

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 23RD. JANUARY 2018 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J.M.Lander (indisposed) and Mrs. L.Keeling (out of the country); and District Councillors Miss H.Grainger and Mrs. A Stevens.

1875. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th. November 2017 were approved for signature by the Chairman.

1876. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (a). Receipt of the "Old Village Pound" sign in zinc was imminent.
- (b). The flailing of the Church Lane verges was booked but recent winter weather had delayed operations.
- (c). It was understood that the finger post at Stoneleigh Road- Sandy Lane junction, Blackdown, was ready and should be installed shortly.
- (d). The Highways Engineer had reported that the damaged Old Milverton village sign was being rectified.
- (e). An appropriate letter had been sent to Old Milverton residents whose homes were connected to the sewage system about avoiding future blockages.
- (f). The Planning Enforcement Officer had inspected the signs at Priors House and reporting that unauthorised signs had been removed and that those remaining had advertisement consent.
- (g). Warwickshire County Council had indicated that it would consider the siting of a "Not Suitable for Heavy Good Vehicles" sign at Old Milverton Lane off Blackdown Roundabout subject to a non-refundable deposit of £202.50, and, if a sign were then approved, this would be deducted from its final cost. However, County Councillor Redford kindly agreed to pursue the matter when he was due to make known his suggestions for improvements in May.
- (h). The Clerk had written to Cottage Farm about the continuing problem of deliveries from heavy vehicles: no response had been received, though no problems had not been apparent in recent weeks.

1877. FOOTPATH SIGN AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH GATE

The Clerk had been in touch with both St. James's PCC and the Co-ordinator of Kenilworth Footpath Preservation Group (KFPG), which carried out works on behalf of County Highways according to specifications laid down, in connection with the footpath sign at the Church gates. The PCC was willing to have a waist-high sign within the Churchyard to indicate directions, but not if the finger-post outside the gate remained. KFPG maintained that this would not be in accordance with required specifications, but that the existing sign would be adjusted to avoid directing walkers up the driveway of the Old Vicarage. It was felt that County Highways should now be contacted direct and that a site meeting be requested, which the Clerk was asked to arrange. The Parish Council would like to see the existing sign removed.

1878. OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Lander had obtained a proposal from Hunter Page Planning to assist the Parish Council with completion of its Neighbourhood Plan; the firm was pleased to assist and costs were expected to be reasonable. He proposed, and it was agreed, that a meeting of Parish Councillors, which the Clerk was asked to co-ordinate, take place before the next Parish Council to discuss practical details,

1879. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a). A request had been received that a traffic survey be held in Old Milverton Lane, in view of the many main egresses from private and corporate properties. After due consideration, and the likelihood that this would attract an unjustifiable charge, it was agreed not to make such a request but to enquire whether a routine survey might be scheduled in the near future.

(b). Information from Warwick District Council about the review of its ward boundaries had indicated that those affecting the Parish Council would not be affected, though the District Councillors thought that the sports areas between Kenilworth Road and Bericote Road might be transferred from Milverton to Manor Ward..

(c). Notification had been received that the Parish Council's External Auditors would be P.K.F.Littlejohn LLP, 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London E14 4HD. WALC had advised that the Parish Council's preference for an audit every three years should be put forward when the appropriate notification papers were received, so it remained to be determined how these arrangements might be resolved.

(d). County Councillor Redford and District Councillors Pam Redford and Trevor Wright had approached the Police Commissioner emphasising the need for a Police Officer to replace the Beat Manager for *inter alia*, Old Milverton and Blackdown, recently retired, but no response had been received to date.

1880. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no new developments since the November meeting.

1881. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 23 APRIL 2018

It was suggested that a presentation on Street Pastors in Leamington might be an interesting subject for a presentation following the Annual Parish Meeting.

1882. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

(a). Damage had again been caused to kerbs and posts on Old Milverton Village Green, which the Clerk was asked to have repaired.

(b). Cllr. Lander had been asked by a member of St. James's Church whether the sharp end in Old Milverton Village could be better drawn to the attention of motorists: the Clerk would liaise with the Highway Authority to obtain advice.

(c). Cllr. Cain produced a map which indicated that, apart from the use of Bericote Road, Old Milverton and Blackdown was not likely to be affected by construction traffic in connection with the building of HS2.

1883. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN