

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2020 commencing at 7.30pm, this was a remote meeting Held on the ZOOM platform. Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Jim Richardson, Teresa Walters and Rose Haynes, also present was Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from:

Devon Count Councillor Barry Parsons Torridge District Councillors Kit Hepple and Ken James, Parish Councillors Gareth Piper, Peter Buckpitt and PCSO Mark James

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting and hoped all were staying safe and well. Councillor Moyse reported that he had had contact with Councillor Gareth Piper regarding his not attending Meetings over the past 5 months. It was explained that Councillor Piper had had difficulties with child minding due to Covid 19, and work commitments. Councillor Moyse put it to the other Councillors that this was valid reasons for not attending and was excused, the Councillors were in full support of the Chair's comments. Therefore, in this instance the 6-month rule would not be applied.

3. Declarations of Interest

- a) Register of Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. *None were declared*
- b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared.*
- c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

4. Public Comments, County and District Councillors reports:

No Public, County or District Councillors attended

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th July 2020 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse

6. Matters Arising

- 1) Bradworthy Primary Academy, the cheque for £250.0 had been passed to the PTA, the Clerk requested that a receipt be obtained, Councillor Stephen Moyse said he would attend to it.
- 2) Hedge/Verge cutting, Councillor Stephen Moyse reported that he was waiting for Highways to cut the verges/ Hedges, and then see what was left for the contractors to do. It is envisaged that it will take about 14hours to cut what is left. It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors for Stephen to go ahead and contact the contractor As soon as Devon Highways had finished. The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had applied for a grant to cover the cost.
- 3) Fly Tipping, the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had asked the Milton Damerel Newsletter committee If a notice could be put in September's newsletter informing the Residents who to contact in the event of witnessing Fly-tipping or observing any rubbish illegally dumped. Councillor Rose Haynes said that there was some rubbish in the lay-by at near Chapmans Green, the Clerk will report the matter.

7. Planning Applications

There were none

8. Planning decisions

- 1) 1/0328/2020 FULM Proposal: Variation of condition 6 (1) and (n) of planning 1/1177/2015/FULM Location: Land at Bulkworthy, Devon, Alteration to layout and module row spacing, change in location of access track and reduction of number Of transformers.
- 2) 1/1406/2020/Ful Proposal: Proposed Manege for private use. Location: Town Farm Cottage, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above applications were approved.

Planning Appeals:

There were none

9. Financial Matters

- a) The cheque for the Clerks salary £213.10 and ZOOM fees £7.19 was unanimously approved and were signed by the Chair, he will get two more signatories to sign before returning to the Clerk.
- b) Councillors had been sent financial information by email, Councillor Moyse presented the bank statement to support the bank reconciliation. The accounts are in good order.
The bank balance of £4,679.47 consists of Ring-Fenced funds of SBIT £183.02, P3 funds £541.65 DAAT funds £940.83, Covid 19 Grant £489.13 the balance of £2524.84 being Parish Council general funds.
- c) Direct Debit paid to Eon July £9.77 paid by direct debit was acknowledged.

The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that Torrridge Council were asking if anything had been given Out from the Covid 19 fund? She had contacted Christian Whitely and Blackberry Farm to ask them, but had not had any application for funding. Councillor Moyse said that quite a few people including himself had assisted residents as it was the right thing to do, but were not looking for any recompense, but he would make contact with Christian to ask again, the Clerk will contact Blackberry Far, as well. Torrridge District Council will claw back any monies that are not spent.

10. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting

All emails had been forwarded to Councillors; no postal communications received.

11. Matters for discussion or to be noted, and matters brought to the attention of the Chairman

- 1) The subject of September’s Parish Council meeting was discussed, with the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse reiterating that the ZOOM meetings would continue, as the risks involved having face-to-face meetings were still there, and I can see no reason to change what we are doing.
Of course, if there are any contentious issues that cannot be discussed through ZOOM and need an ‘open’ meeting is advisable, such as the Planning application at Town Farm, every effort would be made to include the residents and general public.
The Clerk will pass on any information received from DALC/NALC regarding future meetings.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked everyone for attending, there being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.00pm