

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 commencing at 7.30pm, this was a remote Meeting held on the ZOOM platform. Present: Councillors Stephen Moyses Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Jim Richardson, Rose Haynes, also present were DCC Councillor Barry Parsons and Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

1. **Apologies were received from:**

Torrige District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple and PCSO Mark James

2. **Chair's Announcements**

Councillor Stephen Moyses welcomed all to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year

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 spoke briefly about Superfast Broadband and the number of people now connected, Recent updates regarding Local Bus transport, Covid 19 vaccinations at GP Surgeries, Holsworthy Hospital and New centers. Torrige area cases remain low and at the present time have only 14 cases. It is vitally important that Everyone sticks to the rules. Barry stated that he is sad to be stepping down, if he does not get the opportunity to Join another meeting he would like to say how much he has enjoyed working with all of the Councillors over the past 4 years. Barry's full reports can be found on the web site.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses thanked Barry for attending and for all his help over the years, on behalf of all Councillors he wished him to stay safe and well.

6. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th December 2020 had been circulated by email, and were unanimously approved as a correct and true record of the meeting.
the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses, signed the minutes.

7. **Matters Arising**

- 1) AED Cabinet lights, Councillor Moyses said he had found the ideal solution but as yet had been unable to obtain the lights as they were out of stock
- 2) Missing Plaque at the Cemetery, Councillor Richard Piper said that the plaque had been removed for engraving but some members of the family were not informed, hence the thought that it was missing.
- 3) Dogs barking in Venn Green, the Clerk had reported that she had had two telephone calls from a resident who lived near where the dogs were a nuisance, the advice given to him was perhaps to contact Torrige District Council who would react to any complaint. The resident decided to approach the owners himself in the first Instance. He would let the Clerk know what happens. Councillor Moyses said he had also been approached and Had also said the best approach was for all those concerned to go on line and contact Torrige Environment Department.

8. **Planning Applications**

There were none

9. **Planning decisions**

There were none

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.
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. The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that EON was putting the cost of the daily standing charge up from 30p per day to 39.3. This will increase the annual cost to approx. £147, although every effort had been mad to source a cheaper cost, companies were not really interested as very little electricity had or will be used.
- 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 £4,624.86 which consists of £183.02 SBiT funds, £541.65 P3 funds, £940.83 DAAT funds, the remaining balance of £2,599.36 being Parish Council general funds.
- d) The budget for the financial year 2021/2022 had ben emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting, the contents were discussed and unanimously accepted. The precept was set at £4250.00, the Parish Councillors had decided not to increase the precept this year. The Clerk will sign and forward the paperwork to Torridge Council finance department

The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that were Covid 19 grants available for the Community, if they knew of anyone who would benefit. Councillor Moyse said he was unaware of anyone in need, although he had not spoken to Christian (Emergency Committee) recently. Linda the post lady is very pro-active and it is felt that if anyone had problems, she would notify one of the Parish Councillors.

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

All emails had been forwarded to Councillors; no issues had been raised.

The Clerks & Councils magazine had been delivered by post and given to the Chair.

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

- 1) Councillor Gareth Piper commented that the road by Five Lanes is much improved, with very little flood water collecting there, but there is a problem between Shop Cross and Five Lanes outside The Rectory entrance. Councillor Moyse replied that it needs to be sorted but cars can still go through without too much of a problem, he asked Gareth whether he had had a look to see what was causing the problem, and is it something one of the Councillors could sort out. Councillor Piper replied that there are no obvious ditches that could cause the problem, Councillor Moyse said he would have a good look when he next passed that way.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm