Newsletter

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Are we to become absorbed by Banbury in a 'land grab' for more unwanted housing?

Below has been copied from the 'Bloxham Broadsheet' - The Milcombe Parish Council will not comment on this proposal until it has formally been submitted to the CDC, as such this is not the view of Milcombe Parish Council at this time but for your information in advance.

They are proposing almost 100 new homes next to the recreation ground on the South Newington Road.

Their document takes the form of questions and (their preferred) answers and so we take a look at those questions but with our own thoughts for the answers.

Who are Gladman? Gladman don't build. Basically they secure planning permission for land thus increasing its value from maybe a few tens of thousands of pounds per hectare to more like a million pounds per hectare. – and of course they take their reward for this service. Historically they have been specialists in doing this for rural greenfield sites as this maximises profit with no "clean-up" costs and a strategy of largely bolting onto existing infrastructure rather than having to create new.

High St. Parking

How could Bloxham Benefit? Gladman believe extra population will provide an opportunity to improve the range and quality of local services. This rather ignores the constraints at work. The primary school has no room to expand further. The Warriner School is already having to expand and struggling to offer a way of doing so without further increasing the school-run traffic chaos on the A361. Trade at the High St shops is limited by parking rather than population and we know from the data used by major retailers this new development is well beyond the distance most people are willing to walk with shopping. We have already had very many 'affordable' new homes in the past few years only a tiny minority of which went to people with a strong village connection.

Why Bloxham? Gladman argue this is a suitable and sustainable location for new development. The recent Neighbourhood Plan documentation challenged such assumptions on a whole range of measures including traffic, retail, parking and schools. That plan was accepted and approved by Government Planning Inspectors.

Accident 150m from proposed access road

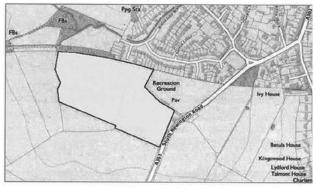
Will our roads cope? We've all seen developer traffic reports worthy of consideration for the Man Booker prize for fiction! The recent Gladman (Bovis) Estate on the Barford Road was approved on the

condition that solutions to the traffic congestion at the mini-roundabout were sought. Three years later clearly no solution has been forthcoming: that's because there is no solution. Gladman are now suggesting building 95 new homes within a few hundred metres of this roundabout. As a comedian once said "It's Déjà vu all over again!"

Will our local services be able to cope? As previously mentioned it asserts that increased population equates to a boost to the local economy: either a naive or deliberately misleading statement that pays little heed to the realities of life in a village that has already almost doubled in size in recent years.

Flooding Risk

Will it increase the risk of flooding? Developers do have a responsibility to mitigate any increased risk. Residents will know that the adjacent slade nature reserve and the recreation ground flood rather more often than one would like – but Gladman correctly state the proposed site is not amongst the higher flood risk areas of the village. Given our increasingly extreme weather the question is – will proposed attenuation basins guarantee that the inevitable increased surface water run-off won't overwhelm an already struggling water network elsewhere in the village?



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Does it comply with Local Planning Law? It is a major development outside of the built-up boundary of the village and so is certainly not compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Also by extending the boundary down the South Newington Road it sets a potential precedent meaning that the fields on the opposite side of that road running up to the back of the Barford Road and the Bloxham Park Estate – for which planning permission has previously been considered – would likely be re-considered for categorisation as infill status

What Happens Next?

Once Gladman have formally applied to Cherwell District Council the official consultation will open via the council.

Whether you are in favour or against – you are encouraged to express your views on the proposal at that stage. We'll keep you informed.

Gladman themselves are also seeking your comments. On the one hand this allows them to muster arguments to counter objections before the official planning procedures commence but equally if they receive no objections they will doubtless make great play of this.

You can email them at comments@your-views. co.uk or via their website at www.yourviews.co.uk/bloxham





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CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st – HOLY COMMUNION (Trinity 11)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - ST. MARY'S, BLOXHAM, PATRONAL CELEBRATIONS AT 9.30am. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SERVICE IN ST. LAURENCE'S AS THIS WILL BE A BENEFICE SERVICE.

ALL AT 11.15am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th - HOLY COMMUNION (Trinity 13)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th - HOLY COMMUNION (Trinity 15) - JOINT SERVICE WITH SOUTH NEWINGTON IN ST. LAURENCE'S.

You will find a warm welcome in St. Laurence's Church and we serve coffee after Services so that everybody can meet socially and find out more about our Church Services and activities. As a Fairtrade Church, we also run a Fairtrade stall on Sunday mornings and at any Church events as well as using Fairtrade coffee, tea, sugar, etc. for refreshments.

HOLY COMMUNION is said every Tuesday morning in St. Mary's, Bloxham, at 11.30am and there is an open invitation to share Holy Communion with the residents of Godswell Park at 3.00pm on Sundays, where you Shoebox appeal bringing gifts – and smiles – to under-privileged will be made to feel very welcome and able to talk to residents over a cup of tea and cake afterwards.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th – Milcombe and Bloxham alternate on the first Saturday of each month with BENEFICE PRAYER BREAKFAST. September 7th will be at St. Mary's and you are very welcome to come along for coffee and croissants followed by a time of quiet prayer and reflection.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th – PCC MEETING in Church at 3.00pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th - OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE helping to preserve the history on your doorstep. You can take part in a sponsored cycle, walk or horse ride gifts and, at the same time, you will be helping to keep St. Laurence's around Oxfordshire's historic Churches. All funds raised go to OHCT and 50% is then passed back to a Church of your choice.

Last year Milcombe raised £175.00 of which 50% came back to St. Laurence's. Michael Haynes will again be taking part, so please sponsor him if you can.

St. Laurence's Church will be open from 10.00am-6.00pm on the day and volunteers are required to sign in those taking part and to offer light refreshment.

OHCT is an entirely volunteer-led charity supporting local communities repair, maintain and improve Oxfordshire's historic Churches. Milcombe Church received a grant towards the roof repairs. There are sponsorship forms just inside the main door of the Church or from Rachel Payne at Arnsby Cottager next door. There will also be a sign-up sheet if you are not to clash with the Christmas tree festival being held in St. Mary's the able to help during the day signing in the visitors. Find out more at www. ohct.org.uk/ride-stride

HARVEST FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, at 11.15am.

There will be a box in Church prior to Harvest Festival for donations of non-perishable goods for the Beacon Centre, such as teabags, coffee, biscuits, tins of soup, baked beans, etc. (All in date please.) The Church will be open all day on Saturday, September 21st, when the Church flower arrangers will be decorating the Church for Harvest. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, home made produce, jams, etc. may be brought to the Service or placed on the table in front of the screen beforehand.

These will be sold after the Service in aid of Church funds. HARVEST LUNCH will follow at the Horse & Groom at 1.00pm. Please sign the sheet in Church if you would like to attend or speak to Susan Richardson 721667. Numbers need to be given to the H&G by Thursday 19th.

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DEDDINGTON DEANERY SYNOD IS BEING HELD IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH AT 7.30pm ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd. We will be hosting refreshments from 7.00pm and the speaker is Rev. Katie Tupling, the Oxfordshire Diocesan Chaplain for deaf people and disability advisor. Deanery Synod meetings are open to all, so if you would like to hear Katie speak about her role, please come along. oxford.anglican.org/katietupling

Pick up a copy of the PATHWAYS magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford from the Church where you can read an article about Rev. Katie Tupling.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK was held in May and thanks go to everyone who donated and to the collectors. A grand total of £3386.11 including Gift Aid was raised from the three villages of Bloxham, Milcombe and South Newington.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL - St. Laurence's PCC agreed to take part once more in the Operation Christmas Child children across the world. Last year 10.6 million shoeboxes were filled and taken to children living in poverty and need in over 100 countries. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN BY DONATING A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX OR JOIN WITH A FRIEND AND FILL ONE BETWEEN YOU. The Shoeboxes have to be ready early November and leaflets will shortly be available from the table inside the Church.

MILCOMBE CALENDARS will soon be on sale with photographs of OLD MILCOMBE in aid of Church funds with grateful thanks to Andrew Watts. There are also some tea towels, mugs and cards still available which were also donated by Andrew Watts. All will make excellent Christmas Church open for the community.

THANKS are extended to Suzette, Blue and Rev. Christine Turner for the very successful afternoon tea held in July and to those who supported the event.

WE WISH CHRISTINE AND STEPHEN EVERY HAPPINESS FOLLOWING THEIR MOVE TO BANBURY. WE WILL MISS THEM BOTH AND ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP THEY HAVE GIVEN ST. LAURENCE'S OVER THEIR 14 YEARS LIVING IN MILCOMBE. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AND LOOK FORWARD TO CHRISTINE ONCE MORE CONDUCTING OUR SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY. Thank you both!

EARLY DIARY DATES - PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP THIS YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, weekend of December 7th/8th. THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd.

THE CHURCHYARD - A polite reminder to those tending graves to ensure that all waste is recycled in the correct bins. Old Oasis and cellophane wrappings should be placed in the green bin please and it would be appreciated if waste is not deposited on the grass heaps.

DOG BAGS are available in Church at the back of the organ.

Please continue to SAVE YOUR USED CLEAN CANS which Peter Booth takes for recycling in aid of Church funds. These should be placed in the bin at the side of the porch.

Please also continue to SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES which Tony and Joan Stickings take to the Redwing Horse Sanctuary near Stratford. There are boxes for these just inside the main door.

The Church is open daily from approximately 10.00am-4.00pm and you are very welcome to come in and just sit for a moment of quiet prayer and reflection. There is a Prayer Book just inside the main door for you to write in your own personal prayers.

We have a small band of just 4 volunteers who unlock and lock the Church daily on a monthly rota. Thank you to Rose O'Carroll, Brian French, Peter Kershaw and Michael Haynes. It would be very helpful if we could have just one more volunteer to help those who are already committed in carrying out this important duty. If you think you can help, please contact the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email office@ bloxhambenefice.co.uk

St. Laurence's Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 sujerich@ yahoo.co.uk and Marlene Cowell 720750 marlenecowell196@gmail. com

Milcombe Parish Council

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Parish Council/Village Matters:

Emergency Planning - Emergency Bags had been received from the County Council and would be distributed to every property in the village.

Highways - Works which were required to potholes, footpaths, drains, roads, trees/ hedges over hanging a boundary should all be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov. uk/ rather than to the Parish Council.

Play Area - The Oak Farm Phase 2 planning application which would release the funds for the new play equipment had still not been determined by Cherwell District Council, but the Parish Council was checking regularly on progress.

Planning:

Gladman Developments Limited had circulated leaflets in some parts of Bloxham with regard to a proposal for 95 houses on South Newington Road. If the planning application has been submitted to Cherwell District Council by 3 September 2019, then the Parish Council will be discussing this at its meeting that evening. Information on the proposal is available at www.yourviews.co.uk/ bloxham and there is a useful summary on the Bloxham Broadsheet web site. http://bloxham. info/broadsheet/95-new-houses-proposedfor-bloxham-july-2019/

Please submit your comments to Gladman's using this link www.yourviews.co.uk/bloxham but please also submit them again to Cherwell District Council when the actual planning application is submitted, which had not happened, as at 7 August 2019.

19/1195/F - Single storey extension at Fieldside, Paradise Lane - The Parish Council has no objection to this application and does not agree that this application will affect the listed buildings opposite as stated by Planning officer, because the additional extensions allowed at Coombe House (next door) were much closer to the converted barns opposite.



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Notes of the Meeting of Milcombe Parish Council

Tuesday 2 July 2019

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

Parish Council/Village Matters:

Emergency Planning - The Clerk would contact the County Council again to try and obtain Emergency Bags (which would be distributed around the village) and a template for a village Emergency Plan.

Death of a National Figure – The Protocol for the Death of a National Figure, such as a member of the Royal Family, was approved and Councillor Alex Honey would source a suitable Book of Condolence.

Defibrillator – Permission was being sought from the PCC to install a new defibrillator in the porch to St Laurence Church. Bloxham Parish Council was looking into purchasing a defibrillator and the Clerk would make contact with Councillor David Bunn with regard to possibly making a joint purchase. Information would also be send to Councillors with regard to the defibrillator which was purchased by Adderbury Parish Council.

Highways - Repairs which were required to potholes should be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site. https:// fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Play Area - Councillor Pete Booth would purchase and install some coiled rings to place on top of the swings to try and prevent pigeons from sitting above the swings and making a mess on them. The planning application which would release the funds for the new play equipment had still not been determined by Cherwell District Council, but it was hoped approval would be given in the next couple of weeks.

Planning:

19/00851/F Mr and Mrs Henry Lawrence Holly Cottage Main Road Milcombe

Two storey and single storey front extension, observations

19/01142/F 41 Newcombe Close

Single storey front extension No comments 19/00670/F 4 Newcombe Close Milcombe

Proposed single storey extension to side of **property** No comments.

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm at the Village Hall, Milcombe were as follows:

3 September 2019

5 November 2019

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

MILCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

EMERGENCY PLANNING INFORMATION



Over the next few weeks, the people who deliver your Milcombe Newsletter will be delivering EMERGENCY PLANNING BAGS courtesy of Oxfordshire County Council and Milcombe Parish Council. These contain leaflets on what to do in an emergency with useful websites and contact telephone numbers.

Please read and keep safe the booklet ARE YOU READY?

This information is being delivered for YOUR SAFETY.

If you do not wish to accept this information, please refuse the distributor politely.

With thanks from your Milcombe Parish Councillors.

CHERWELL LOTTERY LAUNCHES ON JULY 6th



Cherwell District Council has set up the Cherwell Lottery to benefit not-for-profit groups all over the district. Eligible GOOD CAUSES are supported through a free and simple joining process.

You encourage members and supporters to buy £1 tickets through your dedicated page on the secure Cherwell Lottery website and then the chosen group receives a guaranteed 50% of all ticket income and ticket buyers have the chance to win up to £25,000.

Cherwell District Council does not retain any of the money. Examples of who can apply are village halls, recreation trusts, sports clubs, scout groups, lunch clubs, etc.

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MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL



Upcoming events

The Committee is currently seeking someone to take over the role of Treasurer and if anyone is interested please could they contact either Caroline Willoughby or Richard Hazel

Village Hall contacts are:

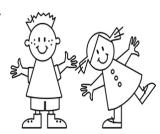
Caroline Willoughby (Chairperson) 07765161208

Richard Hazel (Treasurer) 07802595079 Natalie Brady (Secretary) 07584177460 Sarah Dowling (Bookings) 07858474669 Sacha Cowley is also a member along with Rev. Dale Gingrich representing St. Laurence's Church and Marlene Cowell as Parish Council representative.

The cost for hiring the Hall is £8.00 per hour for residents and £10.00 per hour for non-residents. The Hall is fully insured for public liability and fire extinguishers are serviced on an annual contract.

Coffee Mornings continue on the first Friday of each month in aid of Village Hall funds.

BUMPS AND BABIES CAFÉ is a drop-in café for mums, carers and babies with baby toys, group singing and homemade cakes. Come along and relax, meet new people, make friends and have a chat on MONDAY MORNINGS from 10.30am-12 noon in St. Mary's Parish Rooms (behind the Museum). For further information contact the Bloxham Benefice office 01295 720252 email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk



YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

If you are interested in joining a class, Susie is keen to start up some yoga classes in Milcombe Village Hall. Please let her know if you are interested by contacting Susie Smith at banbury-yoga@hotmail.com (tel: 07496179885)

Thank you for making people Smile

CONGRATULATIONS to Ivor Howse on Bloxham Road for his beautiful and colourful display of flowers throughout the summer. Thank you Ivor - You must have cheered up lots of people!

ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB

ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB is open to members every Thursday from 10.00am-2.30pm for isolated and elderly people living in Bloxham and surrounding villages.

A two-course home-cooked meal is provided with refreshments throughout the day for just £10 including transport if required.

The club offers companionship and social stimulation and there are currently vacancies for new members.

If you would like to come along or know anybody who may be interested, please contact LYNN JOHNSON on 01295 720792 or LIZ FARMER 01295 721812.

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MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

MEETS ON THE 1st and 3rd MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 2.00-4.00pm

September dates are 2nd and 16th
Come along for good company with tea,
sandwiches and cakes plus a raffle and
a game or two of Bingo for just £2.00.

(Please bring along a small raffle prize if you can)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

For more details, contact Tony Stickings on 720666

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY COLLECTION 2018

Lynn Anderson, the District organiser, would like to thank all the collectors and those who donated towards the RBL Poppy collection in November 2018. The total for the district was £14,000 which



included £735.78 from Milcombe. (Milcombe Parish Council donated £100 towards this amount.)

TEA AND TOAST is a relaxed cafe style space for toddler activities, a



listening ear and refreshments. All ages welcome in St. Mary's Parish Rooms on FRIDAY MORNINGS from 9.00am-11.00am.

THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE

THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE – PLAY AND LEARN AT THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE, Bloxham Primary School, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00am (term time only). Drop-in sessions for parents/carers and their children 0-5 years with an additional session for parents/carers and their babies aged up to 1 year. Children can experience creative and learning activities and there is support and advice on a range of topics for parents and carers.

The Cherry Tree Centre is supported by Oxfordshire County Council, Bloxham Primary School and the Parish Councils of Bloxham, Adderbury and Milcombe. For more information email jtyr7754@bloxhampri.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 01295 720224.