

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH. JANUARY 2015 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.A.Kelsey (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), C.Davies, J.Emmerson and Mrs. L.Keeling.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J.M.Lander; County Councillor W. Redford; and District Councillor N.Pratt.

1596. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st. December 2014 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1597. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). There were still insufficient volunteers to form a team for operating a Speedgun but Councillors were still working on the arrangements. Consideration might be given to combining with a neighbouring Parish Council to make up the team, and the matter might be raised at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

(c). A letter had been received from Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club detailing much of the history of the aspiration to form a circular footpath connecting Kenilworth Road, Sandy Lane, Stoneleigh Road and Bericote Road, initially for the benefit of wheelchair-using residents at the Helen Lay Home. Part of this arrangement would be a connection between the existing foot way in Stoneleigh Road and the entrance to the Rugby Club, and this was the only section in which the Parish Council was concerned at the present time. The Club had been given to understand that it had been hoped to finance the facility wholly or in part from the Land Fill Fund. It was agreed to raise the matter again with Warwickshire County Council with a view to agreeing the existing position with them and to clarifying the process for making an application for a grant from the Land Fill Fund if that were still applicable.

1598. NEW PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS

With the estimated cost of the proposed two notice boards amounting to some £5,375 the requirements of the Parish Council's Financial Regulations had been followed. Quotations were invited from Greenbarnes Ltd. of Brackley, Northamptonshire; David Ogilvie of Kilmarnock; Hallmark Graphics of Stretton-on-Dunsmore; and Sign-Up of Napton (recommended by Mr. A. Entwistle). Hallmark Graphics had passed the invitation to Warwick Signs, and Sign-Up had not responded, in spite of a reminder's having been sent. The 3 quotations received had been opened by the Clerk in the presence of Cllr. Mrs. Kelsey. It was agreed that the Notice Boards Team should consider the quotations with a view to making a recommendation to the future meeting of the Parish Council.

1599. OLD MILVERTON PARISH BOUNDARIES

A letter had been received from Warwick District Council indicating that the Local Government Boundary Commission had accepted the application for consent to move the Parish Council boundaries. If approved, the changes would take effect after the local elections on 7th. May 2015, so consideration was being given to any conflict between District and Parish Council ward boundaries and what arrangements could be made.

1600. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

The draft Warwick District Local Plan was to be considered by Warwick District Council at its meeting on 28th, January 2015 for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The possibility of including park and ride facilities off the A452 Kenilworth

Road was included. It was agreed to await the evidence the District Council might present at the Public Local Inquiry before deciding how to address the issue. (The Inspector's Report on the Gateway Inquiry was still expected shortly).

1601. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Further additions to the draft Neighbourhood Plan were still awaited from Hunter Page Planning Ltd, which Cllr. Lander would endeavour to expedite. The Plan could then be submitted to Warwick District Council for observations, but it remained to be determined whether the implementation of the Parish boundary changes should be awaited or whether it might be done before this, with sufficient explanation.

1602. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

After further consideration it was agreed that, notwithstanding the decision taken at the Parish Council meeting on 1st. December 2014, following discussions with Councillors on 9th. December 2015, the name of the Parish Council's website be "omandbparishcouncil.org.uk" with the connecting e-mail address "theclerk@omandbparishcouncil.org.uk". The Clerk had had a meeting with Sandra Robinson and further meetings were in prospect. Meanwhile it was agreed that the website could now be announced in the knowledge that parts of it remained to be completed.

1603. BROADBAND CONSULTATION

There was no further Broadband information to be considered, but CSW Broadband continued to circulate information, about which the Parish Council would be able to make overtures as necessary.

1604. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications, previously circulated, were noted:

W14/1546 Quarry Cottage, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Erection of single storey rear extension.

GRANTED

W14/1700 Quarry Park Disc Golf, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Demolition of existing buildings and erection of single storey clubhouse

WITHDRAWN.

W14/1703 Rocklands, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown

Garage conversion, roof extension and single storey side extension

OBSERVATIONS: No objection

[NOTE: Cllr. Emmerson had not taken part in any discussions about this application, and this item constituted announcement only].

1605. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following items were noted:

(a). Dredging by persons unknown had caused damage to the cable installations under the Old Milverton Lane verge opposite the Quarry Park Disc Golf field, which it was understood was being rectified by Morrison Utility Services on the day of the Parish Council meeting. An assurance had been received from Morrison's that the cables were "100% reliable" and "will not cause [the Parish Council] concern".

(b). A letter dated January 2015 had been received from Oil Buying Club, Buysta Ltd., Rural Innovation Centre, Unit 169, Avenue H, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth CV8 2LG, concerning the services it was offering for purchasing fuel oil in bulk by bringing together the needs of individual consumers. It was agreed that the details be circulated locally as far as practicable, since local users might find the arrangements useful.

1606. 2015 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Consideration was given to the theme of a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday, 27th. April 2015 and an offer was accepted from Cllr. Davies to attempt to make arrangements for one of his contacts to speak on insurance matters likely to be of interest to local residents.

1607. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved for payment:

- (a). Society of Local Council Clerks: £65.00 - Clerk's membership subscription for 2015 (Confirmation)
- (b). WALC: £1.50 - Supply of one "Good Councillor's Guide"
- (c). Mrs. Sandra Robinson: £353.85 - Setting-up of Parish Website

1608. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

(a). Road sign notices near the Stoneleigh Road/Bericote Road roundabout required fixing, which the Clerk was asked to draw to the attention of the Highways Engineer.

(b). A sign at the Stoneleigh Road/Bericote Road roundabout ought to be repositioned, since it partly obscured the view of Bericote Road traffic approaching the roundabout from Kenilworth direction.

1609. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN