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**OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JOINT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2026 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL**

- PRESENT:** Cllrs Emmerson (Chair) Fitzpatrick, Keeling, Pope, D/Cllrs Bill Gifford, Kohler and the Clerk
- 2495. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr Emmerson volunteered to stand for the Chair 2026/27 and was unanimously appointed. Cllr Emmerson signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2496. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
Cllr Tansey was absent, but it is understood that he will be prepared to stand and was thereby elected.
- 2497. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr Tansey [Work Commitments], D/Cllrs Carolyn Gifford and Syson
- 2498. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- 2499. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None present.
- 2500. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 2500.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16 March 2026 were approved and signed.
- 2500.2. No matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting and not covered in this Agenda
- 2501. ISSUES & PROJECTS**
- 2501.1. South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP]  
Prior to the meeting Cllr Pope had downloaded the papers uploaded today relating to the Regulation 19 Plan from the WDC website page for the Joint Cabinet Committee of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils meeting on Thursday, 28 May 2026 ([cmis > Meeting Dates](#)). Observations on brief inspection:
- SG06 included, renamed LEA1 (Blackdown) & LEA2 (Old Milverton). LEA1 looks larger than previous SG06?
  - Interesting that it appears to be ‘light’ on justification for decisions
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage green belt review not published yet? D/Cllr Kohler believes this may be published soon, as it appears documents are being published individually, rather than all together. Cllr Pope noted that the document reads, “the justification for releasing from the green belt is set out in the accompanying green belt review”, but green belt review is not available
  - Altering the green belt: it says they have to do it because it is within their core area and they have to meet housing need
  - Agricultural land: re-stated government policy, “development proposals should protect the Best and Most Versatile [BMV] agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 and 3A), avoiding permanent loss wherever possible.” A lot of use of “where possible”. A discussion followed about the NPPF having a different definition around this.
  - Urban sprawl: referred to as “unplanned development”, but Cllr Pope understands this term to mean the outward spread of urban land uses into rural areas.
- D/Cllr Kohler confirmed that all documents are being released today and over next 2-3 days. Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 26 May at 6:00pm, then Thursday, 28 May the Joint Committee meeting in Stratford, and a Council meeting will take place on Monday, 1 June at 6:00pm to debate and vote on publication of



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the consultation. Then a 6-week consultation before plan goes to the Planning Inspector for approval.

PC has briefings on 19 & 20 May.

A discussion followed.

The PC will compose and forward questions to D/Cllrs to ask during meetings.

The PC will update and add information to the website.

### 2501.1.1. Greenbelt Reviews

As noted above, the Green Belt Review has not yet been published. It appears land has been reassigned 'grey belt', but reasoning cannot be seen.

The PC has commissioned two reports and one draft has been received and Cllrs Pope and Fitzpatrick have looked at this.

A discussion followed about when this should be published, considering the timelines of Planning Applications by developers and the Inspection of the Local Plan.

Conclusion: publish the LUC Greenbelt Review on the website.

**ACTION: Cllr Pope to update PC website**

### 2501.1.2. Richborough Land Development Proposal (<https://richborough-blackdown.co.uk/>)

Nothing to report at this time.

### 2501.1.3. Taylor Wimpey Land Development Proposal (<https://www.twnorthleamington.co.uk/>)

Taylor Wimpey has publicised its proposal, again referring to SG06 as a "preferred option", before SWLP consultation process is complete. The PC has responded to contact in a similar vein to the response given to Richborough.

Consultation event to be held on Thursday, 4 June at Leamington Rugby Football Club, Moorefields, Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RG between 2 and 7pm.

There is no formal planning application at this time.

### 2501.2. CIL Funded Initiatives

#### 2501.2.1. Footpath signs (Cllr Pope)

Carried forward. Waiting for approval of text.

**ACTION: Cllr Tansey and Clerk to chase up approval of text from neighbouring landowners + Clerk to seek approval from Blackdown farmer**

**ACTION: Clerk to chase up WCC Highways**

#### 2501.2.2. Blackdown bench (Cllr Emmerson)

Cllr Emmerson has arranged for installation.

### 2501.3. Parish Environment

#### 2501.3.1. Traffic Issues

Cllr Fitzpatrick reported a couple of issues raised by residents prior to the Parish Ward Walk with PCSO Ed King on 11/05/2026. (1) the use of e-bikes on footpaths, and (2) traffic speed through village and up Sandy Lane.

PCSO King gave advice on logging incidents. A discussion followed about Community Speed Watch and traffic surveys.

**ACTION: Ask Ben about carrying out another traffic survey to monitor trends**

The Clerk confirmed that the last traffic survey was carried out Apr 2023 and Jun 2024.

Cllr Keeling asked about progress of 20mph zone near North Leamington School. In progress – with the design team at WCC.

#### 2501.3.2. Community Defibrillator

Cllr Tansey no present to report.

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2501.3.3. Platinum Jubilee plaque on Old Milverton Green  
Cllr Emmerson will ask installer of bench.

2501.3.4. Community Maintenance  
Verges mowed in May.

### 2502. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

2502.1. Warwickshire County Council  
C/Cllr Edwards not present.

2502.2. Warwick District Council  
Nothing further to report following discussions in Item 2501.1

### 2503. PLANNING

2503.1. Applications Decided:

- **GRANTED** - W/25/1440 - Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN - Demolition of existing courtyard buildings and erection of single storey infill extension and associated works. **No objection (Sent: 18/11/2025) raised some inaccuracies in the application with the Planners**
- **GRANTED** - Appeal Ref: 6004949 - Kenilworth Road, Old Milverton, Warwick, Warwickshire CV32 6QS

**Notice of Appeal Decision received**

**ACTION: Clerk to investigate why Councillors had not received notification of Appeal [NOTE: Councillors had not seen the initial Notice of Appeal due to error with the email group that it was forwarded to]**

**D/Cllr Kohler noted that WCC Highways objection states that they objected, and also pointed out that, as owners of the land they would not give permission for expansion. D/Cllr Kohler has also forwarded notification to K2L Cycleway for their information.**

2503.2. Applications Ongoing:

- 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)**  
**AMENDMENTS RECEIVED 19/11/2025**  
**OBJECTION REMAINS** - C/Cllr Edwards noted that WCC Highways are in agreement with the PC
- W/26/0164 - Riverside Hotel, Leamington Road, Chesford, Kenilworth, CV8 2LN - Installation of hardstanding (retrospective).  
**Wrote to Planning Officer to raise issue with application and request review of the site, due to other development without permission (Sent 17/03/2026).**  
**Planning Officer notified that planning statement will be rectified and requested existing plan be amended to reflect current site development (20/03/2026) – Awaiting amended application.**

2503.3. New Applications:

- WCC Consultation: WDC/25CC003 : Reconsultation - Erection of a single-storey modular Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) building to provide additional teaching spaces and associated facilities, including ancillary site works. **No Objection (Submitted: 02/06/2026)**



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- 2503.4. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications  
(non-planning application and not requiring comment): None

## 2504. FINANCE

- 2504.1. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26  
Internal Audit was completed shortly before the meeting. The IA Report included a number of recommendations, which the Clerk will respond to in due course. These include the website content and will also require a review/composition/publication of Policies during the next year.

The IA refused a payment and it was agreed to send a thank you gift.

**ACTION: Clerk to arrange for a thank you gift**

- 2504.1.1. The Certificate of Exemption **was approved** and signed.
- 2504.1.2. The Clerk read the 10 Assertions and the Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 **was approved** and signed.
- 2504.1.3. The Annual Accounting Statement 2025/26 **was approved** and signed.
- 2504.2. Financial Report
- 2504.2.1. The Financial Report to 18/05/2026 & Bank reconciliation **was approved** and signed.
- 2504.2.2. The following payments were approved:
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| • Refund (HE): Noticeboard magnets | Vch 12 | £13.98 |
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## 2505. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

- 2505.1. Insurance 2026/27  
A long Term Undertaking is currently in place with Clear Councils Insurance in 2024 expires 31 May 2027.
- 2505.2. Communications
- Recruitment – nothing to report
- 2505.3. Training  
None requested

## 2506. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None

## 2507. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr Keeling noted blocked drains on Stoneleigh Road  
**ACTION: Clerk to contact C/Cllr Edwards to get Localities Officer to inspect**
- Cllr Fitzpatrick asked whether drone footage of SG06 still required  
**ACTION: Cllr Fitzpatrick to contact neighbour about providing this**

## 2508. NEXT MEETING

Monday, 6 July 2026 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

Signed as a  
true record:

(Chair)

Date:

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