

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH. JULY 2022, 8.00 P.M., AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J. Emmerson (in the Chair), Mrs. L. Keeling and W. M. O. Tansey; County and District Councillor W.I.Gifford; and District Councillor Caroline Gifford.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Rachel Pope and M. Rayner; County and District Councillor Redford; and District Councillor S. Syston.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Subject to deleting “Feasibility for Blackdown Roundabout – Old Milverton Footpath within the heading Grass Verge” within Appendix A the phrase “Cllr. Emmerson had instructed Sustains of Bristol” to read “Cllr. Emmerson was considering approaches to Sustains of Bristol” the minutes of the meeting on 16th. May 2022 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

(a). Details were still awaited concerning traffic speeding and counting, but it was recognised that this was included in a list of Countywide commitments.

(b). Notification had been received that the Forestry Administrator of Warwickshire County Council that underground services might have to limit the planting sites of trees on Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown. The Tree Officer would like to consider planting large longer-lived trees, not necessarily native to the area and was due to make suggestions of the species with costs, whereupon, the Parish Councillor might part-fund the planting.

(c). The conditions of footpaths within the verges of Stoneleigh Road could be regarded as dangerous since the paths had been cut back to their original widths and the Clerk was asked to pursue the Highways Engineer about proposals to make them safe.

CIL FUNDED PROJECTS

Account was taken of selected projects to be funded from CIL income. Already received was £7,130.00 in respect of Blackdown House, Old Milverton lane and £7,500 in respect of Jephson House (now known as Jephson Court), Stoneleigh Road, and 5,700 was likely later in the financial year, by which time new dwellings at Jephson Court might have become available, which would increase the sum to be paid.

The projects under consideration were:

(a). Two “Welcome to Blackdown “signs on Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown. It was agreed that the siting of the sign leaving Bericote Roundabout was satisfactory but that the sign nearer Blackdown Roundabout should be be sited half way between Blackdown Roundabout and the enhance to Jephson Court.

(b). Provision for a bench on the green area at the junction of Stoneleigh Road and Bericote Road. It was hoped to limit expenditure to about £650.00 plus fixing.

(c). Installation of illustrated footpath sign boards. Councillor Pope had suggested the provision of eight boards - four in Old Milverton and four in Blackdown - but the cost was expected to be significant and it might be necessary to cut down on the numbers of signs in the first instance.

(d). Feasibility study into the provision of a footpath in the grass verge on Old Milverton Lane between Blackdown Roundabout and Old Milverton Village. Demands of the other projects might cause in this item to remain incomplete.

The Clerk was asked to circulate summaries of the projects with a view to conducting an "e-mail exchange" of views on how to proceed initially.

HSBC Bank to the Unity Trust Bank had taken place on 15th. June 2022 by way of a Current Account and in order to achieve two accounts, it was agreed that moneys be transferred to an Instant Savings Account.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). Members noted with sadness the death of Mrs. Jonquil Solt, who, like her late husband, Bobby, had been Chairman of the Parish Council for several years.

(b). A letter of thanks was received from St. James's Church thanking the Parish Council for its financial contribution to holding a Tea Party on 5th June 2022 to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

REVIEW OF RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a). No response had yet been received from the Enforcement Team in respect of the Parish Council's concerns about development at Quarry Bank, Old Milverton Lane, but a new Planning Enforcement Officer had been appointed charged with going through the backlog of cases, so it was hoped that information might be received shortly. Meanwhile, Ridge Consultants had been asked to contact the District Council with a view to identifying the problems.

(b). The following actions were confirmed:

W22/0304 Bericote House, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown

Replacement dwelling and associated landscape work

OBSERVATION: No. objection.

W22/0491 Leamington Rugby Football Club, Moorfields, Kenilworth Road Blackdown

Installation of six 15m high lighting posts on the 3rd. Team Pitch

OBSERVATION: No objection, but hope that the new luminaires will help to reduce light pollution.

W22/0718 TC Highway verge, Leicester Lane

Erection of 5G telecoms installation with wraparound cabinet and 3 further equipment cabinets.

OBSERVATIONS : No objection. GRANTED

W22/0743 The Swans, Sandy Lane, Blackdown

Replacement dwelling, buildings, tennis court and associated landscape works

OBSERVATION: No objection

W22/0773 *Variety of locations, including Blackdown Roundabout*

Display of official Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games street-dressing items

OBSERVATIONS: No objection GRANTED

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNT

The payments specified in the schedule including the Clerk's administration expenses totalling £200.83 were approved for payment and the cheques were signed directly following.

ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CHAIRMAN

