

# **MINUTES OF THE MILCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MILCOMBE ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2022 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor Marlene Cowell; Councillors Ruth Dale, Nigel Davis, Mandie McCullough, Myra Peters and Tracey Scott.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)  
County Councillor Kieron Mallon  
District Councillor Hugo Brown.

**1/22 MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2/22 MATTERS ARISING** - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2019. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3/22 Presentation by Community First Oxfordshire on Neighbourhood Development Plans, followed by questions** – Tom McCulloch from Community First Oxfordshire was unable to attend the meeting due to having Covid-19 and his presentation on Neighbourhood Development Plans was deferred to the Annual Parish Council meeting on 10 May 2022.

**4/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021/2022** – Prior to the meeting, the Chairman had circulated her report on the Parish Council's work for the last 12 months.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work during the year.

The full report was available on the village web site [www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**5/22 DISCUSSION OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – There were no questions or any discussion on the Chairman's report.

**6/22 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022** – Councillor Nigel Davis reported that Parish Council elections were being held on 5 May 2022 and advised on the election process.

**7/22 FINANCIAL REPORT** - The Chairman presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2021/2022. The figures were subject to internal audit, however they gave an accurate picture of the activities of the year. The Clerk would be asked for clarification of the items included in the 'general' heading.

The Parish Council accounts for 2021/2022 was available on the village web site [www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**8/22 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Prior to the meeting, District Councillor Hugo Brown had circulated his report.

The report was available on the village web site [www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**9/22 VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS** – The Chairman advised that these matters had been covered in her earlier report.

**10/22 RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS**

The meeting considered the Platinum Jubilee Celebration grants which Cherwell District Council was providing to encourage and assist local authorities and communities across the District to hold celebratory events during the summer.

Parish Councils were being given the first opportunity to apply for grants. If they did not wish to apply, then it could nominate a constituted community group to apply.

The grant was for public and community-wide events, but not for informal neighbourhood events such as individual street parties.

Applications must be submitted by Friday 13 May 2022. Additional information was available on the Platinum Jubilee page of Cherwell DC's website or contact [lydia.avann@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:lydia.avann@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

A discussion was also held on the problems in Ukraine and the need for assistance mainly now in the form of funding. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should forward a donation of £100.00 to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

The Chairman also reminded residents of the proposed meeting at the Horse & Groom at 8.00pm on 31 March 2022 for discussions on the organisation of a fete/summer party. This event can only take place if enough volunteers came forward to help.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed.

(The meeting closed at 8.35pm)

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Chairman  
18 April 2023