

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm, this was a remote Meeting held on the ZOOM platform. Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Jim Richardson, Rose Haynes and Gareth Piper, also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Apologies were received from:

DCC Councillor Barry Parsons, District Councillors Kit Hepple and Ken James, and PCSO Mark James

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting and apologised for being a bit late but had had technical issues.

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 Councilor's reports:

No County or District Councillors attended.

- 6.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th February 2021 had been circulated by email, and were unanimously approved as a correct and true record of the meeting.
the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse, signed the minutes.

7. Matters Arising

- 1) AED Cabinet lights, Councillor Moyse had looked at the Solar Light but this was not suitable, it was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to obtain a permanent light and have it installed above the cabinet by a qualified electrician. Councillor Gareth Piper gave Councillor Moyse the name of the person to contact to seek permission for the work to be carried out. Councillor Jim Richardson commented that the AED cabinet situated at the garage was very rusty, the Clerk will keep an eye on it to make sure there will be no damage to the AED, the consensus of opinion was to think about replacing it before the winter, as the cost is in excess of £500 enquiries should be made regarding grants to cover some of the cost.
The Clerk commented that when she inspected the AED at the end of February it was noted that the AED had been tampered with, no damage had been caused, and all was OK when inspected on the 11th March. enquires were made but it remains a mystery as to who actually opened the Cabinet.
- 2) Floods on Road Shop Cross to the old Rectory, seems to be a recent problem with no apparent reason, Councillor Moyse said he would have a look next time we have heavy rainfall. The Clerk had reported the Problem at Walden Bridge.
- 3) Fly Tipping: this had been reported to Torridge environment department and had now been cleared.
- 4) State of Roads- Parish Hall – Whitebeare Cross had been reported to the Highways Dept.
Councillor Jim Richardson reported that some patching work had been done, and although a bit better than it was, no way is the surface perfect,
It had been noticed by several Councillors that the 'Linesman' had been out locally to clear ditches, which was good for the roads as the overflowing water causes a lot of damage to the road surfaces.

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) Clerk’s salary £214.15 ii) ZOOM monthly fee £7.19 iii) Admin Expenses 20th Nov2020 - 11th March £30.63
Councillor Moyse will get the cheques signed by two further Councillors and return to the Clerk.
- b) The Direct Debit payment to Eon for £11.90 was acknowledged, the Clerk apologised for having the wrong amount on the Agenda. It was discussed whether the electricity charges should be taken out of the DAAT fund, it was the unanimous decision of the Councillors for the charges to be borne by the Parish Council.
- 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 £3,467.82 which consists of £183.02 SBIT funds, £256.65 P3 funds, £940.83 DAAT funds, the remaining balance of £2,087.32 being Parish Council general funds.

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

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

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

- 1) Councillor Moyse remarked that it was likely that the Meeting in May would have to be held Face-to-face, if this is the case if there are any of the Councillors who feel uncomfortable in attending this would be understood. The Clerk will inform the Councillors if she hears any more from DALC or NALC regarding the subject. She will also check up on whether the AGM and Parish Open meeting should be held.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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