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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 AT 8PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Jamie Emmerson (Chair), Cllrs Rachel Pope, Michael Rayner, District Cllrs Bill Gifford, and Phil Kohler, Kay Sheriston (locum clerk & RFO), Helen Eldridge (observer).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Lyn Keeling & Will Tansey. District Cllr Caroline Gifford.

- 2242. Apologies & Declarations of Interest & Dispensations.**
There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Lynn Keeling & Will Tansey and District Cllr Caroline Gifford.
- 2243. Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023 were approved and signed.
- 2244. Matters Arising**
- (a) CIL funded initiatives:
- (i) Blackdown signs. The location and costs for the two signs have been agreed – total cost £1,107.00 plus 10% contingency as prices may increase from April 2023 (say £1,215.00). **Action: Clerk to check costs are in the budget.**
 - (ii) Footpath signs. Cllr Pope advised that landowners have erected their own signage in parts of the parish, however it was agreed that signage displaying information about wildlife in the area would be beneficial. Agreed that the wording could be formulated by liaising with Warwickshire Wildlife Fund and holding discussions with the local farmer regarding the land use. Highways will also need to be consulted regarding locations.
Action: Cllr Rachel Pope to follow up – update at the April meeting.
 - (iii) Blackdown bench. The bench has been ordered, delivery expected end of May, beginning of June. Cost as per the original quote £877.20 + carriage and VAT - £1,094.64). Installation not included – Ryan Machin has offered a site visit prior to delivery to advise on installation.
 - (iv) Footpath Feasibility Study – Cllr Jamie Emmerson had a call with Anna of Sustrans on 2nd Feb where it was agreed Anna would visit the site on her next visit to the area. Nothing further from Sustrans yet. **Action: Cllr Emmerson to follow up.**
- (b) Conditions of footpaths on Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown. The temporary repairs have been carried out. Awaiting date for permanent repairs. **Action: Clerk to follow up with Ryan (CCC Highways) in April 23.**
- (c) Helen Eldridge has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk replacing Kay Sheriston who was a locum, covering while the recruitment took place.
- (d) South Warwickshire Local Plan – Issues & Options Consultation. The response to the consultation has now been submitted and thanks were given to everyone who worked hard to make it happen. The response from residents was very much appreciated. Cllr Emmerson advised he had useful input from Sir Jeremy Wright MP and Matt Western MP. Noted that the policy from Central Government regarding the Green Belt has not yet been clarified.
- (e) New website & Privacy Policy – going well, no current issues. 15 people have signed up to the mailing list. The revised Privacy Policy was agreed.
- (f) Replacement planters. To be placed on the agenda for April 24th.
- (g) Traffic monitoring – Cllr Michael Rayner presented his analysis of the traffic monitoring exercise conducted in February. This showed a smaller percentage of speeding vehicles than was expected, however it also showed a large volume of

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traffic on Stoneleigh Road, and it may be worth considering lowering the speed to 30mph on that road. The volume and speed of traffic on Sandy Lane was shown to be considerable and agreed there could be benefits gained from moving the North Leamington sign further down Sandy Lane to give drivers more notice of entering the town. Next Steps:

- (i) Cllr Rayner to put together a summary of the results.
- (ii) Consider whether Stoneleigh Road should be 30mph.
- (iii) Consider moving the North Leamington sign.
- (iv) Consider conducting the exercise on an annual basis.
- (v) Focus on Stoneleigh Road and Sandy Lane.
- (vi) Clerk to ask if there is any further data available to ensure JPC are getting the maximum amount of information from the exercise.
- (vii) Clerk to place on agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

The council formally thanked Councillor Wallace Redford, in his absence, for his help in arranging the exercise.

- (h) King's Coronation, Saturday 6th – Monday 8th May. The council are not aware of any planned events.
- (i) Chesford Bridge Fields - noise levels from events. The Clerk advised that WDC are aware of the events held at Chesford Bridge Fields and that the last one was heavily scrutinised by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG). Licences are authorised by WDC environmental health. If the complaints refer to noise levels only, these should be addressed directly to Noise Pollution (WDC). The Clerk had been in contact with the landowner's representative and advised them of the complaints. It was agreed that Councillor Phil Kohler will contact Environmental Health/Noise Pollution and ask for a representative to be present at the next event. The event can be shut down immediately if the noise levels are deemed to be above legally accepted limits. Agreed to place details of the next events on the notice-boards to warn residents. Actions: **Cllr Kohler & Clerk as above.**

2245. **Local Elections – Thursday 4th May 2023.**

Nomination packs are now available from elections@warwickdc.gov.uk and must be returned by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023. The clerk will collect for all currently serving councillors.

Councillor Michael Rayner advised he will not be standing for a further term. The Chair thanked Michael for his hard work and commitment to the parish.

2246. **Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 24th April 2023**

Proposed agenda items to include:

- Review of the year.
- Traffic monitoring results and analysis.
- Local Plan.
- Update on matters raised in 2022.
- CIL projects.
- Cycle Lane.
- Blackdown signs.
- Waste Bins.
- Footpath signs.
- New CIL funds.

Cheese and wine to be served.



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- 2247. Planning**
- (a) W/22/1760, W/22/1759LB, W/22/1758 – Saxon Mill, CV34 5YN – Consultation documents – response submitted 22 Feb 23.
 - (b) W/22/1756, Humber Farm, Sandy Lane CV32 6RD - Erection of two storey side and rear extension. GRANTED.
 - (c) W/22/1934 - Kerlea, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP. Amendments to existing Fenestration. GRANTED.
 - (d) W/22/1793 – The Crofts, Bericote Road, CV32 6QP. Provision of flexible changing space and gym – GRANTED.
- 2248. Finance**
- (a) The bank reconciliation and schedule of payments for this period was approved.
 - (b) The application for on-line banking is almost complete.
- 2249. Any Other Business**
- (a) South Warwickshire Economic Strategy Consultation. The paper has been circulated to Councillors – due date for submission is 31st March 2023. There was a further discussion regarding the next stages of the Local Plan (SWLP) which will take the form of a ‘Preferred Options’ consultation in the summer. Agreed that a co-ordinated response to with Leek Wootton/Stoneleigh/Ashow would be beneficial. The possibility of engaging a Planning Consultant with legal expertise was discussed and all present agreed this may be a beneficial move. **Actions: (a) Cllr Pope to follow up with the individual discussed, (b) Clerk to place on April 24th agenda.**
 - (b) Clerk to follow up on the PO Box for parish correspondence: **Action: Clerk.**
 - (c) Warwick District Council is urging households and individuals who use alternative fuels for heating, to see if they can apply for funding under a new ‘alternative’ scheme. The Government’s Alternative Fuels Payment Alternative Funding (APF AF) is providing £200 in support of the rising costs associated with heating your home for households in England, Scotland, and Wales. This funding is provided by His Majesty’s Government and will be distributed through your local authority. The scheme is now open to all eligible households across Great Britain with a closing date of 31 May 2023. **Action: Clerk to place notice on Website and noticeboards.**
- 2250. Next Meeting**
- The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th April in Old Milverton Village Hall at 8pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend. This will also include the Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed as a true record: J Emmerson (Chair)

Date: 15 May 2023

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