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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5TH. OCTOBER 2015 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor W.Redford; and District Councillors Miss H.Grainger and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

1679. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th. September 2015 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1680. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None aprrt from items covered below.

1681. PARISH WEBSITE

The previous conclusion concerning the Parish Website had been conveyed to Mrs. Sandra Robinson and she had responded reiterating her advice that keeping software updated was a serious matter and should always be treated as important. The Parish Council might continue to continue to take no action and thereby accept the risk of the website going down suddenly: the work of reinstatement would take many hours to reinstate. Part of the hosting service being paid for was the backing up of the server weekly. To separately back up the site would take Mrs. Robinson between 30 and 60 minutes per month. The backup service was there to assist if the site is lost through sever failure or if a roll back change is not possible: it would not help if the site failed because of the underlying software being out of date.

After further discussion, during which it was noted that the operation was likely to cost in the order of £40.00 (four hours), it was agreed to arrange for Mrs. Robinson to update the underlying software as soon as convenient. It was, however, agreed that the likelihood of a further update in the near future be investigated.

1682. NEW PARISH NOTICE BOARDS

The Clerk reported that the Parish Notice Boards were likely to be back from the galvanisers, and, all being well the should have been installed by the next Parish Council meeting.

1683. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

It was understood that the Inspector was willing to consider continuing with the submitted Warwick District Local Plan. This would depend on an agreement between Warwickshire County Council and Coventry to meet housing needs. Leamington Spa Courier had reported that a meeting had taken place between Local Authorities resulting in Warwick District Council agreeing to take on an additional 7,000 extra homes from Coventry, which, with the 12,000 already contemplated, made a total of 19,000 residences - a massive number for the District which had aroused local concern. It was also understood that the District would be aiming to bring together its proposals including new sites in October, with a view to formulating its plans before the end of December.

The possibility of reintroducing land for development within Old Milverton and Blackdown, which was felt to be inappropriate, had to be considered, and to help to understand the implications, it was agreed to engage Hunter Page Planning Limited of Cheltenham to independently formulate proposals within the next three weeks which the Parish Council could

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present to the District Council, at a cost of up to £3,500 (plus VAT and reasonable disbursements). The Chairman would liaise with the company and forward its recommendations to members of the Parish Council to obtain their agreements and authority was delegated to the Clerk to submit the approved proposals: if it proved necessary, however, a special meeting of the Parish Council would be convened.

1684. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting had taken place between Councillors and Hunter Page Planning Limited to help the Parish Council to decide on best future progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that the company be engaged to take the plan forward for a cost of up to £3,250 (plus VAT and reasonable disbursements). Meanwhile, Councillors were asked to give consideration to the special characteristics of Old Milverton and Blackdown and to forward their ideas to the Chairman for possible inclusion in the Plan.

1685. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

W15/1096 Pear Tree Cottage, Stoneleigh Road, Black down

Extension to Garden Room, as an annexe

OBSERBATIONS: NO OBJECTION.

W15/1296 Brethren's Meeting Room, Sandy Lane, Black down

Single storey extension and additional car parking

GRANTED

1686. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). Details of a consultation on a Revised Statement of Community Involvement in respect of Warwick District Council's planning functions had been received and observations were invited by 16th. November 2015. Details had been circulated to Councillors by e-mail and they were asked to forward any observations to the Clerk as soon as possible. (The Revised Statement was not thought to affect significantly the present arrangements).

(b). A report was received from Old Milverton Parish Rooms Management Committee that good progress was being made in its contact with Warwick District Council for a matching funding grant for improvements. Three quotations were necessary to begin the process, but local builders did not seem to be interested in providing them. Accordingly, it was felt more promising to approach kitchen installers and arrangements were going ahead on this basis.

(c). Details of charity events organised by the Chairman of the District Council and the Town Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa were received.

1687. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts listed on the schedule provided to members were approved for payment.

1688. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

(a). Increasing numbers of cyclists had been illegally using local footpaths, especially the one through the Churchyard and damaging stiles and sometimes it appeared to be in association with organised events, such as by Cycling Clubs. If details of such organisations could be ascertained, the Clerk would write to them explaining the difference between public footpaths and bridleways.

(b). The Clerk was asked to report a blocked drain in Old Milverton Lane outside the Nuffield Hospital, which had caused flooding of the road.

(c). Councillors Mrs. Kelsey and Tansey had attended a local Neighbourhood Watch meeting and reported details of a website on which incidents and evidence could easily be report.

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1689. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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CHAIRMAN