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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 15 JANUARY 2024 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

- PRESENT:** Cllrs Emmerson (Chair), Pope, Tansey and the Clerk
- 2294. APOLOGIES**
Lyn Keeling [approved reason: holiday], D/Cllrs Bill and Carolyn Gifford, C/Cllr Redford
- 2295. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 2296. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2296.1.** The draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16 October 2023 were considered – Cllr Pope requested amendment to clarify that cost of wildlife surveys cost was for each survey. Amendment approved and signed. Amended minutes approved and signed.
- 2296.2.** matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting and not covered in this Agenda
- Maintenance of Gullies, Old Milverton – Clerk notified that gullies had been jetted, but still problems in some locations, aside from extreme flooding events recently. Gully by Nuffield Hospital has been persistently flooded and roundabout affected.
ACTION: Clerk to raise two issues with WCC Highways Locality Officer. manhole off roundabout nearest to Nuffield Hospital is still flooding. Also flooding near disc golf is problem especially in freezing weather.
 - Drain covers, Old Milverton – Discussion about possible improvements in Old Milverton to allow cars to pass easier. Ask WCC Highways to look at issues. Possible minimum request ramps either side of raised covers to prevent damage to cars.
ACTION: Clerk to inform WCC Highways and request inspection.
- These issues to be moved to Community Maintenance section in March agenda.
- 2297. ISSUES & PROJECTS**
- 2297.1. CIL Funded Initiatives:**
- 2297.1.1.** Blackdown signs – complete and paid for.
ACTION: Clerk to remove from future agendas.
- 2297.1.2.** Footpath signs – Cllr Pope circulated summary of first report received from Worcestershire Wildlife Consultancy to all Councillors. Next survey/walk date 09/02/2024 as a winter visit, to be followed by a summer survey, TBC.
ACTION: Cllr Pope will ask for a display to show at the Annual Parish Meeting in April, so residents can choose favourites.
Cllr Emmerson suggested a regular wildlife survey would be useful, perhaps every 5 years, to monitor changes going forwards.
- 2297.1.3.** Blackdown bench – Manufacturer can no longer store the bench. Cllr Emmerson has requested delivery to his work premises, which should arrive on Thursday. Cllr Emmerson presented quote for installation at £250. This was approved.
ACTION: Cllr Emmerson to organise installation with contractor. Clerk will then inform WCC Highways who may inspect.
- 2297.2.** **Footpath Feasibility Study** – Cllr Emmerson received notification from Sustrans that previous correspondent has left the organisation. No further correspondence.

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2297.3.	South Warwickshire Local Plan – D/Cllr Bill Gifford advised, via email, that a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has been announced that District Council Planning officers are studying. The Council is unsure how this will impact the SWLP at this time.
2297.4.	Traffic monitoring – Councillors confirmed approximate locations for surveys as What3Words locations: ///winner.less.epic, ///dating.indeed.causes, ///vibe.certified.metals and ///photo.agrees.barn ACTION: Clerk to contact WCC to initiate surveys in May or June, during term time.
2297.5.	Community Maintenance
2297.5.1.	<u>WDC Contract Services areas maintained</u> – Clerk has received a list of areas maintained by WDC Contract Services for WCC Highways, but within contract they will not ensure removal of leaves due to the leaf miner infestation, because contract states “the arisings are to be left spread evenly across the sward”. A discussion followed about general maintenance and possible wildflower planting. ACTION: Councillors to propose locations for local contractors to visit a few times a year to tidy and clear fallen leaves or cuttings. Clerk to prepare plan for tender documents.
2297.5.2.	<u>Maintenance of Hedges</u> – A discussion about the quality and scope of hedgework followed. There was no action to be taken and this item will not be listed in future agendas.
2298.	PLANNING
2298.1.	Applications Decided: None
2298.2.	Applications Ongoing: None
2298.3.	New Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/23/1698 - Woodberry of Leamington Spa, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP - Demolition of existing office (Use class E (g) (i)), storage buildings (Use class B8), manufacturing building (use class B2) and erection of a new storage building (Use class B8) with ancillary office space. (Use Class E (g) (i). COMMENT DUE: 15/01/2024 – OBJECTION (Sent: 15/01/2024) Councillors objected to the development, because they were concerned about the development’s impact on the green belt and there was not sufficient reason to make this proposal an exception. • W/23/1824 - Nuffield Health Warwickshire Hospital, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa - Installation of a Portakabin single modular building and external canopy for use as additional clinical room space for a temporary period of 260 weeks. COMMENT DUE: 24/01/2024 – No objection
2298.4.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications (non-planning application and not requiring comment): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W/23/1215 (Blackdown) - Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a detached poolhouse, as shown in drawings CBPP 3A and CBPP 4A, received on 21/09/2023 – APPROVED 26/10/2023
2299.	FINANCE
2299.1.	The Financial Report & Bank reconciliation was approved.

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2299.2.

The following payments were approved:

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| • Website contract services | £60 |
| • Uncontested election costs (04/05/2024) | £600 |
| • Tax / PAYE | £210.80 |

2299.3.

2024/25 Budget and Precept:

It was agreed to keep the Precept request the same and pick up any shortfall from the Council's reserves.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm Precept request to WDC

2300.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2300.1.

Recruitment: There was a discussion.

2300.2.

Parish Council Policy documents:

The amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, as circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting were approved.

ACTION: Clerk to submit the approved documents to the website to replace any previous versions.

2301.

ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None

2302.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Tansey raised when a Parish Tidy Day could be scheduled. A discussion followed. This can be decided/circulated on the Parish WhatsApp. If required the Parish Council will pay any fee required for taking away green waste.

2303.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday, 11 March 2024 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

End of formal meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

Signed as a true record:

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Date:

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