

# **DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION AT THE 2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

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

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY, 23RD. APRIL 2018, AT OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J.M.Lander (in the Chair), J.Emmerson and Mrs. A.Kelsey; District Councillors W.Gifford and Hayley Grainger, and J.McDonagh, Sarah Lander, Chris Sutton, Christine Sutton, Sidney Syson, Robin Swinbourne, Mike Tansey, Sandie Tansey, Sue Morris, Geoff Morris, Peter Bosworth, Debbie Bosworth, Antoinette Sant-Cassia, Lesley Rayner, Michel Rayner and Nicola Wall..

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Mrs. L.Keeling and W.M.O.Tansey; District Councillor Mrs. A.Stevens; and Michael Kelsey.

**1. MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup>. April 2017 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.

#### **Warwick District Council Local Plan**

Warwick District Council's Local Plan had been completed in September which included Old Milverton's being classified as a "limited infill village". Three areas of search had been included comprising one near Chesford Roundabout, one near Sandy Lane, Blackdown, and one behind Northumberland Road. The latter had been removed following an admitted error.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council had decided to progress with the completion of its Old Milverton and Blackdown Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard the area and residents could, therefore, expect to be receiving information about this in the coming months.

#### **Planning Applications**

Various planning applications had been considered and commented upon, including significantly Woodland Grange extensions, Leamington Rugby Club Car Wash and "Blackdown", Old Milverton Lane, retirement apartments.

#### **Other matters**

A request for a 30 mph speed limit in the length of Sandy Lane, Blackdown, had been refused, but there would be speed checks near North Leamington School. Coventry Airport had been petitioned about probable adjustments to its flight path, so as to lessen effects to this area. Support had been given to Leamington Rugby Football Club's application for grant funding. The site of the former pound for stray animals had been marked with a new sign. A grant had been given to Old Milverton Village Hall towards the cost of roof renovations and to St. James's Church to repair the public footpath running through the churchyard. A new "Not suitable for Heavy Goods" sign had been erected in Old Milverton Lane near Blackdown Roundabout.

#### **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.

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**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. Where appropriate, details and advice had been circulated to local residents.

**4. TIDINESS OF OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE**

Councillor Mrs. Kelsey regretted that Old Milverton Village was not looking its best, owing to street furniture damaged in recent road accidents and to damage to verges, especially by builders' lorries. These matters were being remedied and it was hoped that the verges would be re-instated after building work had been completed. A Village Tidy Day would be announced shortly, to which it was hoped that local residents would contribute as in previous years.

*The formal part of the meeting then terminated.*

**PRESENTATION ON LEAMINGTON STREET PASTORS**

Sidney Syson gave an interesting and well received presentation on Leamington Street Pastors, a church organisation dedicated to helping people in the town late at night who might be vulnerable owing to over indulgence, especially of alcohol. She demonstrated the items the Street Pastors carry with them to offer practical assistance. The pastors normally operate in groups of four, following pre-arranged routes up to 4 a.m. She also gave details of the Shop Mobility Scheme, which included making available during shopping visits motorised scooters to those with mobility problems.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m. and refreshments were served.

**REFRESHMENTS**

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

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Chairman