

# MINUTES OF THE MILCOMBE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MILCOMBE ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2026 AT 7.30PM

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), District Councillor David Rogers and two members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** County Councillor David Hingley.

**1/26 Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2/26 Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2025. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3/26 Chairman's Report 2025/2026** – 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.gov.uk](http://www.milcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**4/26 Discussion of Chairman's Report** – There was no discussion on the Chairman's report.

**5/26 Financial Report** - The Chairman presented to the Annual Parish Meeting, the financial report for 2025/2026. The figures had been subject to internal audit.

The Parish Council accounts for 2024/2025 were available on the Parish Council web site.

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**6/26 County & District Councillors Report** – Prior to the meeting, County Councillor David Hingley and District Councillor David Rogers had circulated their reports.

Councillor Rogers highlighted a number of matters within his report including the £500,000 which was being shared between Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council in respect of Heyford Park, to work through the infrastructure issues, relating to the water and electricity supply and drainage.

There was currently no update regarding the Local Government Review and Councillor Rogers would update the Parish Council when information was available.

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The Chairman thanked Councillor David Rogers for his report.

**7/26 Village Hall** – Councillor Nigel Davis reported that the next meeting of the Committee was being held on 20 May 2026. Councillor Davis also advised on the maintenance and repair works required at the Hall and there was circa £12,000 in the bank.

There was then a discussion about the apathy in the village and the lack of residents wanting to be a Parish Councillor or a Trustee at the Village Hall.

**8/26 Residents' Questions** – A resident asked about the costs of the bollards on Main Road. The Clerk confirmed that they were £2000, plus VAT. The resident felt that it was a lot of money to be spent, assisting a few residents and it would have been better spent on maintaining the footpaths. The Chairman advised that the bollards were to protect the verges from lorries and footpaths were the responsibility of the County Council.

There was a general discussion about how the County Council and District Council worked together and the potential impact of a Unitary Authority in Oxfordshire.

A resident asked about the CCTV which had been installed in the play area and the Clerk confirmed that all necessary policies were in place and available on the Parish Council's website.

Councillor David Rogers thanked Councillors Nigel Davis, Chris Hill and Myra Peters for continuing on the Parish Council following their re-election at the uncontested election.

(The meeting closed at 9.10pm)

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Chairman  
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