

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER - December 2021



Parish Council Vacancy



We regret that Sarah Lee has resigned as a member of the council. Sarah was a valued member of the team and we will miss her.

If you would like to become a Parish Councillor, the minimum requirements are:

- You are at least 18 years old,
- You live, or have your principal place of work in the parish, or alternatively,
- You live within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

To register an interest in joining the council, please contact our joint clerk Pamela Reeves (details below). Pamela will provide you with the necessary information and answer any questions. It is likely that the council will co-opt a new member in the new year at either its January or February meeting.

Blaxton Village Hall Christmas Fayre

We have been asked by the Blaxton Village Hall Committee to let you know of their forthcoming Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 19th December from 11.00am to 1.00pm.**

Everyone is invited to “pop-in” and “join in” some festive fun, including:

- Carol singing
- Mulled Wine (or Sherry) and Mince Pies
- Tea or coffee
- The best Cake stall ever
- Tombola (with very high-quality prizes)

We hope you can find the time to support the event.



Joint Playing Fields



On behalf of Blaxton and Finningley Parish Councils we are administering some funding for improvements to the joint playing fields. You will probably have noticed the new adult gym equipment (near the tennis courts) and the refurbished children’s play area. In addition, we have built a compound to house the goal posts, put a pathway around the tennis courts and had them treated to maintain the surface. We have also installed a new Astro turf wicket and made the gas box (located in the car park) much safer.

Work has started on improving the playing surfaces (more grass, fewer dandelions) and to take out some of the humps and bumps; but that will take time. We want to keep the field open for use while all this goes on, but hopefully teams will see the benefits of the surface improvement work over the next couple of seasons.

CCTV

Whatever you might read elsewhere, this is the official position of the Council in relation to CCTV. Resolution 11 from our March 2021 meeting minutes states “That the Council agree in principle to support the initiative to provide CCTV cameras at locations on the highway whilst not committing to fund the initiative at this point in time.”

New Seat – Summerfields Open Space

For everyone's use, we have installed an additional seat on the Summerfields open space. Other seats are available between the traffic lights at Gatehouse Lane along Mosham Road to the Blue Bell roundabout and along Bank End Road

Go on, wrap up warm, take a winter stroll, and rest awhile if you need to.



Trees and Hedges



Now that the growing season has almost ended, we ask that you check the trees and hedges on your property, particularly those that border pavements and footpaths. We would appreciate it if you cut back to your boundary and trim overhanging trees to a minimum of 2 metres (6 feet). Many thanks for your help in keeping our village tidy.

Defibrillator

For your information there is a defibrillator located at the front of the Village Hall on Back Lane. If its ever needed you will be given instructions by the emergency services on how to access it.



Your Council

Parish Council meetings are held at 7:00pm on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month in the Village Hall (please note change of day from 3rd Thursday). There is an opportunity for residents to raise any issues or questions during the meeting. Minutes of council meetings are available on our website and are displayed on the Mosham Road notice board (near the roundabout).

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Joint Clerks

To assist with the transition, Philip Dennis kindly agreed to support Pamela for a period of time; hence Joint Clerks. However, unless advised otherwise, all emails and correspondence should be addressed to Pamela Reeves.

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Happy Christmas



The last two years have been difficult for all of us, particularly around Christmas time. We hope that this year you will be able to spend more time with family and friends. We wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2022.

