

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST. DECEMBER 2014 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson, Mrs. L.Keeling and Mrs.A.Kelsey; County Councillor W. Redford; and District Councillor N.Pratt.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor J.Hammon.

1581. CO-OPTION OF COUNCLLOR FOR OLD MILVERTON

The vacancy for a Councillor for Old Milverton was considered. Two applicants had expressed interest as follows:

Mr. Clifford Davies, Churchside Barn, Old Milverton CV32 6SA

Dr. Andrew Entwistle, Sandiacre, Sandy Lane, Blackdown CV32 6QS

After careful consideration, it was resolved to co-opt Mr. Davies forthwith, and thanks were expressed to Dr. Entwistle for his interest.

1582. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th. October 2014 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1583. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES(a). The ditches in Church Lane and Old Milverton Road had been cleared, but the spoil had been heaped on the verge. The Clerk was asked to request the agents, Godfrey-Payton, to spread the spoil by next spring.

(b). The names of those to form a team for operating a Speedgun was awaited to enable the loan of the equipment to be arranged.

(c). The Clerk had written to Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club on 14th. October 2014 about putting together a case to Warwickshire County Council for the installation of a foot way in Bericote Road and its response was awaited.

(d). The foot ways in Sandy Lane, Blackdown, had been cleared.

(e). A grant of £2,000 had been made by the Community Forum Grant Fund Rural East and towards the cost of providing new notice boards. It was agreed that the boards be sited on the verge at Old Milverton Village Green and at the junction of Stoneleigh Road and Sandy Lane, Blackdown (at the same site as the present board), to be of aluminium construction, powder coated in dark brown, each top be headed "Old Milverton and Blackdown Joint Parish Council" and having three panels, each to hold six A4 sheets, 2 horizontally and 3 vertically.

It was agreed that quotations be invited from:

David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd., Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock, Scotland KA3 1HL

Greenbarnes Ltd., Unit 7 Barrington Court, Ward Road, Brackley, Northants NN13 7LE

Hallmark Graphics, Bridge House, Brookside, Stretton-on-Dunsmore CV23 9LY

Sign Up, Westcott, Southam Road, Napton-on-the-Hill CV47 8NG

(f). The Clerk had learned that Warwick District, along with other local planning authorities had agreed to undertake a Joint Green Belt Study for Warwickshire and Coventry. It would be completed in two stages with Warwick District being in the first stage, to be completed by Spring 2015.

(g). The planting at the entrances to Old Milverton had been completed by Baginton Nurseries Ltd.

1584. OLD MILVERTON PARISH BOUNDARIES

Warwick District Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee had met on 21st. October, when it was understood that it had resolved that the Guy's Cliffe Avenue etc. area together with North Leamington School should be transferred to Royal Leamington Spa Town, subject to the agreement of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

1585. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

There was nothing to report on the Warwick District Local Plan. The Inspector's Report on the Gateway Inquiry was still expected from mid-January 2015 onwards.

1586. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The formal decision about the boundary changes for Old Milverton Parish was awaited, when, once some further additions were available from Hunter Page Planning Ltd, the latest draft Neighbourhood Plan would be re-submitted to Warwick District Council, to initiate the next stage of the process.

1587. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

After careful consideration it was agreed that the name of the Parish Council; s website be "OldMilvertonandBlackdownPC.org". A meeting with Sandra Robinson, which all Councillors might attend was agreed for 9th. December 2015 to agree in principle the content of the site.

1588. BROADBAND CONSULTATION

The Parish Council had responded to a recent Broadband Consultation indicating that residents had reported very variable download speeds and loss of service, notably with streaming capability insufficient to reliably provide High Definition film downloads. As immediate neighbours to the parish were now receiving super fast broadband speeds in excess of 24Mbps, it was hoped that the autumn roll-out program would extend to our parishes where provision had been made for fibre optic broadband cable and cabinets. Although the area was rural and not densely populated, it already supported at least 20 businesses plus sports complexes and an increasing number of residents working from home. This created a demand for high speed broadband which should be of material interest to Information Service Providers. The Parish Council asked to be informed of any news of progress in the area, so that it might inform residents as to the precise circumstances our parishes faced. (Cllr. Redford had indicated that there were no further County Council funds available for Broadband Service in 2014-15, but a new partner would be sought for phase 2 of the Government funding for 2015-16).

1589. 2014-15 ACCOUNTS, 2015-16 ESTIMATES AND 2015-16 PRECEPT

The accounts as at 22nd. October 2014 were received and found satisfactory, and bank statements were made available for inspection. Consideration was then given to the estimates for 2015-16: taking into account the need to reserve funds might still be required for professional assistance in opposing the Warwick District Local Plan and other threats to the area, and the estimated expenditure, it was agreed that the precept for 2015-16 be £14,000. The accounts and estimates were approved in accordance with the summary at Appendix A.

1590. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications, previously circulated, were noted:

W14/1327 Ramada Hotel, Blackdown

Change of use of land to extend car park and ancillary works.

REFUSED. Arrangements were in hand to serve an enforcement notice to restore the land to its former condition.

W14/Quarry Cottage, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Erection of single storey rear extension.

OBSERVATIONS: Objection on the grounds that there were no special circumstances for developing this site within the Green Belt and therefore would not be in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. The area of the building would be almost doubled for the second time. The add-on extensions are inappropriate for the style of the cottage, being incongruous with the architecture of the already-extended Victorian cottage, visually diluting the Victorian heritage of the area. (The Parish Council did not oppose the original two developments to the cottage despite almost doubling its footprint, because more space was needed to accommodate a larger family and bring it up-to-date with modern living standards, demonstrating that the Parish Council wishes to be considerate, and to approve appropriate developments. However, there are no Special Circumstances for further developing this Green Belt site and to accept almost doubling the original footprint a second time without them, would not be in accordance with the system). It was noted that a garage will not be required in the future.

1591. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following items were noted:

(a). Details of the Gritting Routes by Warwickshire County Council for 2014-15, which included Old Milverton Lane and Road, and Stoneleigh Road.

(b). A letter from Warwick District Council notifying the availability of Historic Building Grants in 2014-15.

1592. FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

It was agreed that:

(a). The meeting scheduled for 16th. March be rearranged for Monday, 23rd. March 2015.

(b) The Parish Council meeting dates be held on:

Monday 27 April 2015

Monday 11 May

Monday 13 July

Monday 24 August

Monday 5 October

Monday 30 November

Tuesday 19 January 2016

Monday 21 March

1593. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts were approved for payment:

1594. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

1595. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

**Review of 2014-15 Estimates, 2014-15 Actual Receipts and Payments,
and Consideration of 2015-16 Estimates**

	2013-14 actual	2014-15 estimates	2014-15 revised estimates	2014-15 actual to 31.10.14	2015-16 estimates
Brought forward	6,493	24,036	24,036	24,036	40,080
INCOME					
Precept	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	14,000
Council Tax Support Grant	1,104				
Neighbourhood Plan grant	3,001		1,999		
Comm. Forum N'board grant			2,000		
Bank interest	7	6	16	7	25
VAT refund	551	10	190		300
	<u>24,663</u>	<u>20,016</u>	<u>24,205</u>	<u>20,007</u>	<u>14,325</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Clerk's salary	1,856	1,856	2,000	1,000	2,000
Admin. expenses	526	600	600	327	600
Meeting place hire	150	60	60		60
Subscriptions	209	220	220	154	240
Insurance premium	304	350	266	266	280
Contingences		300	300		300
Audit fees	100	100	100	100	100
Churchyard maintenance		160	160		160
Repairs		50	225	225	100
Diamond Jubilee plaques	129		130	130	
WDC Local Plan		20,000			
Professional fees			1,500		
Neighbourhood Plan	3,295		2,000	853	5,000
New notice boards					5,000
Parish Council elections					1,750
VAT payments	551	10	600	191	300
	<u>7,120</u>	<u>23,706</u>	<u>8,161</u>	<u>3,246</u>	<u>15,890</u>
Balance	24,036	20,346	40,080	40,797	38,515
<i>Bank accounts as at</i>	<i>31.3.14</i>			<i>22.10.14</i>	
<i>Deposit account</i>	<i>19,753</i>			<i>30,760</i>	
<i>Current account</i>	<i>4,914</i>			<i>10,073</i>	
	<u><i>24,667</i></u>			<u><i>40,833</i></u>	
<i>Less uncashed cheque</i>	<i>-631</i>			<i>-36</i>	
	<u><i>24,036</i></u>			<u><i>40,797</i></u>	