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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 23RD. MAY 2015 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

In the May 2015 elections Councillors J.M.Lander and Mrs. A.Kelsey were re-elected and Councillor W.M.O.Tansey was newly elected to represent Old Milverton, and Councillors J.Emmerson and Mrs. L.Keeling were re-elected to represent Blackdown; District Councillors W.L.Gifford and Miss H.Grainger were elected for Milverton Ward (which now includes Old Milverton Parish) and Councillors G.H.Cain and Mrs. A,.M.Stevens were elected for Manor Ward (which now includes Blackdown Parish).

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), Mrs. L.Keeling, Mrs.A.Kelsey and W.M.O.Tansey; and District Councillors W.L.Gifford, Miss H.Grainger and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J.Emmerson and District Councillor G.Cain.

1642. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Kelsey, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Keeling and carried unanimously, that Cllr. J. Lander be elected Chairman.

1643. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Keeling, seconded by Cllr. J.Lander and carried unanimously that Cllr. Mrs. A. Kelsey be elected Vice-Chairman.

1644. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th. May 2015 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

- **1645. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**(a). Taking into account the availability of the participants the Clerk had suggested to the Police a date for the training of the Speed Gun volunteers, and awaited confirmation.
- (b). The Clerk had written to Old Milverton Village Hall Committee with details of the conditions under which the Parish Council might assist with funding for building improvement work, which entailed offering to match-fund amounts obtained from other grants, up to a maximum of £2,000, which the Parish Council now confirmed as its decision.
- (c). The Highways Engineer had indicated to the Clerk that the WCC Area Engineer had in hand the need to reinstate the two Stoneleigh Road street signs near the Stoneleigh Road-Bericote Road roundabout.

1646. AGENDA DESPATCH BY E-MAIL

The continued despatch of Parish Council agenda by e-mail was formally approved.

1647. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The result of the initial hearing preceding the inquiry into the draft Local Plan between 6th. and 12 May 2015 were likely to be aviable within some 3 weeks.

1648. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Old Milverton and Blackdown Neighbourhood Plan was in the process of being advertised by Warwick District Council under Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 inviting comments by 19th. June 2015.

1649 BROADBAND CONSULTATION

A meeting had been arranged on 22nd. June 2015 between available Parish Councillors and Leigh Hunt, Communications Manager of CSW Broadband, to discuss Broadband reception in the Joint Parish area.

1650. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a). The following Planning Application was noted as follows:

W15/0564 Ramada Hotel, Kenilworth Road, Blackdown

Resurfacing of car park, erection of timber post and bar boundary treatment and lighting (retrospective)

OBSERVATIONS: Concern to be expressed about the retrospective nature of the application and the series of piece-meal planning applications of late, especially in this area of Green Belt.

- (b). The Planning Enforcement Officer had given an assurance that the Parish Council's concern about the possibility of the establishing of a permanent dwelling place off Old Milverton Road would be investigated.
- **1651. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** The accounts listed on the schedule provided to members were approved for payment, which included £157.83 administrative expenses.

1652. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY 2016

It was agreed that the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th. January 2016 be changed to Tuesday, 26th. January2015, subject to the availability of the Village Hall. (*It was subsequently ascertained that the Village Hall would be available*).

1653. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Milverton Neighbourhood Watch meeting, which covered the Old Milverton area, was announced and all Parish Councillors were welcomed to attend. Cllr. Tansey would endeavour to do so, and Cllr. Mrs. Keeling would like to be present for Blackdown Parish. However, it was agreed to clarify whether Blackdown would now be included within Manor Ward's Neighbourhood Watch in view of the recent District Council boundary changes.

1654. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CHAIRMAN