

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH. NOVEMBER 2016 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (Chairman), J.Emmerson, Mrs. L.Keeling, Mrs.A.Kelsey and W.M.O.Tansey; District Councillors Mrs. Jane Knight (Chairman of Warwick District Council), Miss H.Grainger and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs. Jane Knight, Chairman of Warwick District Council.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor W.Redford.

1773. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th. October 2016 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1774. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). The over growths on the foot ways in Old Milverton Road and under the railway bridge were being cut back, but it remained to check on the work.

(b). The flags and large banner at the entrance to Priors House had been removed and other signs had been given or did not require consent.

(c). The Highways Authority had arranged or was arranging for the removal of unauthorised signs at Blackdown Roundabout.

1775. 2015 ELECTION EXPENSES

Further details and an analysis had been received from Warwick District Council in respect of the 2015 Election Expenses dispute, but a request for further details had not been forthcoming. Meanwhile, the Warwickshire Branch of the Association of Local Councils had asked the National Association to petition to ensure (i) Election fees charged to parishes are of a regulated level by the introduction of a standard published system for charging, and (ii) Final bills be restricted to no more than 15% on estimated charges to parishes by principal councils in order that parishes can budget more accurately.

1776. OLD MILVERTON STREET FURNITURE

(a). An estimate had been received in the sum of £258.00 from Mr. David Moorcroft of Cubbington in respect of work at Old Milverton Village to remove from the wall and dispose of the old notice board, raise and re-fix the flower trough higher up the wall as necessary; collect from the Old Vicarage compost and half barrel and drill drainage holes, to effectively secure the new barrel to the ground to prevent removal, add drainage stones and coarse earth and top up with the provided new compost ready to receive planting; and re-stain the Bench on the Village Green. The estimate was approved.

(b). Cllr Mrs. Kelsey had obtained a half-barrel and compost which she would retain until Spring 2017 when planting would be most effective.

(c). Cllr Mrs. Kelsey produced a metal notice which had been fixed near the site of the old Village Pound near no. 13 Old Milverton. There was no suitable place to display it now and it might be possible to display on on the other side of Old Milverton Road a suitable reworded plaque, perhaps matching the design of the Jubilee plaques on the Village Green. Other interesting sites, such as the Village Pump; might also be commemorated by plaques. It

was agreed to discuss this matter at a later meeting after Members had had time to reflect on the best solution.

1777. DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

A general discussion took place with Mrs. Jane Knight, Chairman of Warwick District Council, including the 2015 election fees dispute, attendance of District Councillors at Parish Council Meetings and the need for the District Council to be aware of the slowness of Broadband in Old Milverton.

1778. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Old Milverton's case against savaging the Green Belt at Old Milverton had been made effectively at the official Examination at Leamington Town Hall on Thursday, 13th. October 2016 when effective arguments had been put forward by several local people, lead by Hunter Page Planning, Cllr. Lander and Cllr. Mrs. Kelsey. It was hoped that the Inspector would recommend deletion of the Old Milverton site, but if that were not the case it would be feasible to appeal against such decision, the cost of which would be included in the Parish Council's estimates.

1779. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There had been no further developments concerning the Neighbourhood Plan.

1780. OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

Woodwork treatment had been carried out at Old Milverton Village Hall without the necessity of obtaining a grant. Work to a flat roof and valleys at the rear of the building was to be put in hand, for which it was hoped to obtain a grant, which the Parish Council would match, up to a limit of £2,000.00.

1781. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a). The following were noted in accordance with details previously circulated:

W16/1224 Llandrecies, Church Lane, Old Milverton

Replacement of two-story side extension and fenestration alterations

GRANTED. The Clerk had ascertained that Planning Officers had specified the finish of the alterations far as regulations permitted. However, a subsequent application W16/2016 had been made, apparently by the same applicants, for the erection of a replacement dwelling, concerning which the Clerk was awaiting Parish Councillors' observations.

W15/1653 Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Installation of 200 frame mounted solar panels.

The result of APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL was still awaited, but the application following might replace the application.

W16/2014 Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Outline application for erection of 10 cluster flats to include 100 bedrooms for students.

OBSERVATIONS: Very strong objection on several grounds. The complex of five two-storey buildings would impinge greatly on the rural aspect of the area at this point and would be within the Green Belt. It would have a material impact on the openness of the Green Belt. The harm caused by this development would outweigh any benefits associated with the development. There were no "Very special circumstances" to permit this development within the Green Belt and the application did not comply with the National Planning Policy Framework. Access and egress would be via Bericote Road which is an exceptionally busy highway at various times of day, with vehicle-queuing along almost the full length of the road and there would be elements of danger at this point which would have to be negotiated by a significant number of vehicles using the facility.

If the National Planning Policy Framework rules and conditions were applied the application should be rejected out of hand. The development would be in the vitally important area of the Green Belt which effectively separates the two urban areas of Royal Leamington Spa and Kenilworth.

Further considerations regarding this development:-

1. This is an inappropriate site for any development, and in particular to provide for the needs of students. Any 'new build' specifically for students should be on the campus or near to the university, not miles away from facilities and social life.
2. The terminology 'students' is vague and meaningless as they have not been identified. They could be from various universities, local colleges or anybody who might chose to adopt the description.
3. It would be impracticable to put checks in place to ensure the residents are always students.
4. At holiday time the premises will be used for other groups and activities. In time the usage might well be changed and the accommodation sold off for profit.
5. Seventy parking places are planned with capacity for 100. So at least 70% of students will own cars, others motor cycles and minimal use made of the bus service. This results in 100 extra vehicles, plus many extra servicing vehicles adding to the congestion and air pollution in this dangerous location.
6. The entrance/exit to the increasingly busy highway is potentially dangerous. It could well present a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers, particularly young, inexperienced drivers and those unfamiliar with the area. Realistically, there is no position around this site where a safe entrance/exit can be constructed as it is surrounded by busy roads and a particularly busy junction.
7. The site is on low lying land where drainage may not be good. It is near to the River Avon which floods in the winter.
8. The inspector at the Local Plan Examination gave importance to open Green Belt space not being crowded- in by development This development would do just that and would certainly be a 'blot on the landscape'.
9. The running track area should not be exploited to justify the development as a sporting facility within the category of 'permitted development', as the site is inappropriate and unsuitable for sport, the air being polluted with diesel and petrol fumes for much of the day.

The development would certainly be grossly inappropriate and the Parish Council, is adamantly opposed to it.

(b). The Planning Enforcement Officer had met the owners and agent for Quarry Park and Farm: a further site meeting and discussions were planned. Longer-term plans were being discussed.

1782. 2016-17 ACCOUNTS, 2017-18 ESTIMATES AND 2017-18 PRECEPT

The accounts as at 22nd. October 2016 were received and found satisfactory, and bank statements were made available for inspection. Consideration was then given to the estimates for 2017-18: taking into account the need to reserve funds which might still be required for professional assistance in opposing the Warwick District Local Plan and other threats to the area, and other estimated expenditure, it was agreed that the precept for 2017-18 be £14,000. The accounts and estimates were approved in accordance with the summary at Appendix A.

1783. 2017-18 MEETING DATES

It was agreed that the 2017-18 Parish Council meeting dates be held on:

- Monday 24 April 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 15 May (Annual General Meeting)
- Monday 10 July
- Monday 11 September
- Monday 9 October
- Monday 27 November
- Tuesday 23 January 2018
- Monday 19 March

1784. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Details of the Winter Gritting Routes had been issued, which, as usual, included Old Milverton Lane and Old Milverton Road.

1785. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts specified in the schedule provided to Members were approved for payment, including £3,884.88 in respect of professional consultancy work relating to representations to the Warwick DC Local Plan Examination.

1786. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The Clerk was asked to take action in the following matters:

- (a). It was suggested that some local Planning Applications had been processed without the posting of notices at the site or notification of immediate neighbours and the Clerk was asked to enquire as to the correct legal requirement.
- (b). The electricity supply in Old Milverton often suffered voltage drops and the Clerk was asked to enquire of the suppliers the reason for this and whether there might be some remedial action planned.
- (c). There had again been road flooding in Church Lane, Old Milverton, and outside the Nuffield Hospital and the Clerk was asked to arrange for the Highways Authority to jet wash the drainage pipes.

1787. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL
Review of 2015-16 Estimates, 2016-17 Actual Receipts and Payments,
and Consideration of 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 Estimates

	2015-16 actual	2016-17 estimates	2016-17 revised estimates	2016-17 actual to 22.10.16	2017-18 estimates	2018-19 estimates	2019-20 estimates
Brought forward	40,683	38,614	40,539	40,539	51,539	39,854	46,959
INCOME							
Precept	14,000	13,649	13,649	13,649	14,000	14,000	14,000
Council Tax Support Grant		351	351	351			
Neigh'hood Plan grant		1,999					
Local Plan contribs.			17,000	16,760			
Bank interest	25	25	25		25	25	25
VAT refund	2,182		1,550				
	<u>16,207</u>	<u>16,024</u>	<u>32,575</u>	<u>30,760</u>	<u>14,025</u>	<u>14,025</u>	<u>14,025</u>
EXPENDITURE							
Salary and tax	2,100	2,100	2,325	1,125	2,400	2,500	2,600
Admin. expenses	548	600	850	709	850	850	900
Venue hire	165	120	120	60	120	120	120
Subscriptions	233	240	240	157	240	270	300
Insurance premium	266	290	276	276	300	330	360
Contingencies		300	200		300	300	300
Audit fees	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Installations		100	150		50	50	50
WDC Local Plan	4,500	5,000	10,664	7,427	20,000	1,000	
Neigh'hood Plan	3,000	5,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	50
Election expenses			1,750	1,750			5,250
New notice boards	2,825						
Speed gun equip't	37	80	50		50	50	50
Website expenses	367	250	300	199	300	350	400
Queen's 90 th . B'day	100						
OM Hall contrib.		2,000	2,000				
VAT payments	2,110		1,550	1,532			
	<u>16,351</u>	<u>16,180</u>	<u>21,575</u>	<u>13,335</u>	<u>25,710</u>	<u>6,920</u>	<u>10,480</u>
Balance	40,539	38,458	51,539	57,964	39,854	46,959	50,504
<i>Bank accounts at</i>				<i>22.10.16</i>			
<i>Current account</i>				<i>21,729</i>			
<i>Deposit account</i>				<i>35,795</i>			
				<u><i>57,524</i></u>			
<i>To be deposited</i>				<i>+500</i>			
<i>Less uncashed</i>				<u><i>-60</i></u>			
				<u><i>57,964</i></u>			