

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 commencing at 7.30pm, this was a remote meeting Held on the ZOOM platform. Present: Councillors Stephen Moyses Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Jim Richardson, Gareth Piper, Teresa Walters and Rose Haynes, also present were District Councillor Kit Hepple and Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from:

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, Torridge District Councillor Ken James, Parish Councillor Peter Buckpitt and PCSO Mark James

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyses welcomed all to the meeting he had no specific announcements

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. *Councillor Rose Haynes declared an Interest in item 10.d, Newsletter annual grant.*
- 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:

Councillor Kit Hepple apologised for not attending meetings over the past few months. He gave a brief update On Torridge District Council and their hard work in supporting local businesses during the second lock down, Business support grants are again being processed. Although a lot of employees are working from home its Still 'business as usual'. One of his main concerns in our Rural areas is the lack of connectivity and the Failure of 'Open Reach' in rolling out an adequate broad band connection, this will not happen for at least 12 months. He has now enquired about the 'Airband system', this does not rely on Government grants, he advises As many people as possible to register their interest on line. Kit asked whether the details could be put into the Next newsletter, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would forward the request to the newsletter committee, Kit said he would send full details to the Clerk the following day.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses asked the Councillors if there were any questions for Kit?
None were forthcoming, Stephen thanked Kit for attending

6. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st October 2020 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses

7. Matters Arising

- 1) Bradworthy Primary Academy, the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had now received a receipt for the donation.
- 2) Hedge/Verge Cutting, the work had now been completed and an invoice has been issued.
- 3) Drain/Gulley, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses informed the Councillors that as yet he had not contacted Highways, but would do so.
- 4) AED Cabinet, the Clerk had phoned Andrew Deptford the supplier and was informed that the Cabinet was not Supplied with a permanent lighting system as this was not requested on purchase, a fact that was disputed. Councillor Moyses asked Councillor Piper if it was possible to have some form of light attached above the Cabinet That would only come on in the hours of darkness? Councillor Piper said he would look into it. The Clerk was Requested to make a notice for the newsletter reminding residents of the whereabouts of the AED and the lack Of light at the present time.

8. Planning Applications

1/0488/2020/OUT (No action necessary as notice that application is going before plans committee)
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Location: Land adjoining Sunny View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

9. Planning decisions

1/0488/2020/OUT

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Planning Appeals :

There were none

10. Financial Matters

- a) The unanimous decision of the Councillors was for the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse to sign cheques for: i) Clerks salary £214.15 ii) C. Brimacombe £90 for Grass Cutting, although not on the agenda, to Clements Hill Farm for Hedge & Verge Cutting £306.00. Councillor Moyse will get the cheques signed by two further Councillors and return to the Clerk.
- b) The Direct Debit to Eon for £9.77 was acknowledged.
- c) Financial Report to date: The Clerk had emailed the spread sheet and bank reconciliation to Councillors Prior to the meeting, no issues were raised. The Bank reconciliation was supported by a current bank Statement. The bank balance is £5150.44 which consists of £183.02 SBIT funds, £541.65 P3 funds, £940.83 DAAT funds, the remaining balance of £3484.94 being Parish Council general funds.
- d) The grants for the financial year 2021/2022 were considered, the unanimous decision of the Councillors was to award the following grants:
 - i) MD Gardening Club £80 ii) North Devon CAB £50 iii) M D Parish Hall £150
 - iv) MD Newsletter £100 v) MD Parish Church £150.The Clerk will notify the organisations. The request from the Barnstaple's Record Office was discussed but the Councillors asked for further information before considering the request. The Clerk will resend the email received.
- e) The provisional budget had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting, after discussions it was decided to approve the budget, but the final decision will be made in January prior to the Precept request to Torrington District Council.

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

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

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

- 1) Councillor Teresa Walters reported that a big branch had fallen in the Cemetery, Councillor Moyse Will report the issue to the Church Wardens Roy and Isabel Fairbrother.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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