

## Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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 Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons and 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 informed the Councillors that Teresa's Mother had Passed away. On behalf of Milton Damerel Parish Councillors he offered his condolences to Teresa and her family.

### 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

No members of the public attended

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

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons had sent his Holsworthy Hamlets report by email to all, this had been Put on the Parish Council website. He talked about the Covid pandemic and the significant impact that it has had on the economy, with the realistic expectation of real recovery taking until the end of next year. Recovery will be different in different areas; it is forecasted that that at least 5% of those on Furlough will not be returning to work. The self-employed have been very badly affected.

The Government has allocated an extra 6million pounds to help Councils in the support of communities.

In comparison to other parts of the Country we are doing quite well and Torrige is as safe as any other part of Devon. Some would say safer. I would just reiterate to all to, keep washing hands wear masks and say safe.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse asked whether there were any questions for Barry? There were none, Stephen Commented that doing what is right will make us stronger and we will come out of this.

Councillor Parsons replied that these are interesting times, making use of the remote meeting systems is good for him and suspect for many others who are forced to work from home, he thanked the Parish Council for their support.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Barry for attending and commented that you and your colleagues do the best they can in very difficult times.

6. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 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, no receipt for the grant of £250 had been received, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse will chase it up.
- 2) Hedge/Verge Cutting, this had been done, the Clerk informed all that the grant requested from DCC had been turned down.
- 3) Fly Tipping, the Clerk had reported the problem to Torrige environmental department and had been informed that the articles had been removed.

### 8. Planning Applications

*There were none*

### 9. Planning decisions

*There were none*

#### Planning Appeals :

*There were none*

**10. Financial Matters**

- a) It was unanimously approved that the following cheques be signed:
  - i) Clerks salary £225.74 (includes back dated adjustment as approved at the September meeting)
  - ii) ZOOM invoice £7.19
  - iii) DALC Web seminar invoice – New Planning Laws £18.00
- b) It was acknowledged that Direct Debit to Eon September for £9.77 had been paid.
- c) The second half of the Precept had been received, with the balance of the Covid 19 grant being Reclaimed by Torridge Council (£264.13)
- d) Financial report to date, all Councillors had received a spreadsheet by email, no issues were raised. There being £5,410.82 in the current account, this consists of: SBiT funds £183.02, P3 Funds £541.65, balance of DAAT grant £940.83 the balance of £3,745.32 being PC general funds. Details supported by a Bank Rec and current account bank statement.

**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) Councillor Richard Piper reported that he and Councillor Moyse had looked at the drain/gulley of Carters field and cleared it so that the water does not overflow, it is not clear as to whether this is an issue with the steel pipe or a problem thin the field, Stephen will phone highways to try to establish who's responsible.
- 2) Councillor Moyse reported that he had had a phone call from Harriet Allen regarding her cleaning signs And picking up litter around the village for her Duke of Edinburgh Award, Councillor Moyse said that it was not his place to give the Parish Councils permission and if she did clean signs, she must be very careful if near the roads.  
Councillor Gareth piper stated that be believed she had already undertaken the work.
- 3) Councillor Richardson reported that the lights in the AED cabinet at Holsworthy Beacon were not Working. The Clerk replied that she had put in new batteries but believed that the original installation Didn't look correct, as it is very different than the other cabinet at the Garage, Councillor Moyse will ask Mike Down to have a look at both and see what can be done, as its important to get it fixed now the winter Is upon us.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending and said 'Stay safe 'everyone.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

