

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION AT THE 2017 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY, 25TH. APRIL 2016, AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson, Mrs. A.Kelsey, W.M.O.Tansey; Country Councillor W.Redford; Edyta Batruch, Dominic Brown, Joanne Brown, Manson Chipchase, Cliff Davies, Sarah Lander, Jerry McDonagh, John Miller, Michele Miller, Geoff Morris, Sue Morris, Michael Rayner, Sandra Rutter, Antoinette Sant-Cassia, Christine Sutton, Christopher Sutton, Renu Singh, Mrs. A. Tansey and Mr. M.Tansey.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Mrs. L.Keeling County and District Councillors G.Cain, W.Gifford, Miss H.Grainger, Mrs. A.Stevens; Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, Michael Kelsey, Mrs. Lesley Rayner and Mrs. N.Wall.

1. MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th. April 2015 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman gave a report on the main matters to which the Parish Council had given attention in the previous year, dominated by Warwick District Council's Local Plan whose latest modification had been published on 11th. March 2016 and included removal from the Green Belt land alongside the east of Old Milverton Lane for early or later housing development and a park-and-ride park; views received and the large attendance of well over 150 at a meeting called on 14th. March demonstrated that local residents strongly opposed the proposals and felt that an ineffective case had been made. Reflecting local feeling, the Parish Council had engaged Hunter Page Planning to make a submission on its behalf advocating the inappropriateness of earmarking land in Old Milverton and elsewhere around Leamington for housing to serve people working in Coventry which would increase commuter traffic, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework. Submissions were due by 22nd. April and it was understood that effective objections (which would shortly be published) had been made, mostly against the Old Milverton proposals. He wished to express special thanks to all who had assisted in the campaign against the proposals in assisting with distributions, notices and petitions, and especially Councillor Mrs. Kelsey and Mr. Mike Kelsey and Mr. Geoff Mason, and to the support given by District Councillor Bill Gifford. Thanks were expressed from the floor to Councillor Jonathan Lander for his leadership in the efforts to oppose the Local Plan modification.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan had been suspended pending the outcome of the Local Plan.

He finally thanked all those who had assisted the Parish Council in its work over the previous twelve months, including the Parish Councillors and the Clerk, together with the County and District Councillors.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Councillor Mrs. Kelsey reported on the local Neighbourhood Watch arrangements, the meetings of which she had regularly attended over the previous 12 years. Councillor Tansey had also recently represented the Parish Council at the meetings. Crime rates had fortunately

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been low, but all should be aware of cyber crime and as and when advice was received on its avoidance and other matters, it was being circulated. Metal signs publicising Neighbourhood Watch in the area would soon be displayed.

4. OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE TIDY DAY

Councillor Mrs. Kelsey announced that an Old Milverton Village Tidy Day would be held on Saturday, 11th. June 2016, at which local residents were encouraged to assist. The Village Hall Committee would be organising a celebration on that day to commemorate the Queen's 90th. Birthday and details would be announced shortly.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR W.REDFORD

County Councillor Redford submitted a report from himself and District Councillors which featured details of the Local Plan which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

The formal part of the meeting then terminated and refreshments were served.

PRESENTATION ON POLICE WORK

Following the meeting Police Sergeant Allison Wiggin gave an interesting presentation on “A Typical Day in the Life of a Police Officer”, which was very well received and prompted many observations and questions from the audience.

REFRESHMENTS

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mrs. Sarah Lander for the provision of refreshments, and a presentation was made to her.

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Chairman