)	5.07
Staples (Paper)	3.91
Staples (Ink Cartridge, etc)	48.35
Broadband (Jan 17.76 & Feb 15.55)	<u>33.61</u>
Total	90.94
BT – D/D Tel line for March	11.50
Bloxham Parish Council (Gratuity for Jan & Feb)	43.08

Parish Plan account: cheques signed for vouchers for meals at local Public Houses won by those who returned questionnaire in time.

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Any other item of urgent nature communicated to the Chairman before the start of the meeting. None had been reported.

09/62

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 6th April at 6.45 as the representatives of Primary School (re Travel Plan) and Warriner School (re floodlighting of a pitch) to attend. (PCh noted he would not be back till 7.30pm)

Meeting finished at 09.13.pm.

David Godfrey
Parish Clerk
 7.3.09