Addendum to the minutes 4 May 2022

Minute 191 W/22/0140 – Warwick Castle, Castle Hill, Warwick

That an additional paragraph is included as follows:

"In respect to a question on the application regarding para 200 of the NPPF, regarding potential substantial harm and impact on a grade 1 heritage asset in this case development should be considered to be wholly exceptional, the Principal Planning officer explained, there is harm to the setting but it is deemed less than substantial. It is still given significant weight because of grading but taking view of Heritage England and the Council's Conservation Officer, officers were of the view that this harm is outweighed by the overall public benefit of the application."

Minute 192 - W/19/0531 - Milverton House, Court Street, Leamington Spa

That the following text is replaced:

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In response to a question from the Committee officers acknowledged that government guidance on viability assessments states that they should be submitted at the application stage as did the WDC Local Plan, however this was not a requirement.

In response to a question the Business Manager recognised the viability statement should have been available to Councillors and the public online and was not. However, the assessment had been subject to scrutiny by the Council's appointed independent expert. This work, over recent months, had identified additional funding as set out within the report"