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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 7 JULY 2025 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

- PRESENT:** Cllr Tansey (Chair), Fitzpatrick, Keelin, Pope, C/Cllr Edwards, D/Cllrs Bill & Carolyn Gifford and the Clerk
- The Clerk noted that Items on the Agenda circulated were numbered from 1, instead of the sequential numbering. This will be amended in the Minutes.
2422. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Emmerson [Approved: Holiday]; D/Cllr Syson
2423. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
2424. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None present
2425. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2425.1. The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 19 May and 16 June 2025 were approved and signed.
- 2425.2. There were no matters arising not included on the Agenda.
2426. **ISSUES & PROJECTS**
- 2426.1. **CIL Funded Initiatives**
- 2426.1.1. Footpath signs (Cllr Pope)
Reports are not yet ready for circulation.
Cllr Pope also needs to contact landowners of footpaths do discuss permissions.
Cllr Pope to C/F to September
- 2426.1.1.1. Trail Cameras (Cllr Tansey)
Photographs have now been sent for resizing and uploading to website
- 2426.1.2. Blackdown bench (Cllr Emmerson / Clerk)
Nothing to report.
- 2426.2. **South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP]**
Nothing to report.
Letter to SWLP has been acknowledged.
- 2426.3. **Parish Environment**
- 2426.3.1. Platinum Jubilee plaque on Old Milverton Green
Nothing to report.
A discussion followed about whether the existing and new plaques might be displayed differently, e.g. re-arranging mounting on an obelisk/pedestal.
All Cllrs to consider and C/F to September
- 2426.3.2. Community Maintenance
Mowing is better.
Cllr Keeling raised maintenance of pavement in Blackdown, considering autumn leaves. C/Cllr Edwards will discuss with Localities Officer.
Also raised concerns with grass verges overgrowing footpaths.
ACTION: Cllr Tansey to send locations to C/Cllr Edwards

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Autumn Tidy Day to be considered. It was decided to do both Blackdown and Old Milverton on the same day.

ACTION: Date to be discussed after meeting

2427.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

2427.1.

Warwickshire County Council

Currently do not have an elected leader of WCC at this time. Elected leader has resigned Deputy is currently interim leader. Only County Council to have an elected leader who has never attended a Council meeting, including the one at which he was elected. Also youngest leader of a Council. On 22 July a new leader will be elected at the next full Council meeting.

Unitary Authority planning continues with deadline 28/11/2025. Either north/south split or a combined unitary in the same shape as WCC.

2427.2.

Warwick District Council

A couple of surveys are currently live:

- District Council car parks. Proposals include rates for parking being based on demand and charges varying dependant on vehicle emissions.
- Transforming Leamington, includes pedestrianisation of The Parade, Leamington Spa.

A discussion followed about both surveys. The PC will not comment as neither survey affects the parishes directly, but will raise awareness.

ACTION: Link surveys on PC website

2428.

PLANNING

2428.1.

Applications Decided:

- **GRANTED** - W/25/0147 – The Crofts, Bericote Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QP - Replacement of current septic tanks and soakaway for new 20,000L septic tank and 330m² drainage field.
No objection (Sent: 13/05/2025)
- **GRANTED** - W/25/0458 - Moorfields, Leamington Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RG - Tower Sign displaying the Rugby Club and other details.

No objection (Sent: 12/06/2025)

2428.2.

Applications Ongoing:

- 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)).
OBJECT (Sent: 15/01/2024)
- W/25/0643 - Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN - Erection of a first-floor flat roof extension to the eastern elevation of the property.
No objection (Sent: 12/06/2025)
- W/25/0655 - Nuffield Health Warwickshire Hospital, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa - Full planning permission for the erection of a Radiotherapy Centre at Nuffield Health Warwickshire Hospital, Old Milverton Lane, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RW
OBJECT - inappropriate development in the Green Belt and inadequate provision of car parking (Sent: 17/06/2025)



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2428.3.

New Applications:

- W/25/0737 – 15 to 23 Vernon Close, Leamington Spa, CV32 6HH - Removal of existing flat roof covering and installation of new insulated flat roof to all houses within Block 2 (Numbers 15 - 23) to current building regulations.
NOT APPLICABLE Address not within Old Milverton or Blackdown parish boundaries. Clerk wrote to Planning Officer to advise, 27/06/2025. Acknowledged.
- WDC/25CC003 - North Leamington School, Sandy Lane, Blackdown, Leamington Spa Warwickshire CV32 6RD - A single-storey Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) building [NOTE: *This application is accessible via the Applicant, Warwickshire County Council's website*] Cllrs noted that this application was difficult to navigate to. No comment given

2428.4.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications (non-planning application and not requiring comment):

None

2429.

FINANCE

2429.1.

The Financial Report & Bank reconciliation to 07/07/2025 was approved and signed.

2429.2.

To approve payments as listed in the Financial Report

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| • Refund overpaid Clerk's Salary (MAY) | £0.20 |
| • Clerk's salary (JUN) | -£311.14 |
| • Clerk's salary (JUL) | -£311.14 |
| • HMRC (APR-JUN) | -£33.40 |
| • IT Support (APR-JUN)(approved in advance of receiving invoice) | -£60.00 |

2430.

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2430.1.

Communications

2430.1.1.

To consider the proposal for.gov.uk mailboxes for all Councillors and MS365 and potential website migration, as circulated to all Councillors by Cllr Emmerson on 19/06/2025.

There was a discussion about the cost and service offered in the proposal from Midland Computers Ltd and alternative options available.

A final decision was not made, but the Clerk was asked to relay the following questions to the company:

- Is it possible for the Clerk to have a MS365 Business Standard instead of Business Basic for the desktop software.
- Support – with a view to having this in place for the first year. 8-hour support -v- 24-hour support would less urgent
- Is it possible to proceed with the emails and mailboxes and hold the website until consulted with web designed

ACTION: Clerk to relay questions to Midland Computers

ACTION: Cllr Pope to discuss with website designer/IT support over the summer

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2430.2.

Training

- Attendance at Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Meeting, Tuesday 8 July 2025 - Cllr Emmerson is attending. Cllr Tansey asked to be added.

ACTION: Clerk to book Cllr Tansey onto meeting

2431.

ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Cllr Tansey has investigated defibrillator costings and will circulate information and will discuss with the Village hall Committee about requirements and costs.

ACTION: Cllr Tansey to discuss with Old Milverton Village Hall

2432.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Police notification of a burglary on Bericote Lane received by the Clerk. Asked Cllr Pope if she would like this added to the website.

ACTION: Clerk to add post to website

2433.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 8 September 2025 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

Signed as a
true record:

(Chair)

Date:

