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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023 AT 8PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Jamie Emmerson (Chair), Cllrs Rachel Pope, Michael Rayner, William Tansey. District Cllrs Bill Gifford, Wallace Redford and Phil Kohler, Kay Sheriston (locum clerk & RFO)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Cllrs Caroline Gifford, Alan Boad and Daniel Russell

2233. Apologies & Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Caroline Gifford, Alan Boad and Daniel Russell.

District Cllr Phil Kohler was welcomed to the meeting.

2234. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022 were approved and signed.

2235. Matters Arising

(a) CIL funded initiatives:

(i) Blackdown signage – after careful consideration, it was agreed that the new signage would be positioned at Site B on the map provided by Mike McDonnell (Senior Engineer, County Highways, WCC). **Action: Clerk to obtain costs and circulate for approval prior to the JPC meeting on Monday, 13 March 2023.**

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

(iii) Blackdown Bench – Quotation of £857.00 (excluding carriage & VAT and installation). WCC Forestry are happy with the proposed location. The council agreed to accept the quote and progress with the purchase and installation. Consideration will be given to planting trees around the location. **Action: Clerk to order the bench, arrange insurance and place the trees on the agenda for September 2023.**

(iv) Footpath Feasibility Study – A response has not yet been received from Sustrans. **Action: Clerk to follow up (afternote: call with Sustrans arranged for w/c 30th Jan 23).** 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 and ascertain when the permanent repairs will take place.**

(c) Appointment of Permanent Clerk – there have no applications from the WALC website. Details have now been placed on Old Milverton and Blackdown noticeboards and on the parish website.

(d) South Warwickshire Local Plan. The JPC's comments on the local plan have been submitted. The second stage of the consultation is now underway. This consists of the 'Issues and Options' document along with a questionnaire. The document is complex and difficult to read. Cllr B Gifford advised that it is not essential to answer all the questions and that, at present, it is unlikely that very little development will happen in Old Milverton and Blackdown. WDC and WCC are working on the assumption that there will be no new national policy on the green belt until after the May elections. Cllr Pope advised she will be attending the Public Consultation meeting on Thursday 19th January. The councillors are to meet once the document has been reviewed to decide a strategy for the reply.

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- (f) Website – Cllr Pope advised that the new website (<https://ombparish.org.uk>) is ready to go live, subject to JPC approval, on Thursday 19th January 2023. The councillors reviewed the site at the end of the meeting and confirmed approval.
- (g) Replacement Planters – the planters have now been ordered and will arrive by mid-February. Consideration to be given to whether planters are also required for Blackdown. **Action: All.**
- (i) Traffic Monitoring – the council have arranged traffic counting within the parish. The cost will be £2,000 for 4 sessions (afternote: this project is now live).

2236. The King's Coronation

The King's Coronation takes place on Saturday 6th May 2023. Consideration will be given to arranging a joint celebration with the church. Cllr Emmerson confirmed the JPC would be willing to contribute towards the cost as it did for the Queen's Jubilee. Cllr Rayner agreed to ask the WI if they have any plans. **Action: Cllr Rayner re. WI and all re. consideration of plans.**

2237. Planning

- (a) W/22/0304 - Bericote House, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QR. GRANTED with ecological and environmental conditions attached.
- (b) W/22/1934 - Kerlea, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP. Amendments to existing Fenestration. 'No objections' submitted by JPC.

2238. Finance

- (a) The bank reconciliation and schedule of payments for this period was approved.
- (b) The application for on-line banking was signed and has been submitted.

2239. Items for forthcoming meetings

- (a) Website privacy notice

2240. Any Other Business

- (a) Cllr Phil Kohler raised the subject of the noise disturbance from recent events held in Chesford Fields. The events are lawful under the 2015 Permitted Development Usage Act which allows up to 28 days of events in any one year. Various licences and conditions need to be met, ie. a Temporary Events Notice (TEN) for alcohol and if more than 500 people are due to attend then a Premises Licence is required. The Permitted Development Usage licence can be removed by the Secretary of State either immediately or after a consultation period, however the case for doing this would need to be watertight as appeals are permitted. The Clerk advised that most large events are normally ratified by a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and previous complaints regarding the venue or the operator are taken into consideration. It was agreed that a co-ordinated effort would be the best way forward – support from Kenilworth Town Council and District Councillors is a possibility as they have been through a similar process. Further events in the field are arranged for August and September 2023. WDC Environmental Health have offered to be on the site to measure noise levels.

The following actions were agreed:

- (i) **Clerk to contact WDC SAG to ascertain who the operator is and if any other complaints have been received and ascertain the requirements for a music and fireworks licence.**



