

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2021 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm,
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, and Devon County Councillor James Morrish,**

1. Apologies were received from:

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

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Moyse welcomed all to the first face-to-face meeting since March of last year, congratulated James on his very successful campaign and election as County Councillor for Holsworthy Rural, on behalf of Milton Damerel Stephen wished him every success.

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:

Councillor James Morrish commented that he had stepped back from politics 9years ago after leading Torridge district Council, County Council is a lot different than District Council and I have hard task stepping into Barry Parsons shoes, who is a good friend of mine. I cannot promise to come to every meeting but please pick up the phone and talk to me if there are any problems I can help with.

My main priorities are Roads, adult education and the health and wellbeing of all.

There has been a huge investment in health, with the Covid testing vans. On my campaign trail I met a lot of over sixties, what came to light is the vital role of district nurses, the conclusion being that it is far better for patients to be at home recovering with home care than languishing in hospital, but the funds and tools have to be supplied to achieve this.

James went on to say that he would find out shortly his amount for the Locality Budget and if there are Any projects that need financial support he would be only too happy to support the grant application. Have you any questions for me?

Councillor Moyse replied that over the years roads have been closed for resurfacing work but after finishing If there was any tarmac left over this was not used to fill in potholes, which were evident just past the repair work, but actually dumped in farm gateways. Why cant the extra tarmac be used to fill in pot holes, as these would have o be done at some stage.

James replied that he would certainly look into the matter and bring the subject up when he is in County Hall, he said that Residents should report pot holes and problems on the DC website.

Councillor Moyse thanked James for attending,

6. The minutes_of_the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd April 2021 had been circulated by email, and were unanimously approved as a correct and true record of the meeting, they were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse,

7. **Matters Arising**

- 1) AED Cabinet lights, Councillor Stephen Moyses reported that the lights will be fitted on the 28th May
- 2) Floods on Road Shop Cross to the old Rectory, as there had been no recent rain to check, Councillor Moyses said he would have a look next time we have heavy rainfall.
- 3) State of roads and the question regarding repairs had been put to DC Councillor Morrish.

8. **Planning Applications:**

There were none

9. **Planning decisions**

There were none

Planning Appeals:

There were none

10. **Financial Matters**

- a) To acknowledge receipt of the first half of precept £2125, the Clerk apologised as the wrong amount was listed on the agenda
- b) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to sign cheques for:
 - i) Clerk's salary £214.68
 - ii) Dr J Foster £50 internal audit
 - iii) Acknowledge payment of EON DD of £11.97

c) **To Consider the end of year accounts/statements and approve and sign the following:**

- i) The Annual Internal Audit was explained to the Councillors, no issues were raised by the auditor
- ii) The Annual Governance Statement was read to all and accepted by the Councillors
- iii) The Accounting Statements were explained to the Councillors
- iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

The end of year accounts and the AGAR were unanimously approved by a show of hands and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

- d) Financial report to date was supported by the bank statement. There being £5,56.52 in the bank Account, this consists of Ring-fenced funds, SBiT £183.02, P3 £256.65, DAAT £940.83, the Balance of £3776.02 being Parish Council General reserves.

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 Jim Richardson reported that a pre-planning application had been made for a Vodafone mast to be erected in Venn Green, to date the Parish Council had not received notification of this.
- 2) Councillor Buckpitt commented that he had seen an article regarding the Parish Hall and its lack of use and suggested that it might be used significantly more if it was updated, hirers found the hall extremely cold in the winter. The clerk replied that she had on several occasions sent details of grants to the Parish Hall committee, which were available to renovate and up-date halls. Perhaps details could be put on MD Face book page.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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