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

PRESENT: Cllrs Emmerson (Chair), FitzPatrick, Keeling, Pope, Tansey, D/Cllrs W Gifford, Syson and the Clerk

2533. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

D/Cllr C Gifford

2534. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

2535. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

2536. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2536.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7 September 2026, were approved and signed.

2536.2. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not covered in this Agenda

2537. ISSUES & PROJECTS

2537.1. South Warwickshire Local Plan [SWLP] & Local Development

2537.1.1. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Submission deadline was day after last meeting. All representations submitted and acknowledged, including online and emailed.

Next phase: Plan has to go before Council for approval to submit to central Government by December.

Cllr Pope apologised for not updating the website since submission – will do shortly.

ACTION: Cllr Pope to update website

2537.1.2. Development Proposals in LEA1 & LEA2

Nothing new to report.

D/Cllrs stated that the emerging local plan has "little weight" in current planning. Until the SWLP is made, land remains under the current Warwick District Local Plan. This means the draft local plan should not be considered.

2537.2. CIL Funded Initiatives

2537.2.1. Footpath signs (Cllr Pope) – Carry forward

2537.2.2. Blackdown bench (Cllr Emmerson) – Carry forward

2537.3. Parish Environment

2537.3.1. Traffic Issues

Traffic Surveys. Clerk has received email from WCC Traffic Surveys Team asking whether we wish to go ahead. Clerk confirmed, but not given any schedule or timeline.

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2537.3.2.	WRE Safer Neighbourhoods Team Policing Priorities Survey – The PC considered the questions in the survey. **ACTION: Clerk to submit survey online**
2537.3.3.	Community Defibrillator Cllr Tansey gave a brief update: • The defibrillator is not yet registered on the national network, but this will be done later this month, when the Guardian has been appointed. • OMVH Committee is not interested in additional signage. Manufacturers recommend that once on the network there is no need for additional signage and locals know where it is. • Bleed Kit cabinet – Identified a reasonably priced cabinet to be purchased by the Clerk and fitted. • Insurance – no answer. **It was agreed** that the defib, cabinets, etc., are now owned by OMVH and this will be their responsibility. **ACTION: Clerk to order, once Cllr Tansey provides link and delivery address**
2537.3.4.	Platinum Jubilee plaque on Old Milverton Green – Carry forward
2537.3.5.	Community Maintenance • Surface water gully on Stoneleigh Road is still blocked. C/Cllr Edwards inspected after last meeting. Cllr Keeling to report again with photographs. **ACTION: Cllr Keeling to report blocked gully**
2538.	**COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**
2538.1.	Warwickshire County Council – C/Cllr not present
2538.2.	Warwick District Council • D/Cllrs noted change in rules for planning meetings. From October any application the vast majority of planning applications are to be determined by Planning Officers. 5 objections or the PC objecting will no longer go to Planning Committee automatically. Advised that the PC provide local knowledge about locations and applications for the Planning Officer. If necessary discussion of any concerns should take place in direct discussion with the Planning Officer. A discussion followed. • Local government reorganisation: on hold – nothing to report at this time. *- D/Cllrs W Gifford & Syson left the meeting -*
2539.	**PLANNING**
2539.1.	Applications Decided: None
2539.2.	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)

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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, 1no. 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 – Following correspondence with Planning Officer, request to remove Permitted Development Rights was removed from PC comments (12/10/2026)**
- 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. - **SUPPORT** - (Sent: 21/09/2026) – **expressed concerns about provision of parking.**
  Cllr Pope canvassed local opinion that parking at Christmas exceeds the numbers that are likely for the new room. A discussion followed.
- W/26/1158 - Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Old Milverton, Leamington Spa, CV32 6RN - Description: Erection of single storey extension to existing restaurant facilities - **OBJECTION** - Overdevelopment in green belt (Earlier submission not logged on portal. Sent again by email: 21/09/2026)

2539.3. New Applications: None

2539.4. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Other Applications
(non-planning application and not requiring comment):

- Enforcement case: 20 Old Milverton
  Following inquiry by D/Cllr W Gifford on the PC's behalf, have been advised that the Enforcement case was closed following agreement between planning colleagues. No update was ever received directly to the Clerk/PC. A discussion followed.
  ACTION: Clerk to write to the Planning Enforcement Manager to complain about lack of correspondence
- Following the discussion at 2538.2. it was agreed that, in future, the PC will make an effort to liaise with Planning Officers.

2540. FINANCE

2540.1. The Financial Report to 19/10/2026 & Bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

2540.2. The following payments were approved, as listed in the Financial Report to 19/10/2026:

	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FUND
•	01/10/2026	Clerk's Salary (OCT)	£329.78	General
•	04/10/2026	Website Support (JUL-SEP)	£67.62	General
•	08/10/2026	Social Media Campaign + Ads	£1,409.35	F/PS

2541. COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION

2541.1. Policy Documents

It was agreed to adopt the FOI Publication Scheme.

It was reiterated that the WhatsApp group that Cllrs are in is for informal discussion ONLY

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	ACTION: Clerk to post policy on website
2541.2.	Training Cllrs attended 'Planning for Non-Planners' on 07/10/2026. Clerk to attend on 18/11/2026.
2542.	**ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS** None
2543.	**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** None
2544.	**NEXT MEETING** Monday, 30 November 2026 at 8pm in Old Milverton Village Hall.

End of formal meeting - 21:15

Signed as a true record: ..... **(Chair)** Date: .....

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