

# ***DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION AT THE 2020 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING***

## **OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY, 29TH. APRIL 2019, 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; District Councillors Gordon Cain, Hayley Grainger and Mrs. Amanda Stevens; and Andy Daniels, Sarah Lander, Colin Mitchell, Jerry McDonagh, Robert W.Old, Tim Owens, Carmel Timms, Lesley Rayner, Michael Rayner, P.R.Swinbourne, Christine Sutton, Christopher Sutton, Sandie Tansey and Nicola Wall.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** County Councillor W. Redford; District Councillor W.Gifford; Domonic and Jo Brown, Adrian Fitzpatrick Michael Kelsey.

**1. MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd. April 2018 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

#### **2. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Chairman gave a report on the main business to which the Parish Council had given attention in the previous year.

#### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council had held 7 meetings in the previous financial year at which the consideration of planning applications had formed a significant amount of the business; careful safeguarding of the Green Belt had featured and where necessary the advice of professional advisers had been obtained in drawing together its observations for submission to Warwick District Council.

#### **Speed Checks**

Speed checks led by Councillor Emmerson had been carried out by the Speed Gun Team in Stoneleigh Road, and Sandy Lane at Blackdown and Old Milverton Road and Lane at Old Milverton.

#### **Reserve Funding**

The Parish Council had built up a funding reserve mainly to enable the employment of professional advisers where necessary to oppose unwelcome planning applications.

#### **Thanks**

Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed towards the running of the Parish Council and its interests, including the Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk, Chris Sutton, Mike Kelsey and Robin Swinbourne for grass cutting, and the Village Hall Committee and St. James's Church PCC for keeping the area clean and attractive throughout the year.

#### **Appreciation to Retiring Parish Councillors**

During the presentation of the Chairman's Report and subsequently, recognition was given to the impending separate retirements of Councillors Jonathan Lander and Mrs Ann Kelsey whose joint service amounted to over 40 years and appreciation was expressed to them for their valuable contributions: applause followed.

#### **Parish Council Vacancies**

The retirement of the two Parish Council Members had created two vacancies in respect of which the Parish Council, would be considering for co-option any who might express interest in joining.

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**3. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Cllr Mrs. Kelsey gave a detailed report on the local Neighbourhood Watch arrangements, the meetings of which she had regularly attended over the previous 12 months. Where appropriate, details and advice had been circulated to local residents and she passed on advice for the avoidance of local crime, since more incidents had been reported of late. Mrs. Kelsey wondered whether, in due course, closed circuit television might be installed in the area.

**4. VILLAGE TIDY DAY**

Cllr Mrs. Kelsey announce that a Village Tidy Day had been arranged for Sunday 26th. May 2019. Cllr. Hayley Grainger indicated that the District Council could be asked to collect the refuse afterwards.

**5. OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters were raised.

*The formal part of the meeting then terminated.*

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m. and refreshments were served.

**REFRESHMENTS**

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mrs. Sarah Lander, assisted by Mrs. Nicola Wall and others, for the provision of refreshments once again, and a presentation was made to her.

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Chairman