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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

- PRESENT:** Cllrs Emmerson (Chair), Fitzpatrick, Keeling, Pope, Tansey, C/Cllr Edwards, D/Cllrs Bill Gifford, Syson and the Clerk
- 2446. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
D/Cllr Carolyn Gifford
- 2447. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
- 2448. PUBLIC PARTICIPATIONS**
None present
- 2449. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2449.1. The minutes of the meeting on Monday, 8 September 2025 were approved and signed.
- 2449.2. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting that were not covered in this meeting agenda.
- 2450. ISSUES & PROJECTS**
- 2450.1. **CIL Funded Initiatives**
- 2450.1.1. Footpath signs (Cllr Pope)
Cllr Pope to prepare a letter to landowners explaining the proposed plan for notices to be forwarded by the Clerk.
- 2450.1.2. Blackdown bench (Cllr Emmerson / Clerk)
Pending – **Carry Forward**
- 2450.2. **South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP]**
Email received from Richborough Estates (residential and commercial land promoters) by Clerk and forwarded to all Councillors. An attempt to control the narrative. Response to reiterate objection and refute the notion that preferred option is official. A discussion followed.
- ACTION: Cllr Pope to draft response and Clerk to send. Consider publishing response on website.**
Cllr Pope drafted a response during the meeting and read to the meeting at the end of the meeting (See appendix 1). The PC approved and sent date 21/10/2025.
- ACTION: Clerk to contact WDC Planning for clarification.**
District Councillors to give update following briefing tomorrow.
Update on communications with Barrister – no further correspondence, but primed.
Looking into independent Green Belt Review – Cllr Pope to re-try consultants to carry this out.
- 2450.3. **Parish Environment**
- 2450.3.1. Platinum Jubilee plaque on Old Milverton Green
Pending – **Carry Forward**
- 2450.3.2. Community Maintenance
- Autumn Tidy Day, 11/10/2025
Old Milverton Only - Lower turnout than usual, but one person response to D/Cllr Bill Gifford's newsletter. Satisfactory rubbish collection. Some party litter near river.

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	Receipts for refreshments to the Clerk
2451.	COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS
2451.1.	<u>Warwickshire County Council</u> Has been looking at Sandy Lane & Stoneleigh Road junction with Highways – STOP signs and rumble strips. There was some debate over whose budget and it will probably be C/Cllr Edwards’ budget. Sandy Lane is in Ben’s County Division, but North Leamington School is officially within C/Cllr Jennifer McAllester’s County Division. It has been agreed that 20mph signage outside the school can be funded from C/Cllr McAllester’s budget and spent in C/Cllr Edwards’ division. This required both C/Cllrs to Speak to County Highways together to confirm. Sandy Lane is to be closed for patching next week. The WCC debate on local council reorganisation has taken place. Reform proposed a single Warwickshire Unitary Authority, to join WM Combined Authority. The contra proposal put forward was to have a North Warwickshire UA and South Warwickshire UA, to join with other appropriate combined authorities (but not WMCA). The Reform proposal won the vote. C/Cllr Edwards stated that this vote was only one of six authorities involved. A discussion followed; the WDC position is in favour of the North & South Warwickshire UAs and public that have given views were in favour of two separate unitary authorities (73%). The Clerk forwarded details of a <i>Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation</i> Meeting on 04/11/20254 to all Councillors.
2451.2.	<u>Warwick District Council</u> SWLP Briefing scheduled this week. Cllr Pope asked about consideration by WDC Planning Committee and when will we get an idea of the approach to be recommended? A discussion followed including future infrastructure consideration, rights of nature bill and impact on health services.
2452.	PLANNING
2452.1.	Applications Decided: • WITHDRAWN - 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) • GRANTED - W/25/0930 - 20 Old Milverton Road, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6SA - Demolish the existing ground floor lean-to and conservatory. Construct new two storey side extension. Raise the height of the existing pitched roof. No objection (Sent: 02/09/2025) • REFUSED - W/25/0646 - Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN - Erection of single storey extension to existing restaurant facilities. Objection (Sent: 09/09/2025)
2452.2.	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/25/0655 - 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,



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	Leamington Spa, CV32 6RW OBJECT - inappropriate development in the Green Belt and inadequate provision of car parking (Sent: 17/06/2025) Amendment received and considered – park and ride arrangement with Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club does not answer the PC’s objections on grounds of over-development in the green belt and does not satisfactorily answer parking concerns.
2452.3.	New Applications: W/25/1129 - 2-3 Mill Cottages, Kenilworth Road, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QN - Proposed dropped kerb to serve access gate on Kenilworth Road (A-class Road) A discussion about the pros and cons of the application – concern about proximity to hazardous junction, but addition of parking may remove parked cars from the junction. Agreed to make neutral response with request for WCC Highways consideration/report.
2452.4.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications (non-planning application and not requiring comment): None
2453.	FINANCE
2453.1.	The Financial Report & Bank reconciliation approved and signed
2453.2.	The following payments were approved: - Clerk’s Salary - Tax on Clerk’s Salary (Jul-Sep) - IT services - D/Cllrs Gifford and Syson left the meeting -
2454.	COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION
2454.1.	Communications
2454.1.1.	Report on progress of .gov.uk mailboxes for all Councillors and MS365 and potential website migration. The new domain, @ombparish.gov.uk has been secured and adopted. The Clerk gave all Councillors access information and passwords for their emails. Support package is part of the contract with Midland Computers. The website for the domain will have a holding page. A discussion followed about when the existing website at www.ombparish.org.uk may be migrated to the new domain. Cllr Emmerson will speak to the existing IT consultant/website designer about moving forward before putting her in touch with Midland Computers directly. ACTION: Cllr Emmerson to speak to Consultant
2454.2.	Training – None requested
2455.	ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS None
2456.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cllr Tansey apologised for not forwarding a map of information to C/Cllr Edwards and will do so. ACTION: Cllr Tansey to forward map to C/Cllr Edwards Cllr Keeling would like to resign. Recruitment is still required and Cllr Emmerson will put a poster in the noticeboard. ACTION: Cllr Emmerson to put a poster in the noticeboard

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2457.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 1 December 2025 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

Cllrs Keeling and Tansey gave apologies for the next meeting.

Signed as a
true record:

.....**(Chair)**.....

Date:

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