

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 19TH. MARCH 2018
AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson and Mrs.A.Kelsey;
District Councillors W.L.Gifford and Mrs. A Stevens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mrs. L.Keeling and W.M.O. Tansey;
County Councillor W.Redford; District Councillor G.H.Cain.

1884. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd. January 2018 were approved for signature by the Chairman.

1885. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a). The "Old Village Pound" sign had been installed.
- (b). A site meeting would be held with a Highways Engineer to consider treatment of the Church Lane ditch to prevent flooding..
- (c). The damage to kerbs and posts on Old Milverton Village Green was scheduled for remedial treatment
- (d). The public footpath sign outside St. James's Church had been removed..
- (e). County Councillor Redford had arranged for a "Not suitable for heavy goods vehicles" sign to be installed at the entrance to Old Milverton Lane from Blackdown Roundabout, the cost being met from his Member's Delegated Budget. Grateful thanks were expressed to Cllr. Redford for this arrangement.
- (f). Warwickshire County Council had advised that it could not justify the provision of signs warning drivers of the acute bend in Old Milverton Lane near the railway bridge since its accident history did not warrant it and there were many other sites which would take precedence were the necessary funding to be provided. The Parish Council hoped that, with the reinstatement of the demolished road sign at this point and of the Village Green bollards bearing reflectors would constitute effective warning of the bend.
- (g). The drains at the Old Milverton Lane and Blackdown Roundabout junction were about to be pressure jetted to alleviate the constant significant carriageway flooding at that point.

1886. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Parish Councillors had met and recommended that arrangements for completion of the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed and that Hunter Page Planning Limited be engaged to undertake the work for a maximum figure of £4,600 plus VAT (£1,900 to identify and agreed an allocation of potential development sites, £1,500 to refine and update the draft Plan already prepared and £1,200 to provide analysis of representation and preparation of a statement of consultation) together with a monthly figure of up to £700 where applicable (but still being negotiated) to maintain liaison with the Parish Council, Warwick District Council and other consultees. The recommendations were approved and it was agreed that an early meeting be arranged with the Company to discuss further details.

1887. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). Warwick District Council had recommended new ward boundaries to the Boundary Commission but other parties had advocated alternative arrangements to better equate the number of electors in each ward: this included the fact that Milverton Ward had 15% too few electors while Cubbington had 10% too many. The Clerk was asked to obtain further details from the District Council with a view to expressing a preference if the consultation period allowed.

(b). A request had been received from a "Jobcentre Near Me" organisation for inclusion in the Parish Council's website, but, after consideration it was agreed that this would not be appropriate.

(c). The Saxon Mill Bridge owned by Mitchells and Butlers had sustained damage to its abutments and had, therefore, been closed. It was necessary for the Environment Agency to remove a considerable amount of debris caused by recent heavy rain and melting snow to ascertain the required remedial work, but other sites has a higher priority. The Highways Authority was responsible for the necessary warning notices and had been made aware that some had been missing.

1888. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Enforcement Action 024/13 Quarry Park, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Unauthorised use of land

The Planning Authority was preparing the necessary Enforcement Notice requiring permanent cessation of unauthorised development within 4 months, which was expected to be served soon. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the apparent unauthorised use of a trailer or cabin in the woods be considered.

W17/2273 Blackdown, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Resubmission of W17/1595: alterations and extensions to create 10 apartments with associated works.

GRANTED.

W18/025 Llandrecies, Church Lane, Old Milverton

Erection of single storey rear extension, new chimney, pitched roof dormer window at front roof slope and raising of main roof by one metre.

OBSERVATIONS: Support since the new proposals were expected to blend the building more comfortably into the village environment.

W18/0356 Moorfields Leamington Rugby Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Blackdown

Resubmission of W17/1167: Change of use of overflow car park to hand car wash with engineering surfacing works.

OBSERVATIONS: Objection since the proposal held to be totally inappropriate for this site: detailed arguments justifying this position had been prepared with the professional advice of Hunter Page Planning Limited and forwarded to the District Council.

1889. FUTURE INSTALLATION OF FIBRE OPTIC CABLE FOR OLD MILVERTON

A surveyor from Open Reach had inspected the area with a view to installation of a fibre optic cable for Old Milverton. The Clerk was asked to request the Company to consult the Parish Council about the route and type of installation.

1890. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 23 APRIL 2018

Sidney Syson had agreed to make a presentation on Street Pastors in Leamington following the Annual Parish Meeting. It was suggested that she also be asked to include details of the Shop Mobility scheme. Cllr. Lander kindly agreed to make arrangements for refreshments. The Notice for general circulation was approved with a slight adjustment.

1891. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The payments specified in the schedule provided for Members were approved and cheques were issued immediately following the meeting.

1892. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- (a). A check should be made that Blackdown Manor was being maintained in accordance with its Listed status.
- (b). Cllr. Emmerson reported that precedence would be given to speed checks along Sandy Lane near North Leamington School after a recent public vote.

1893 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN