

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11TH. SEPTEMBER 2017 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; County Councillor W.Redford; District Councillors G.H.Cain, W.L.Gifford and Mrs. A.M.Stevens.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor Miss H.Grainger.

1841. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th. July 2017 were approved for signature by the Chairman.

1842. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). Coventry Airport Consultants had been informed that the Parish Council opposed any alteration to the flight paths resulting in bringing low flying aircraft closer to the village of Old Milverton that was presently the case.

(b). Councillor Emmerson had made investigations and concluded that the "Site of old Village Pound for stray animals" sign was not readily available for less than the quotation the Clerk had obtained from The Sign Maker in Devon and it was agreed that, therefore, the required sign or one at a similar price might be ordered from that supplier.

(c). A Tree Preservation Order had been made by Warwick District Council to safeguard the remaining appropriate trees in the grounds of Jephson House, Blackdown. It was thought that the Order was now permanent, but that if it remained to make it so, it was agreed that the Parish Council strongly support the Order.

(d). There remained dissatisfaction with the state of the grass verge in Church Lane, Old Milverton, though the Clerk had maintained pressure on the Highways Authority for rectification, and it was agreed that demands be continued with a view to getting the verge cut back to the level of the ditch, needed to be kept clear to prevent local flooding which had occurred in the past to this sensitive drainage system.

1843. WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

(a). Formal notification had been received that the Inspector had reported on his examination of the Warwick District Local Plan concluding that it provided an appropriate basis for the planning of the area subject to a number of modifications. This was to be reported to the meeting of the District Council on 20th. September 2017 when it was likely to be adopted.

(b). It was understood that the CPRE and Stoneleigh and Ashow Joint Parish Council would be applying for an injunction or review, apparently citing the exaggerated number of homes to be accommodated. It was thought this would be unlikely to succeed but was duly noted.

1844. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There had been no further development in continuing the Old Milverton and Blackdown Neighbourhood Plan.

1845. ADOPTION OF LATEST STANDING ORDERS

After due consideration, it was resolved to adopt the National Association of Local Councils Model Standing Orders 2013 (Jan 2015) to replace those adopted on 3rd. September 2007. The new version would be retained as one of the Parish Council's Key Documents.

1846. PROTOCOL ON RECORDING AND FILMING MEETINGS

Similarly, after due consideration, it was resolved to adopt the Protocol on the Recording and Filming of Council and Committee Meetings. The Protocol would be retained as one of the Parish Council's Key Documents.

1847. RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN ADDITION

It was agreed to add to the Hazard Catalogue (Appendix A) of the Parish Council's Risk Management Plan: No. 12 *Vulnerability* Loss of computer material; *Safeguards* The computer is owned by the Clerk; it has the usual back-up and in addition its content is backed up by a Seagate device. Minutes and agenda are included on the website and paper copies of minutes are retained in the Minute Book; *Trigger* Failure of computer and loss of material; *Consequence* Inconvenience and extended period in processing requirements; *Severity* III; *Probability* E. The Risk Management Plan would be retained as one of the Parish Council's Key Documents.

1848. ST JAMES'S CHURCHYARD PUBLIC FOOTPATH MAINTENANCE

An application was received from St. James's Parochial Church Council for a grant of £150 for re-gravelling that part of the public footpath 238/W177b/1,2 which runs through the Churchyard and which the Highways Authority had not seen fit to finance. The grant was agreed.

1849. EXTERNAL AUDIT OF 2016-17 ACCOUNTS

Notification had been received from Grant Thornton UK that the audit of the 2016-17 Accounts had been satisfactorily completed. Notices advertising the completion had been posted on the Parishes' notice boards. The service of Mr. Norman Pratt as Internal Auditor as part of the audit was recognised and much appreciated, and a letter of thanks would be sent to him.

1850. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). Notification had been received from Warwick District Council that Parish and Ward Boundaries would remain unaltered into the 2023 elections.

(b). Notification was received from Warwick District Council that Leek Wootton and Guy's Cliffe Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation had been submitted to the District Council which would now consult before appointment of an Examiner.

(c). A letter of thanks was received from Old Milverton Village Hall Management Committee for the grant made towards its re-roofing programme.

(d). An invitation was received from Warwick District Council to send representatives to a briefing on 14th. September on the provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers in Warwick District. It was agreed that Cllrs. Lander and Mrs. Kelsey attend.

(e). Notification had been received from BHIB Insurance Brokers Ltd. that it would be superseding Aon in processing Councils' insurance: it was a company approved by NALC for this purpose.

1851. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a). There had been no further advice concerning issues relating to Quarry Park, Old Milverton Lane. This matter appeared to have fallen dormant and it was agreed that further pressures be applied, with the assistance of District Councillors, to obtain details.

(b). The following were noted in accordance with details previously circulated:

W17/0798 Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Extension to residential training centre to provide additional conference facilities and 45 bedroom spaces

WITHDRAWN.

W17/0955LB Manor Farm, Old Milverton Road, Old Milverton

Centralise first floor window in gable wall and replace roof tiles.

GRANTED

[Cllr. Tansey did not participate in the consideration of this application].

W17/1146 Kenlea, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Detached garden room (retrospective) and access alterations

OBSERVATIONS The Parish Council was in no position to recommend acceptance or refusal as the plans were lacking in detail. However, the Parish Council hoped that the District Council would refer back to the planning history related to the gradual development of this property and apply planning and Green Belt law. The Parish Council had recommended approval of the previous Planning Application to move the property entrance to a safer position for traffic visibility but suggested that the shape of the proposed walled entrance should be further in and wider to benefit from increased visibility. Consideration should be given to the fact that a new entrance for the Hockey Club was in construction next to Kenlea's entrance. In response the District Council had observed that any new building would not be allowed within the Green Belt unless it met one of the stipulated exceptions.

W17/1167 Moorfields Rugby Football Club, Kenilworth Road, Blackdown

Change of use of hard standing to hand car wash and extensions of structure for WC's and welfare facilities

OBSERVATIONS: Objection was made since this would be contrary to Green Belt policy with no "special circumstances". This would be inappropriate development in the context of paragraph 89 of the National Planning Policy framework. Installation of the car wash would be inappropriate and there were concerns about entry and exit of traffic on Kenilworth Road, where there were already problems associated with car boot sales; this should be in a more appropriate location. There was concern about the use of a water separator which would not entirely eliminate contamination, and, if discharge on to the pitches, could be harmful to players coming into contact with it. Installation of tarmac and concrete would be detrimental to drainage arrangements.

W17/1525 Chesford Bridge House, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Removal of permitted development rights as part of Planning Application W13/0376 for erection of extension and detached outbuilding

OBSERVATIONS: Objection, in view of the steady erosion of the narrow band of Green Belt. The valued setting of this open Green Belt area, close to Ashow to the East and Hill Wootton to the West is defined by and contained within a large bend/loop in the course of the River Avon. In the very recent Planning Inspection of the Warwick Local Plan the Planning Inspector, laid much emphasis on the need to retain open space, and prevent coalescence. If development took place in this location which fulfils all 5 reasons to justify Green Belt status, open space would be consumed and lead to further coalescence between Kenilworth and Leamington. Condition 4 of planning permission should remain and any future application should be judged on its own merits and not by way of removal of this Condition.

1852. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts specified in the schedule provided to Members were approved for payment and cheques were issued immediately following the meeting, including one for £200.00 (plus VAT) for External Audit of the 2016-17 accounts; £147.88 (plus VAT) for administration (inc. postage, stationery and computer back-up advice); and £150.00 grant for re-gravelling the public footpath within St. James's Churchyard.

1853. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

(a). Attention was drawn to the need to clean local road signs, some of which were almost illegible and overhung with foliage. The Clerk would approach the Highways Authority.

(b). On 3rd September there was an announcement about Local Full Fibre Broadband Networks and Coventry and Warwickshire area was to be one of 5 national pilots, which hopefully would greatly improve connections. Further information was awaited.

1854. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN