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## OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022, AT 8PM

#### IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jamie Emmerson (Chair), Cllrs Rachel Pope, Michael Rayner, William Tansey, Kay Sheriston (locum clerk & RFO), District Cllrs Bill Gifford and Sydney Syson.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Lyn Keeling, District Cllrs Caroline Gifford, Wally Redford

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#### **Item 2224: Apologies & Declarations of Interest & Dispensations.**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

Apologies were received from Cllr Lyn Keeling, District Cllrs Caroline Gifford, and Wally Redford

#### **Item 2225: Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October were approved and will be signed at the meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

#### **Item 2226: Matters Arising**

(a) CIL funded initiatives:

(i) Blackdown signage – currently with Mike McDonnell of WDC. Agreed Cllr Emmerson to follow up, copying the clerk who will then progress. **Action: Cllr Emmerson/Clerk.**

(ii) Footpath signs – Cllr Pope advised no further progress yet and will follow up with WDC (Ryan Machin). **Action: Cllr Pope.**

(iii) Blackdown Bench – Quotation of £857.00 (excluding carriage & VAT and installation). The council agreed to accept the quote and progress with the purchase and installation. It was agreed the bench will be removed if it is vandalised or used for anti-social gatherings.

**Action: Clerk to place order and arrange insurance.**

(iv) Footpath Feasibility Study – Cllr Emmerson advised he is awaiting a response from Sustrans. The JPC will make a payment to Sustrans to fund their work.

(b) Footpaths on Stoneleigh Road – WCC Highways were due to conduct temporary repairs in November. **Action: Clerk to check progress.**

(c) Appointment of Permanent Clerk – the advertisement has gone live on the WALC website. The deadline for applications has been extended into the New Year.

(d) South Warwickshire Local Plan. The JPC's comments on the local plan have been submitted. Cllr Bill Gifford advised that a new consultation on 'issues and options' will take place during a six week window in January/February 2023. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage in what is proposed to be an 8-stage process. The new document is large – approximately 200 pages, however chapter 4 is of the most relevance to OM&B. It is likely to consist of c. 100 on-line questions. Cllr Bill Gifford stressed the importance of ensuring that the OM&B comments to the original consultation document have been incorporated into the new one. The chair suggested that residents participate in all stages and proposed a flyer is put onto the website once the questionnaire is live, possibly with suggested answers linked to the original response from OM&B JPC. Cllr Gifford will include details in his newsletter. Agreed that the volume of response will be important in the views of OM&B having impact.

**Actions: (1) Clerk to obtain a copy of the document, arrange for flyer on website and place on agenda for 16<sup>th</sup> January JPC meeting. (2) Cllr J Emmerson to prepare a flash for the noticeboards (3) Cllr M Raynor to arrange letter box drop.**

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- (f) Website – Cllr Rachel Pope advised she has had two useful meetings with the webmaster and a template for the new site will be available w/c 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 22. **Action: Comments from Cllrs to be with Cllr Pope by early January 2023.**
- (g) Replacement Planters – agreed that Cllr Will Tansey will order the planters and submit receipts. The planting will take place before Christmas. **Action: Cllr W O Tansey.** Consideration to be given to whether planters are also required for Blackdown. **Action: All.**
- (h) Electric Scooters – the dangers of using electric scooters on public roads and footpaths is being continually highlighted by the Police. Electric scooters require a licence and insurance. Cllr Jamie Emmerson has produced posters which the Clerk will collect and place on the noticeboards. **Action: Clerk.**
- (i) Traffic Monitoring – the council have arranged traffic counting within the parish. The cost will be £2,000 for 4 sessions.
- (j) LGA Pay Agreement – noted that the Clerk’s salary will be increased with the agreed LGA pay scales, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- (k) WDC Warm Hub Initiative – WDC have requested suggestions for Warm Hubs (where people can meet and have a warm drink, possibly food too). Agreed that the Village Hall would be too cold and therefore not a satisfactory venue. No further action needed at this time.

### Item 2227 – Planning

- (a) W/22/1567. The Swans – WDC Planning are in communication with the applicant/agent regarding amendments (afternote: permission has now been granted to erect a replacement residence with associated landscaping).
- (b) W/22/1746 - Humber Farm, Sandy Lane, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RD. Erection of two storey side and rear extension. Consultation document attached – comments due by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022. No objection response submitted.
- (c) W/2/1555 - Pear Tree Cottage, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QR. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: W/21/0924 (Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and associated works) to raise the building and surrounding ground levels by 550mm due to post planning site investigation works. No objection response submitted.
- (d) W/22/1793 - The Crofts, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP. Proposed Club Gym Building, providing Flexible Training and Changing Space (105sqm GFA). Consultation document received – comments due by 14<sup>th</sup> December.  
Action: Clerk to circulate for comment (afternote – response submitted citing no objection, however the questions raised by WCC Ecological need to be addressed).

### Item 2228 – Parish Council meetings for 2023

The Village Hall has been booked for the 2023 meetings.

### Item 2229 – Finance

- (a) The bank reconciliation and schedule of payments for this period was approved.
- (b) An application has been submitted to switch from cheque payments to on-line banking. The paperwork was signed by two approved signatories.
- (c) A CIL payment of £6,200 was received on 31<sup>st</sup> October. **Action: Clerk to ascertain when the funds have to be spent by.**
- (d) The JPC voted to request a precept payment of £7,500 for 23/24. **Action: Clerk to submit.**
- (e) The possibility of switching some funds to a higher interest account, or bond, was discussed. Agreed not to proceed at this time.

### Item 2230 – Items for forthcoming meetings

- (a) Local plan
- (b) Website

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## **Item 2231 – Any Other Business**

- (a) Cllr Bill Gifford advised that Cllr Phil Kohler will be meeting with WDC to discuss the noise emanating from events held in Chesford Bridge Field which can be heard from some distance away and causes disturbance to residents. Cllr Kohler would like to pursue placing an Article 4 order on the land which prevents it being used for such events.
- (b) Cllr Bill Gifford advised that the speed watch has started in Milverton. Northumberland Road was the first site – one vehicle failed to stop and was found to be driven on false plates. Cllr Gifford would be interested in putting monitoring cables in Northumberland Road as vehicles slow down when they see the guns, then speed up again.
- (c) The 30mph speed limit will be moved to start further down Old Milverton Road, near the entrance to the allotments. Another hump will be added too.
- (d) Cllr Sydney Syson advised that the laws on elections are changing meaning that only two signatures are required to be nominated. Proof of identity will be required to vote in person, though not for postal votes. Cllr Jamie Emmerson advised that the Helen Ley Centre will be unavailable for the elections and the Village Hall has been put forward as an alternative venue.

## **Item 2232 – Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January in Old Milverton Village Hall at 8pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.