

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY, 11TH. JULY 2016 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.A.Kelsey (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), J.Emmerson, Mrs. L.Keeling and W.M.O.Tansey; County Councillor W.Redford; and District Councillors W.L.Gifford, and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J.M.Lander (Chairman) and District Councillor Miss H.Grainger**1740. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th. May 2016 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1741. MATTER ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). Cllr. Emmerson had arranged to meet Mrs. Sandra Robinson in some two weeks' time to discuss the administration of the Parish Council website.

(b). Payment of £1,750 had been made to Warwick District Council in respect of the 2015 Election Expenses and a letter had been sent to its Chief Executive requesting that this be regarded as settlement of the account, regarded as excessive: a response was still awaited.

(c). The Clerk reported that the Highways Authority was arranging to replace the Old Milverton Lane road sign at Old Milverton Village Green and that the Estate Agent Godfrey Payton was considering replacement of the fence along its boundary.

(d). The Clerk reported that Mr. Andrew Entwistle had voluntarily carried out remedial work in the Sandy Lane/Stoneleigh Road/Kenilworth Road area including cutting back foliage around the Blackdown notice board where he had sown grass seed. It was agreed that the thanks and appreciation of the Parish Council be recorded. A small tree stump remained under the Notice Board, which Cllr. Tansey agreed to investigate cutting down to ground level to discourage further growth.

1742. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

District Councillor Grainger had advised that Warwick District Council had received 45 supporting documents for the latest Local Plan and 2,019 individual representations submitted by 887 different people. The Inspector had indicated that hearings could begin during the last week of September and run through until mid-December, which remained to be confirmed. Since the latest submissions the Inspector had requested further detailed information.

1743. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There had been no progress on the Neighbourhood Plan in view of the uncertainty of the Local Plan.

1744. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following were noted in accordance with details previously circulated:

W15/2108 and 2109 Helen Ley House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Removal of condition restricting it to a care home

GRANTED (as recorded at Parish Council meeting on 21st. March 2016) but APPEAL lodged against the conditions imposed. The Parish Council had reiterated its original objections.

W16/0624 Bericote Farm, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house

OBSERVATIONS: No objection. Applicants later advised that prior approval was not required.

W16/0692 Jephson House, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown

Renewal of permission to erect a 3-storey building after demolition of south east wing

GRANTED

W16/0695 Blackdown House, Sandy Lane, Blackdown

Erection of two-storey rear extension

GRANTED

W16/0816 Meadow Barn, Sandy Lane Farm, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Installation of full height glazed window on east elevation

GRANTED

W16/0855, 0856LB Manor Farm, Old Milverton Road, Old Milverton

Conversion of barn to single dwelling

GRANTED

(Note: Cllr. Tansey had declared a personal interest and did not participate in consideration of this item)

W16/0873 Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Installation of 200 frame-mounted solar panels (Resubmission of application W15/1653: ref. Minute 1706 of Parish Council Meeting on 26th. January 2016)

OBSERVATIONS: Objections made based on those at application W15/1653

W16/1039 Cranford House and Manor House, Kenilworth Road, Old Milverton

Erection of 1.8m close boarded fence

OBSERVATIONS: No objection. It was agreed that the Parish Council indicate its support of this application.

1745. PENSIONS REGULATOR RETURN

In common with all employers the Parish Council had been required to make a declaration to The Pensions Regulator regarding pensions relating to its employees. A return had been made indicating that the Clerk, as the Parish Council's only employee, was not in the category requiring a pension.

1746. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). Mr. Robin Swinbourne had reported on behalf of Old Milverton Village Hall Management Committee that a periodic electrical testing had been arranged in accordance with its insurance requirements. However, this had lead to the discovery of active woodwork infestation which would require remedial work costing in the region of £2,800, three quotations for which had been obtained. It was agreed that this work would qualify for a match-funding grant from the Parish Council in accordance with terms previously set out (with a maximum of £2,000 for the entirety of the Village Hall improvement works).

(b). A letter dated 22nd. June 2016 was received from Highways England indicating that, owing to financial restraints patch resurfacing repairs would be carried out to the A46 Kenilworth Bypass, but during 2017-18 a complete resurfacing was hoped for.

(c). Thanks were express to Cllr. Mrs. Kelsey and to Mrs. Nicola Wall for their organisation of the Old Milverton and Blackdown Tidying event and the Luncheon on 11th. June 2016 to commemorate the Queen's 90th. birthday

(d). Attention was drawn to the fact that, at the EU Referendum on 23rd. June 2016, Blackdown residents had had to vote at the Helen Ley Home, when only under a dozen voters had attended. The Clerk was asked to approach the District Council, suggesting that in future voting take place at Old Milverton Village Hall, together with the electorate of Old Milverton.

(e). Cllrs. Emmerson and Mrs. Keeling reported that two Speed Camera sessions had taken place in Blackdown and one in Old Milverton.

1747. REVIEW OF CLERK'S SALARY

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary be raised to £2,400 with effect from 1st. July 2016.

1748. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The account specified in the schedule provided to Members was approved for payment.

1749. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

It was agreed to consider replacement and replanting of the plant container near the Old Milverton old notice board in Old Milverton Road.

1750. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

County Councillor Redford advised that Warwickshire County Council would have to make additional savings of £60m in the coming 3-4 years, which would have a significant effect services.

CHAIRMAN