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OLD MILVERTON AND BLACKDOWN JOINT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 8:00PM IN OLD MILVERTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Emmerson (Chair), Fitzpatrick, Keeling, Pope, Tansey, D/Cllrs Kohler, C Gifford, W Gifford, C/Cllr Edwards and the Clerk

2521. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

D/Cllr Syson

2522. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2523. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

2524. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2524.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6 July 2026, were approved and signed.

2524.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting and not covered in this Agenda

2525. ISSUES & PROJECTS

For transparency the Chair advised all present that the Parish Council had met with a representative from Taylor Wimpey prior to this PC meeting. This was a presentation with Q&A session for the purpose of fact-finding. Latest information proposes submission of outline planning application in December to coincide with the SWLP. A discussion followed, including *'Formal request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) on behalf of Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd in respect to a Proposed Development at Milverton, North Leamington'*, which is not open to public consultation.

2525.1. South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP] & Local Development

The PC held a Community Drop-in session on 17/08/2026, which was successful. This particularly gave the PC an opportunity to bring attention to the Park & Ride proposals within the SWLP. The PC also had a stall at the Old Milverton Horticultural Show on 05/09/2026 and thanked the District Councillors for their help with this.

Sarah Cloyer's [King's Chambers] final advice has been received and circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Pope has begun submitting online submissions. A letter with attachments will be sent by email tomorrow. To be published on the website.

ACTION: Cllr Pope and Clerk to complete submissions

2525.1.1. Greenbelt Reviews
Complete and published. To be removed from future agenda.

2525.1.2. Richborough Land Development Proposal
No progress

2525.1.3. Taylor Wimpey Land Development Proposal
See note at 2525.

2525.2. CIL Funded Initiatives

2525.2.1. Footpath signs (Cllr Pope) Nothing to report

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2525.2.2.	Blackdown bench (Cllr Emmerson) Nothing to report
2525.3.	Parish Environment
2525.3.1.	Traffic Issues Traffic Surveys - Nothing to report – will not take place until after school returns. C/Cllr Edwards to chase up as per email to Traffic Surveys of 25/06/2026. C/Cllr Edwards is also requesting access to SatNav data.
2525.3.2.	Community Defibrillator – complete and installed Cllr Tansey to confirm that there is a Guardian in place and the device is on <i>The Circuit</i> website, once Village Hall [VH] contact is back from holiday. VH arranging for an ALS trainer to run some training. The Bleed Kit does not fit into cabinet. The PC agreed, in principle, to purchasing a bleed kit cabinet. A discussion followed about locked/unlocked cabinet. Cllr Tansey to ask VH whether they would like some directional signage, e.g. a flag on the verge outside, as it is located on a side wall. ACTION: Cllr Tansey to contact VH
2525.3.3.	Consultation: WDC Smoke Control Areas There is no mains gas in Old Milverton. A discussion. It was agreed to respond with Option No2 ACTION: Clerk to complete survey on behalf of the PC
2525.3.4.	Platinum Jubilee plaque on Old Milverton Green – Nothing to report
2525.3.5.	Community Maintenance - WCC Highways has written asking about land ownership relating to ditches. They have had several of the carriageway gullies cleansed and as part of the jetting reports returned, it has been requested that the ditches be cleansed. This is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. The Clerk has contacted the Estate for confirmation. Cllr Tansey confirmed that the ditches border Estate and allotments land, but raised concerns about condition of the land and risk of footpath collapse if the ditches are cleared. Cllr Tansey asked C/Cllr Edwards to request an inspection and forwarded location map. - Drains on Stoneleigh Road. Despite being reported with an offer to attend any site inspection, the wrong drains have been cleared. C/Cllr Edwards offered to visit and check location of the drain with Cllr Keeling after the meeting.
2526.	COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS
2526.1.	Warwickshire County Council Working through backlog of pothole reports. WCC Grant funds have now been distributed. WCC has completed SWLP response: Disappointed at spread out housing – WCC does not believe it can support the infrastructure or provide the home-to-school transport required. A brief discussion followed.
2526.2.	Warwick District Council SWLP has dominated the work of the Cllrs recently. The Government has announced a review of its Local Government Reorganisation programme following updated legal advice. Warwickshire is one of 14 areas where



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proposals will be reviewed and paused while the Government considers whether the process is legally robust and aligned with its priorities. The Government has also confirmed that local elections scheduled for May 2027 will go ahead on existing council boundaries, i.e. Warwick District Council.

PLANNING

Applications Decided:

- **GRANTED** - 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) – Following questions raised, WCC Flooding had no objection so the PC withdrew its objection.
- **PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED** - W/26/0801 AG - New Farm, Leamington Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QW - Application to determine if prior approval is required under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the GPDO for the proposed erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery, feed and fertilizer.
- **GRANTED** - 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)

2527.2.

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
- W/26/0923 - Wychdene, Stoneleigh Road, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, CV32 6QR - Proposed erection of 1.no single storey side extension, 1.no. part single storey/ part two storey side and rear extension (with balcony) , removal of existing catslide roof with dormer to be replaced with two storey gable and balcony above existing ground floor area, reconfiguration of front elevation with addition of front porch, various alterations to fenestration and associated demolition to facilitate the work. - No objection (Sent: 01/09/2026 with request for PD rights to be withdrawn)

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New Applications:

- W/26/1157 - St. James Church, Church Road, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6SA - Erection of a single storey annexe connecting to the existing Children's Vestry of the church building, providing a small meeting space with kitchenette and WC facilities. Proposals include external landscaping and minor internal alterations to the adjoining vestry. (**COMMENT DUE: 14/09/2026**) – No objection, but concerns about parking and construction access
- W/26/1158 - Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN - Description: Erection of single storey extension to existing restaurant facilities (**COMMENT DUE: 11/09/2026**) – Object; extending the footprint over extension in the greenbelt – review history of applications

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

Cllr Fitzpatrick – 20 Old Milverton – Understand the property has been signed off by building control, despite having been referred to enforcement. Enforcement contact has not given a recent update. A discussion followed.

ACTION: Clerk to ask Bill to help get questions answered by Enforcement

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FINANCE

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Financial Report

2528.1.1.

The Financial Report to 07/09/2026 & Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

2528.1.2.

The following payments were approved:

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COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2529.1.

Policy Documents

Carry forward consideration of adoption of FOI Publication Scheme

Cllr Keeling has sent updated DPI form to Clerk. This has been forwarded to WDC.

2529.2.

Training

(list of training available at www.walc.org.uk/whats-on)

07/10/2026 - Planning for non planners – Cllrs Emmerson, Fitzpatrick and Pope

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ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

None

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, 19 October 2026 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:27

Signed as a
true record:

(Chair)

Date: _____

