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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH. JANUARY 2016 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson, Mrs.A.Kelsey and W.M.O.Tansey; County Councillor W.Redford; and District Councillors W.L.Gifford, Miss H.Grainger and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs. L.Keeling.

1702. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th. November 2015 were approved, and were signed by the Chairman.

1703. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). The Clerk reported for the record that the replacement Parish Notice Boards at Old Milverton and Blackdown had been installed in early December and all agreed that they were now up to the standard initially anticipated.

(b). Warwickshire County Council Traffic and Road Safety Group had indicated that the installation of a "Traffic Queues Likely on Road Ahead" sign on Bericote Road was not considered appropriate since no incidents had been reported in connection with this condition, over use of warning signs could dilute their effectiveness and there was pressure to reduce sign clutter.

1704. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Owing to various developments, consideration of the Warwick District Local Plan had been deferred for a month and the next phase was now expected to be reached after 10th. February 2016.

1705. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Hunter Page Planning had submitted a revised version of the Old Milverton and Blackdown Neighbourhood Plan which had been circulated to Members and it was agreed that a separate discussion take place to consider the details of the draft.

1706. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

W15/1653 Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Black down

Installation of 200 frame mounted solar panels as associated infrastructure
REFUSED

W15/2109 Helen Lay House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Removal of condition restricting use to a care home

OBSERVATIONS: The Exceptional Circumstances for this initial development in this Green Belt area were the use of the buildings as a multiple sclerosis short term rest home. Although later extended it must be implicit that the same conditions influence the whole site. Although the Parish Council would wish to further the work being undertaken at the home, it OBJECTED in the absence of a clear understanding of the reason for requesting the removal of the planning restrictions and the absence of any indication of "Special Circumstances". The Parish Council would be prepared to consider the applications again if clarification of the position were provided.

The Planning Committee was to meet on 2nd. February when it would be possible for someone to speak in support of the objection and details were about to be circulated to members.

1707. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). A letter of 12th. January 2016 was received encouraging communities to to commemorate the Queen's 90th. Birthday, and it was agreed that a Village and area Tidying Day would be appropriate to ensure that area looks it best for the weekend of 10th. to 12th. June when the official celebrations would take place.

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(b). A booklet, "Neighbourhood Development Planning for Health" was received from Warwickshire County Council which provided evidence and guidance for promoting healthy active communities through the neighbourhood planning process, and it was agreed to take this into account in the preparation of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan.

1708. 2016-17 MEETING DATES

It was agreed that the October 2016 Parish Council Meeting date be amended from the 3rd. to the 10th.

1709. SPEED GUN TEAM PROGRESS

The requisite sign for roadside posting while operations were taking place had now been received, so it now remained for the local Police Representative to carry out a couple of procedures which should enable the Speed Gun Team to commence operations.

1710. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: MONDAY 25TH. APRIL 2016

It was agreed that a presentation by Warwickshire Wildlife would be appropriate, or by the local Police, would be appropriate after the formal Annual Parish Meeting and that the Clerk pursue this possibility in collaboration with Cllr. Mrs. Kelsey. The provision of refreshments was also considered and the Clerk was asked to invite local residents to assist in their preparation.

1711. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts listed on the schedule provided to members were approved for payment, which included £3,600 for consultancy services in connection with the draft Neighbourhood Plan. An account was imminent from Warwick District Council in the order of £1,750 for Local Election expenses in May 2015 and it was agreed that this might be paid in advance of the next Parish Council meeting, to which it would be reported.

1712. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robin Swinbourne updated Members on progress with the necessary improvements at Old Milverton Village Hall: interesting local builders in submitting tenders was proving challenging and suggestions were made as to what steps might be taken to take the matter forward.

CHAIRMAN