

## Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 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, Gareth Piper, Peter Buckpitt and Rose Haynes, also present was Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

### 1. Apologies were received from:

Torrige District Councillors Kit Hepple and Ken James, Parish Councillor Teresa Walters and PCSO Mark James

### 2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting and hoped all were staying safe and well.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

- a) Register of Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. *Councillor Richard Piper declared an interest in the planning application 8.1*
- 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

No members of the public attended

### 5. County and District Councilor's reports:

Devon County Councilor made a brief appearance at just after 8pm and apologized, but had been at another Meeting and had another to attend. Barry reported that unfortunately a resident at Deer Park had been diagnosed with Covid 19 today (16<sup>th</sup>), he had spoken to the manager and all residents had been scheduled for testing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Barry sends is thanks to all for what is done in the community. The officers across the board have been brilliant. The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thank Barry for attending and sends his thanks on behalf of all the Councillors to Devon County Council.

6. The minutes\_of\_the Parish Council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse

### 7. 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, but this had not been approved, because it was stated that 'privately owned' land was involved, this was disputed and the officer from the department phoned the Clerk and explained that the reason was that DCC could not pay for Grass or hedge Cutting. The Clerk has written back to the department as the 'terms of the grant' clearly sate that the funds can be used for Grass/ hedge/verge cutting. No response has been received.
- 3) Fly Tipping, the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had reported the rubbish being left in the layby near Chapmans Green, Councillor Rose Haynes reported that it was still there, the Clerk will resend the complaint.

### 8. Planning Applications

1/0488/2020/OUT Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved  
Location: Land adjoining Sunny View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon.

The Comments for this application had to sent to Torrige Planning before this meeting, comments Had been received from Councillors by email, no issues were raised and the unanimous decision of the Councillors was to support the development.

The Clerk had reported the decision to Torrige planning.

Councillor Richard Piper had declared an interest and no comments were received from him.

9. **Planning decisions**

*There are none*

**Planning Appeals :**

*There are none*

10. **Financial Matters**

a) Councillors approved and three signatories signed cheques for:

i) Clerks salary £213.10      ii) Admin Expenses June-September £16.59

Three Councillors signed cheques for the following annual grants which were approved at the meeting held in November 2019

i) Milton Damerel Parish Hall £150.00

ii) Milton Damerel Newsletter £100      iii) Milton Damerel gardening Group £80.00

iv) Holy Trinity Church £150.00      v) Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillor Stephen Moyses will deliver Cheques Parish Church and Milton Damerel Parish Hall

b) Financial report to date, all Councillors had received a spreadsheet by email, no issues were raised.

There being £4449.41 in the current account, this consists of: SBIT funds £163.02, P3 Funds £541.65, Covid Grant funds £489.13, balance of DAAT grant £940.83 the balance of £2294.78 being PC General funds. Details supported by a Bank Rec and current bank statement.

c) Councillors acknowledged the Direct Debit to Eon August £9.77 paid 1<sup>st</sup> September

d) Clerks Salary increase, the Clerk explained that the recommended annual pay rise for Civil Servants which included Parish Clerks was 2.75%, as the salary had only been increased by 2% in April it was unanimously approved that the adjustment be made in November to keep the Clerks salary increase in line with NALC

e) To consider a grant to the Emergency Committee, it was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to make a one-off grant to the Emergency committee to enable them to refund some travelling expenses to some of the volunteers. This would be allocated from the Covid 19 grant and the balance of the grant will be clawed back by Torridge. A cheque for £130 will be signed by three Councillors and handed over by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses.

11. **Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting**

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

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

- 1) DALC AGM will be held remotely in October, the Clerk will attend but any voting must be done by either The PC Chair or a Councillor. There is a proxy form available for voting, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses Will look at the proxy form.
- 2) Councillor Richard Piper reported that there was new weather box by Whitebear Cross, there are sensors in the Road this takes a reading/ Photo of the road surface every ten minutes through the winter to enable Highways to know when gritting needs to be done. This sort of installation does not need planning permission.
- 3) Councillor Stephen Moyses reported that a man hole cover was loose in the road near Comfort Cottage (A388) Although it had now been replaced it might be worth mentioning this to highways as it could be a hazard to motorists. The Clerk will report this.
- 4) Councillor Gareth Piper mentioned that Stephen Moyses had a significant Birthday in a couple of days All Councillors gave their best wishes.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses thanked everyone for attending, there being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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