

# MINUTES OF THE MILCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MILCOMBE ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024 AT 7.30PM

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Councillor Myra Peters; Councillors Nigel Davis, Chris Hill, Mandie McCullagh and Tracey Scott.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), County Councillor Kieron Mallon and District Councillor Andrew McHugh.

**APOLOGIES:** None

**1/24 Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2/24 Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3/24 Milcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Nigel Davis reported on the work which had been undertaken on the Milcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan.

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

The Chairman thanked Councillor Davis for his report and presentation.

**4/24 Chairman's Report 2023/2024** – 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 County, District and Parish Councillors and Clerk for their work during the year.

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

**5/24 Discussion of Chairman's Report** – There were no questions or any discussion on the Chairman's report.

**6/24 Financial Report** - The Chairman presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2023/2024. The figures had been subject to internal audit.

The Parish Council accounts for 2023/2024 was available on the Parish Council web site. [www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**7/24 County & District Councillors Report** – County Councillor Kieron Mallon advised that during the last 12 months he'd had a number of health issues which had affected his ability to complete work in his constituency and with the Parish Council, but he was now catching up with all outstanding matters.

Councillor Mallon reported on the change of administration at the County Council and the impact of that on the County. He also reported on home to school transport, the poor results following a County Council SEND inspection, Oxford United's move from the Kasam Stadium, the County Council's staff move from County Hall to Speedwell House, work place parking, replacement street lights, funding for buses, the 20mph speed restrictions roll out, the £8m budget deficit which had been covered by a Government bailout, the Council Tax increase of 4.99%, recycling centres were no longer open late and the changes to the County Council boundaries in readiness for the elections in 2025.

District Councillor Andrew McHugh also highlighted the anti-car policies at the County Council and that the Councillors car park at County Hall had been resurfaced. Councillor McHugh also advised that the work place charging, would be based on the size of a car's engine.

Councillor McHugh had also been disappointed by the results of the County Council's SEND report and as a Governor at Frank Wise School, he was aware that the County Council's SEND provision had been in disarray for the last 3 years. A new SEND school was also opening in Bloxham.

With regard to recycling, Councillor McHugh offered to arrange a visit to the Ardley incinerator so Councillors could understand how it operated.

Cherwell District Council's staff move from Bodicote House to Castle Quay was still going ahead and the Registrars Office would be moving to Banbury Town Hall.

The Chairman thanked Councillors Mallon and McHugh for their reports.

**8/24 Village Organisations** – Councillor Nigel Davis reported on the activities of the Village Hall and the report was available on the Parish Council web site. [www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.co.uk)

**9/24 Residents' Questions** – There were no residents present.

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

(The meeting closed at 8.55pm)

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Chairman  
8 April 2025