

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, BARLEY CLOSE, BLOXHAM ON MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2025 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor David Bunn; Councillors Joanna Barton, Amanda Baxter, Mike Fenner, Neil Hegarty, Richard Morley, David Morris, Laura Noakes and Nick Rayner.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor/District Councillor David Hingley and six members of the public.

58/25 Apologies – Parish Councillor Russell Avens submitted his apologies because he was on holiday.

Parish Councillor Alex Harrison submitted his apologies because he was on holiday.

Theresa Goss, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer, submitted her apologies because she was on holiday.

District Councillor Rob Pattenden also submitted his apologies.

Resolved that the apologies from Parish Councillors Russell Avens and Alex Harrison be accepted and the absences authorised.

59/25 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

60/25 Minutes – Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2025 had been circulated to the Parish Council and were taken as read.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2025 be approved.

61/25 Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

62/25 Chairman's Announcements

- Donkey Field – A tree in Donkey Field had been gradually failing and Cotefield Treecare had been to site and felled it. A sign had been attached at the site, indicating why the works had taken place and by whom.
- Parking on Pavements – The Chairman had would send the flyer to Councillor Joanna Barton so it could be printed off on card in readiness for distribution. **Action DB/JB**

63/25 Open Forum – Councillor Alex Harrison reported that residents had spoken to him regarding the grass cutting at the end of The Avenue because it appeared this hadn't been undertaken for some time. Councillor Nick Rayner agreed to liaise with Nigel Prickett. **Action NR**

The Community Speed Watch was due to take place on 6 August 2025, from 11.00am to 12.00 noon on Barford Road.

The issue of the damage to the hedge along the side of the Recreation Ground on the A361 was raised and with regard to who was responsible for repairing it and removing the debris which has been left in the Recreation Ground. It was suggested that Thames Valley Police be contacted to establish if there were any powers to ensure the person who caused the accident, made good the hedgerow. **Action TG**

The Chairman advised that the delivery hub installed at the Esso Garage on South Newington Road had been removed.

(For information, following guidance from the National Association of Local Councils, the Parish Council did not specifically name individual residents within its minutes, unless they were speaking in an official capacity)

64/25 Planning

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- i) Planning Applications/Works to Trees – Prior to the meeting, the details of the planning applications/works to trees which had been considered by the Parish Council, since the last meeting, had been circulated.

Resolved that, it be noted and approved that no observations had been made by the Parish Council in respect of the following planning applications/works to trees: None.

Resolved that, it be noted and approved that objections had been made by the Parish Council in respect of the following planning applications/works to trees: None

Resolved that, it be noted and approved that observations had been made by the Parish Council in respect of the following planning applications/works to trees:

25/01133/F & 25/01134/LB Campbell Cottage, Workhouse Lane, Bloxham,
Internal and external alterations to the main house, including replacement windows, new bi-fold door to rear, new open porch, replacement of C20 staircase, removal of C20 internal walls, removal of pier and window to form larger kitchen & dining space, new ensuite bathroom, removal of existing C20 external archway and metal gate, and replacement with new timber gate, widening of the existing vehicular access and enlargement of the existing driveway, replacement of existing flat roof to garage and replacement with a traditional natural slate covered pitched roof, new garage door and over rendering of the C20 artificial stonework to the garden side/rear.

25/01108/F Bankside, High Street, Bloxham
RETROSPECTIVE - Outbuilding in the rear garden to serve as a garden office and occasional spare bedroom/guest annexe

25/01506/TCA Rectory Farm, Church Street, Bloxham
Tree works

Resolved that, it be noted that the Parish Council is considering the following planning applications/works to trees:

25/01761/TCA Long Leys, Queen Street, Bloxham
Tree works

25/01814/F Weatherstone Cottage, 7 Courtington Lane, Bloxham
Demolition of conservatory and garage, construction of single storey side and rear extension

25/01911/TCA Rossili House, Kings Road, Bloxham,
Tree works

- ii) Results of Planning Applications – The Parish Council noted decisions made by Cherwell District Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- iii) 25/01009/OUT – Ainscough Strategic Land, Land East of Barford Road, Bloxham – The Parish Council reviewed a draft objection to the outline application for the demolition of the existing building and development of up to 120 dwellings (Use Class C3) alongside open space, sustainable drainage and ancillary infrastructure. All Matters Reserved except for primary means of vehicular access from Barford Road.

Resolved that the objection to application 25/01009/OUT be approved and submitted to Cherwell District Council. **Action TG**

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- iv) 24/01908/OUT - OS Parcel 0069 West of Quarry Close, Quarry Close, Bloxham – The Parish Council discussed an application for outline planning application for the erection of up to 60 dwellings with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point. All matters reserved except for means of access - re-submission of 23/01265/OUT.

Resolved that it be noted that the Planning Inquiry is due to be commented on 19 August 2025 and last up to four days.

65/25 Finance

- i) Financial Matters – Prior to the meeting, a number of financial documents were circulated to the Parish Council.

Resolved that:

- 1) the accounts for payment be approved, as detailed in appendix 1 to the minutes;
- 2) the receipts since the last meeting, the uncashed payments & uncashed receipts and the bank reconciliation, as at 7 July 2025 for the bank accounts at Unity Trust Bank be noted; and
- 3) it be noted that Councillor Joanna Barton, as Councillor for monitoring the Parish Council's internal controls, will sign the uncashed payments list, the uncashed receipts list, the bank reconciliation as at 31 July 2025 and the Unity Trust bank statements for July 2025.

66/25 Meeting Dates – The Chairman reported that the next Parish Council meetings would be held at Jubilee Hall, Barley Close, Bloxham, commencing at 7.00pm.

Resolved that it be noted that future meeting dates for Bloxham Parish Council are as stated below.

- Monday 1 September 2025
- Monday 6 October 2025
- Monday 3 November 2025
- Monday 1 December 2025

67/25 Items for Future Agendas/Items of Information

- Wildlife Corridors
- Purchase of devices to monitor pollution levels
- Quotes for lights at St Mary's Church

(The meeting ended at 7.00pm)

Chairman – 1 September 2025