

DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION AT THE 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY, 24TH. APRIL 2017, AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson, Mrs. L.Keeling, Mrs. A.Kelsey; Country Councillor W.Redford; District Councillors G.Cain, W.Gifford and Mrs. A.Stevens; J.McDonagh, Carmel Timms, Christine Sutton, Christopher Sutton, Geoff Morris, Susan Morris, Colin Mitchell, Andrew Klapatyj, Antoinette Sant-Cassia, Bobby Solt, Jonquil Solt, Lesley Rayner, Michael Rayner, Nicola Wall, Robin Swinbourne and Andrew Entwistle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor W.M.O.Tansey; District Councillor Miss H.Grainger; Michael Kelsey and PC Wendy Burrows.

1. MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th. April 2016 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Warwick District Council Local Plan

The Chairman gave a report on the main business to which the Parish Council had given attention in the previous year, once again dominated by Warwick District Council's Local Plan whose latest modification had been published with the deletion of land in Old Milverton Parish previously proposed for housing. The work involved in helping to bring about this satisfactory result had entailed the preparation of the Parish Council's submission and encouragement of others to make theirs, preparing to give evidence at the Public Examination in October, assisting other witnesses and co-ordinating evidence and encouraging support on the day. There had been a very professional performance at the Public Examination and a good level of support was given by residents.

Thanks were expressed to all who has assisted in the campaign, especially Councillor Ann Kelsey, District Councillor Bill Gifford, Sue Brown, James Plaskett, Charles Mulraine, Robert Lane, Geoff Morris, Nick Corcoran, Mike Molesworth, Mark Sullivan of CPRE and Hunter Page Planning for their technical advice and encouragement to pursue the case. Thanks were expressed to all who had donated funding to assist with the campaign, when £17,000 was raised and to date £21,500 had been spent.

Remaining in the plan was the prospect of a Park and Ride Car Park in 3 possible locations off the Kenilworth Road, the provision of which would be illogical and local residents were encouraged to object to its inclusion.

Old Milverton and Blackdown Neighbourhood Plan

It should now be possible to continue work on the Neighbourhood Plan, suspended pending the outcome of the Local Plan. Inclusion of limited village infill in Old Milverton would ensure that this is in keeping with the surrounding architecture and appropriate. Volunteers were needed to be able to progress with the Plan.

Planning Applications

The other substantial business had been dealing with the normal clutch of Planning Applications which had been processed in accordance with Green Belt considerations.

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Thanks

The Chairman finished with expressions of thanks to the Parish Councillors; Parish Clerk Graham Cooper; Chris Sutton, Mike Kelsey and Robin Swinbourne for grass cutting; the Village Hall Committee and the Church for keeping the area clean and attractive throughout the year and attending to the flower troughs.

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 months. There had been some serious break-ins and it was now necessary to guard against cyber identity theft. Neighbourhood Watch had been set up in 1982 and from time to time advice was circulated to local residents, which it was hoped had proved effective in deterring local crime. Presently it was operated with the Rural East Safer Neighbourhood Team based in Kenilworth.

4. OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE TIDY DAY

Councillor Mrs. Kelsey reported that the Old Milverton Village and Blackdown Tidy Day had been successfully held on Saturday, 11th. June 2016, and the 2017 event would be announced shortly, which it was hoped would be well supported.

PRESENTATION ON CPRE

Mr. John Wharam then gave an interesting presentation on the work of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), of which the Parish Council was a member. He drew attention to the challenges facing those wishing to preserve the Green Belt and other countryside, especially following the "simplification" of planing rules and the fight against litter. He answered questions and generally discussed the subject which was well received.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

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

REFRESHMENTS

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

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Chairman