

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5TH. JULY 2021 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J. Emmerson (in the Chair), Mrs. L. Keeling, Rachel Pope, M. Rayner and W.M.O. Tansey; County Councillor W. Redford, County and District Councillor W.L.Gifford and District Councillor Sidney Syson./

2100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors A.Boad, Mrs. C. P. Gifford, P.Kohler and D. Russell.

2101. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18h. May 2021 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

2102. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a).The Agents of the land owner had arranged for the Church Lane ditch to be summarily cleared of brash from the hedge trimming, pending completion of the job in September. The Parish Council had requested that the hedge be laid, and it was agreed that the Agents should be reminded accordingly.

(b). The suggestions of the local Residents' in the recent Questionnaire regarding highway matters had been summarized and referred to the Highways Engineer for attention and/or observations.

(c). The Chairman had written to County Councillor Redford about the voting procedure for initiatives in the area to better reflect the views of smaller electorates such as Old Milverton and Blackdown and it remained to be seen what adjustments would be acceptable.

(d). A poster had been designed to encourage drivers to park cars echelon fashion outside the Old Barn, Old Milverton, rather than sideways on, so as to accommodate more vehicles. Copies had been placed on the notice boards and supplied to the Village Hall, and would be supplied to St. James's Church.

(e).A request had been made for the provision of CCTV cameras in the area of Old Milverton Village Hall and the Church lichgate. This had been referred to the CCTV Emergencies Team Leader at Warwick District Council who had responded that such provision should be regarded as a last resort after taking practical measures. The Parish Council would be able to install its own cameras. It was advised that incidents should be recorded and if there were none, then the Surveillance Camera Commissioner would conclude that the need for a CCTV application had not been demonstrated. It was agreed that Mrs. Ann Kelsey, who had made suggestion,be informed accordingly.

2103. EXPENDITURE OF CIL FUNDING

Parish Councillors were reminded to supply Cllr Rachel Pope with one or two possible initiatives which could be considered for funding from the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant

relating to the development of Blackdown (House), on Old Milverton Lane. These could then be considered alongside any suggestions made at the Extraordinary Annual Parish Meeting in October.

2104. SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: APPOINTMENT OF RIDGE PLANNING

It had been agreed at the previous meeting that Ridge Property and Construction Consultants of 3rd.Floor, Regent House, 65 Rodney Road, Cheltenham GL50 1HX, be appointed to advocate the Parish Council's view that the local Green Belt should not be affected in the proposed South Warwickshire Local Plan Revision and after consultation an agreed letter had been submitted summarising the Parish Council's views, after negotiating an extended consultation period. This related to the "Scoping and Call for Sites Consultation" stage of the procedure and other opportunities would be available to develop views as the various stages progressed. The firm had submitted an order of costs figure of £750.00 + VAT in dealing with this Scoping stage, which was agreed as acceptable.

2105. REDESIGN OF PARISH WEBSITE

Cllr. Pope reported that work on redesigning the Parish website remained in progress.

2106. EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETING: MONDAY 18TH. OCTOBER 2021

It was agreed that the proposed Extraordinary Parish Meeting be held on Monday 18th.October 2021 when residents could meet face to face,rather than via a Zoom meeting as had been the case earlier in the year. Circulars were being designed by Cllr. Rachel Pope and it was agreed that refreshments be provided including glasses of wine.

2107. PARISH TIDY DAY: SATURDAY 25TH. SEPTEMBER 2021

It was agreed that a Parish Tidy Day be held on Saturday 25th. September 2021. The Village Hall had been booked and it was hoped to arrange for refreshments to be available in the afternoon. It was hoped that citrcuars could be nade availabe, in conjunction with the Parish Meeting circuars mentioned iitem 2106 above.

2108. MILVERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The need for a new Neighbourhood Watch Representative to represent Old Milverton and Blackdown had been advertise on the notice boards, but no interest had been shown. However, Mrs. Rachel Emmerson of Blackdown had indicated that she would be wiling to be the representative on at least a care taking basis, especially since future meetings were likely to be conduced on computer via Zoom: thanks were expressed to her.

2109. TRAFFIC COUNTING AND SPEEDING.

The problem of traffic speeding, both at Old Milverton Village and in the Stoneleigh Road and Sandy Lane, Blackown, vicinities was discussed and both County Councillors Gifford and Redfern were sympathetic with the situation and might support the initiative via their allocated funds. Cllr. Emmerson kindly agreed to liaise with the other Parish Councillors with the view to setting up appropriate locations at which to take the readings.

2110. STREET LAMP OUTSIDE 12 OLD MILVERTON

The street lamp outside 12 Old Milverton had not functioned since building works had taken place at 13 Old Milverton and Western Power had indicated that it was its policy not to reinstate rural

lamps unless the operation had the backing of the local parish council. Accordingly, it was agreed that the lamp should be re-connected as a vital service to the residents of Old Milverton.

2011. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Application actions were approved or noted, as appropriate:

W20/1529 Jephson House, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown

Part alteration, demolition and redevelopment of the site to provide 20 residential units, etc.
NO OBJECTION but queries about drainage arrangements

W21/0436 New Farm, Kenilworth Road, Old Milverton

Change of use from agricultural to mixed office and store
GRANTED

W21/0685 Moorfields Leamington Rugby Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Blackdown

Replace timber storage sheds with metal sheds for the storage of equipment
OBSERVATIONS: No objection

W21/0741 The Crofts Old Leamingtonians Rugby Football Club, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Variation time limits for use as caravan and camp site
OBSERVATIONS: No objection

2112. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The payments specified in the Schedule, including £256.88 insurance premium, provided for Members were formally approved, cheques having been signed or signed immediately after the meeting.

2113. BUDGET COMPARISONS AND COMPARISON WITH BANK BALANCES

The budget comparisons were considered and balances as at 22nd May 2021 were verified by one of the Parish Councillors.

2114. LITTER BINS FOR BLACKDOWN

It was agreed to defer for the time being the provision of litter bins in Blackdown, as discussed at item 2082(d) at the Parish Council on 17th. May 2021, since this would incur several difficulties

2115. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None.

2116. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN