

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, 18TH. MARCH 2019 AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor J.M.Lander; and District Councillor G.Cain.

1949. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd. January 2019 were approved for signature by the Chairman.

1950. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(a). The Highways Engineer had reported that the gulleys and drains in Church Lane had been jetted out. An issue had been unidentified near number 3 and as a result it had arranged to excavate the verge and foot way to ascertain the problem and where the pipes ran to. There was a manhole in the garden of the property and it was not known to where this lead or where it was connected.

(b). The Highways Engineer had been unable to agree that there were problems with the overgrowing of foot ways in Old Milverton Road, but members insisted that grass and other growths had grown across them. The Clerk would inspect the area again and take issue with the Highways Engineer as appropriate.

(c). It had emerged that the faulty street light was the one under the railway bridge on the passage from Old Milverton Road to Guys Cliffe Avenue., and that had now been replaced.

(d). The condition of grass verges in Church Lane remained unsatisfactory. The Clerk had ascertained from the Highways Engineer that the cost of supplying and installing one bollard similar to those on the Village Green was £220.00. The verge all along the road was unsatisfactory, but in particular where there had been excavations opposite Llandrecies under construction and at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park. The Clerk was asked to continue to liaise with the Highways Engineer and to seek his advice on the Car Park entrance, bearing in mind the need for safety considerations.

(e). The Clerk had approached the Broadband providers via its website about the irregularity of reception in Old Milverton and had received no satisfactory response. However, Cllr. Tansey had made a separate approach and understood that some 20 properties have or will have access to super fast broadband by summer 2019 and the remainder by summer 2020. Apparently once the super fast option is open it will be necessary to choose from one of very few providers and negotiate with them to install the final few feet of fibre line to various properties at the owners' expense.

1951. WEBSITE PROVISION

Advice had been received from Mrs. Sandra Robinson that she wished to increase her cost of maintaining the Parish Council's website from £12.50 to £14.00 per hour. During her time of provision of the service she had absorbed the cost of internet usage in the UK with the Parish Council's paying a nominal amount to assist with internet usage when outside the UK. She adsorbed the cost of telephone calls and time spent in communication. She also carried out the odd updates for which she does not charge. After consideration, it was agreed to approve the new charge as good value for money.

1952. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 29TH. APRIL 2019

The Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th., April 2019 was approved and it was agreed that, on this occasion, a guest speaker would not be arranged.

1953. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a). The Parish Council noted the following Planning Application:

W18/2370 Quarry Park, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton

Provision of 14 units within Class B12(c), B2 and B8 of Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987.

OBSERVATIONS: Via Ridge Property and Construction Consultants a detailed submission objecting to the proposal with particular reference to the inappropriateness of this development in the Green Belt was made. The application was subsequently WITHDRAWN.

(b). The Parish Council confirmed the following response:

W18/24595 Helen Ley Care Centre, Bericote Road, Blackdown

Resubmission of W18/0388: Single and two storey extension and internal alterations to existing two storey wing.

Observations: As for application W18/0388 [*ref. minutes of meeting on 21st. May 2018, item 1905(b)*].

(c). The Parish Council noted the following Planning Application:

W19/0329 12 Old Milverton Road, Old Milverton

Erection of 3-bedroom 2-storey single dwelling with garage and associated works

OBSERVATIONS: The application was still being considered by Councillors, but the applicant and neighbours to the property were in attendance and made observations respectively enlarging on the application and taking issue with the building location and design.

1954. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The payments specified in the Schedule provided for Members, including £130.80 for administrative expenses and £900.00 on professional advice in respect of a planning application, were approved and cheques were issued following the meeting.

1055. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

(a). The "Stoneleigh Road" street sign formerly on a section of wall at the Stoneleigh Road - Sandy Lane junction, demolished in a road accident, had not yet been replaced.

(b). The street lamp at Old Milverton Village Green had been replaced, but the road sign which it formerly carried, had not been reinstated.

(c). The foot way along Sandy Lane, Blackdown, was becoming unacceptably overgrown.

The Clerk was asked to pursue these matters.

1956 . PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CHAIRMAN