

# MINUTES

**OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
ON MONDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2024 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Emmerson (Chair), Pope, Tansey, D/Cllrs Bill Gifford, Syson and the Clerk

**2354. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Keeling; C/Cllr Redford; D/Cllr C Gifford

**2355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**2356. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2356.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2 September 2024 were approved and signed.

2356.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes that are not on the agenda.

**2357. ISSUES AND PROJECTS**

2357.1. CIL funded initiatives

2357.1.1. Footpath signs/wildlife information boards [Cllr Pope]

Cllr Pope to circulate example information boards.

Clerk noted that WCC Highways will need to be involved in design approval. Guidelines required from C/Cllr Redford / WCC Highways.

**ACTION: Clerk to contact C/Cllr Redford about WCC Highways approval**

**ACTION: Cllr Pope to send report to Cllr Emmerson to be downsized**

2357.1.1.1. Trail Cameras

2x obtained. Cllr Tansey will locate one in the fields and Cllr Emmerson will locate another in their orchard.

Clerk raised issue of labelling/security. Cllr Tansey will mark them “property of...” in case they are found.

**ACTION: Cllrs Emmerson & Tansey to place cameras**

2357.1.2. Blackdown bench

Tree planting will not be scheduled until bench has been installed. Cllr Emmerson contacted contractor who is currently away.

**ACTION: Cllr Emmerson to contact contractors**

2357.1.3. Footpath Feasibility Study

Cllr Emmerson has had an online meeting with Sustrans. Sustrans attending site on 15/10/2024.

A discussion followed about off-road route utilising existing footpaths/routes.

2357.2. South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP]

D/Cllr Gifford has spoken to Philip Clarke, Head of Place, Arts and Economy at WDC. Now preparing for preferred options; will include options and also now, new settlements. Required to provide 27,000 homes by 2050 with 11,000 already identified, so 16,000 extra. Going to try and avoid building on greenfield sites. Hope to bring to meeting of the Joint Committee on 12/12/2024 and briefing for parishes before Christmas, then public consultation early new year lasting approx. 8 weeks.

Cllr Pope asked about Greenbelt Review. Is it worth asking to see? D/Cllr Gifford believes this would be worth raising at the briefing for parishes in December.

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	<p>Cllr Pope has spoken to legal adviser's clerk. Can get a 2-3 page summary on the handling of the process so far. Cllr Pope will give the Council's Post Box address. A brief discussion followed.</p>
<p>2357.3.</p>	<p><u>Traffic monitoring</u></p> <p>Cllr Pope satisfied with the Clerk's breakdown. Perhaps some charts to give visual breakdown to be published on the website.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to prepare visual representation</b></p> <p>Road outside North Leamington School; D/Cllr Gifford confirmed that WCC Highways 30mph limit cannot be extended further out into the countryside, but will install 20mph during school hours in the next few months. Cllr Emmerson asked whether 20mph hours would consider after school club.</p> <p>A brief discussion followed.</p>
<p>2357.4.</p>	<p><u>Defibrillator(s)</u></p> <p>Church has received a report on the progress for the Church extension, which includes defibrillator provided and maintained by the Parish Council. A discussion followed about maintenance logistics.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to write to Churchwarden acknowledging report and expressing PC's support in principle</b></p> <p>D/Cllr Gifford shared information about London Heart which awards grants for defibrillators with match funding.</p> <p><b>ACTION: D/Cllr Gifford to forward information to the Clerk</b></p>
<p>2357.5.</p> <p>2357.5.1.</p>	<p><u>Parish Environment</u></p> <p><u>Platinum Jubilee plaque on OM Green</u></p> <p>Cllr Emmerson to speak to contractor.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Carried forward</b></p>
<p>2357.5.2.</p>	<p><u>Community Maintenance</u></p> <p>Having struggled with contacting the potential contractors, Cllr Tansey felt this was not a practical course of action. Researching, he has found reference on WDC website to, "weather permitting we cut the grass 10 times per year between April and March" – do we get 10 cuts? WCC responsible for rural areas (being outside of towns and villages), therefore Old Milverton should fall within WDC jurisdiction.</p> <p>A brief discussion followed about the WDC contract.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Tansey to forward information to Clerk</b>  <b>ACTION: Clerk to seek clarification of WDC Contract Services (D/Cllr Clifford recommended CC'ing D/Cllr Will Roberts)</b></p>
<p><b>2358.</b></p>	<p><b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p>
<p>2358.1.</p>	<p><u>Warwickshire County Council</u></p> <p>None present</p>
<p>2358.2.</p>	<p><u>Warwick District Council</u></p> <p>Cllr Bill Gifford gave a brief update on the progress of the SWLP under item 2357.2. WDC is looking at the budget. WDC performing well on climate change.</p>
<p><b>2359.</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p>
<p>2359.1.</p>	<p><u>Applications Decided:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

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2359.2.	<p><u>Applications Ongoing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/23/1698 - Woodberry of Leamington Spa, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP - Demolition of existing office (Use class E (g) (i)), storage buildings (Use class B8), manufacturing building (use class B2) and erection of a new storage building (Use class B8) with ancillary office space. (Use Class E (g) (i). <b>OBJECT (Sent: 15/01/2024)</b></li> </ul>				
2359.3.	<p><u>New Applications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>				
2359.4.	<p><u>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications</u> (non-planning application and not requiring comment): None</p> <p>Cllr Pope asked about notifications of applications for Certificate of Permitted Development.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Clerk to write to Planning to ask for clarification on permitted development notifications</b></p>				
<b>2360.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>				
2360.1.	<u>Financial Report</u>				
2360.1.1.	The Financial Report & Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.				
2360.1.2.	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Trail cameras</td> <td>£201.99 (by CHQ)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contract Services (website + domain reg)</td> <td>£74.39 (by TFR)</td> </tr> </table>	Trail cameras	£201.99 (by CHQ)	Contract Services (website + domain reg)	£74.39 (by TFR)
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<b>2361.</b>	<b>COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
2361.1.	<p><u>Recruitment</u></p> <p>Cllr Tansey has invited a prospective Councillor to attend, but they were unable to on this occasion. Cllr Tansey has provided meeting dates for the rest of the year.</p>				
2361.2.	<p><u>Training</u></p> <p>None requested</p>				
2361.3.	<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>2361.3.1. <u>.gov.uk Domain / Councillor Emails</u> Cllr Emmerson to investigate.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Emmerson to carry forward</b></p>				
<b>2362.</b>	<p><b>ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Hedge: Cllr Tansey has investigated the ownership and maintenance of the hedge and relayed information to Council. Requires attention to bring into good condition. PC may consider offering to take it off the Estate's hands. A brief discussion followed. Tenant farmer has a ground flail and could tidy verges. PC to consider.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Consider adding to Community Maintenance on future agenda</b></p>				
<b>2363.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09/11/2024 Village Tidy Day – Cllr Pope has booked the hall and will manage the event. Cllr Emmerson offered to print some flyers.</li> <li>Cllr Pope noted more storage units being advertised at Quarry Park, Old Milverton Lane, and asked what permissions it is operating under. It was confirmed via the Planning Portal that W/14/0324 was granted; “Change of use of agricultural storage building to Use Class B8 - storage of fall-arrest safety equipment to allow use of the site for the storage of container boxes”. A subsequent application (W/18/2370) for “Outline application for the</li> </ul>				

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redevelopment of land for the provision of 14 units within Class B1(c), B2 and B8 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987” was withdrawn.  
A discussion followed.

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### NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 25 November 2024 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

Signed as a  
true record: .....

(Chair)

Date: .....

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