

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th August 2021 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, , Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Rose Haynes, Jim Richardson and Gareth Piper, Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillor Ken James also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

1. Apologies were received from:

Councillor Richard Piper Vice- Chair, District Councillor Kit Hepple and PCSO Mark James

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting.

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:

District Councillor Ken James reported that a lot of finance had been supplied to support the Globe, a significant amount of cash has been put aside for the renovation and improvement of Bideford Town Centre, also finance to support the supply of free lunches for children, throughout the school holidays. The Council will be taking control of Leisure Services, with Councillors and officers in control, staff of 1610 ltd will be employed.

Councillor Stephen Moyse enquired about the funding of 'The Globe', Ken replied that it would be an offshoot Of Petrock and DCC and used as a Hospitality Training Center.

Devon County Councillor James Morrish reported that a lot of DCC staff were still working from home, with meetings Held on ZOOM. Just recently there were only 19 people in County Hall which is a ridiculous situation.

The recent report from 'Ofsted' regarding Children services in the region was dreadful, very near to special measures. Leader of the opposition called for an external enquiry; this is to happen in the near future.

Mental health issues are very much in the minds of all departments, Holsworthy Children were being looked after. DCC intended to close the Link project drop-in center, there argument was that it was not being used, but with the 'Covid 19' restrictions no one was allowed to drop in!! It is hoped that funding will continue as Mental Health Issues does happen in Holsworthy.

James went on to say that the roads continue to be a problem, and receives an average of 4 emails a day from residents, who often wonder how roads for repair are selected as some repairs seem very illogical. James finished off by saying that if the Parish Council needed funds for projects please apply.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked James and Ken for attending and asked the Parish Councillors if They had any questions?

Councillor Gareth Piper asked with reference to planning application decision in 9, 1 why does it seem that the Torridge Planning Department does not listen and do they take any notice of what Parish Councillor comment on given Application, it is a 'kick in the teeth' to those of us who care about our Parish.

Councillor James replied decision are given on what is in front of them and remember that anyone can apply for outline planning permission on anyone's land, and then when the actual Planning application is applied for, comments and problems regarding access will then be thrashed out. Councillor Moyse commented why can you apply to build on anyone's land it does not make sense? Ken replied that it is the law of the land.

Councillor Piper commented that he would like to know who do Planning listen to? Ken replied that the Planning Department does listen and reiterated that they can only act on what is in front of them.

6. The minutes the Parish Council general meeting held on the 21st July 2021 had been circulated by email, they 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) Hedge and Verge cutting, Councillor Moyses has asked for quotes and will inform Councillors when he has received them

8. Planning Applications

There were none

9. Planning decisions

- 1) 1/0610/2021/OUT

Proposal: Construction of No 2 dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping

Location: Land at grid reference 237746 111270, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

Questions were asked regarding this application and in particular the access over the green maintained and owned by the Parish Council. Councillor James commented that ownership would have to be certified, and if necessary purchased from the Parish Council. Councillor Moyses commented that it was not about any financial gain but preserving the green and the trees.

Councillor James suggested checking with the land register and also applying for Tree Preservation orders or the trees, which can be applied anytime. He will send copies of planning decisions and any relevant paperwork to the Clerk,

- 2) 1/0715/2021/FUL (Not on the Agenda as received after it was printed & Distributed)

Proposal: Proposed extension

Location: 1, Beech Park, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon

The above applications were approved by Torridge Planning

Planning Appeals:

There were none

10. Financial Matters

- a) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to sign the cheque for:
i) Clerk's salary £214.68, three councillors signed the said cheque
b) Acknowledge payment of EON DD of £12.38
c) Financial report to date, all Councillors had received spreadsheets prior to the meeting, no issues were raised.

The balance of the bank stands at £4,386.85; this figure was supported by a copy of the current account bank statement. The funds consist of ring-fenced funds of £183.02 step back in time funds, £940.83 balance of DAAT grants, £256.65 P3 funds, the balance of £3006.35 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 Teresa Walters reported that rubbish bins were being put out days before the collection day in particularly by one resident, Councillor James informed Teresa that if she gives him the address of the resident he will arrange for a letter to be sent.

Councillor Gareth Piper asked why can't black bins be collected weekly instead of fortnightly.

Councillor James replied that having fortnightly collections as opposed to weekly ones saved thousands of pounds, It has been mentioned that collections could go to three weekly, but not at present.

- 2) Councillor Buckpitt mentioned the spate of scam emails and text messages, and urges all to be vigilant.

- 3) Councillor Moyses asked the Clerk to contact Toby Russell DAAT to enquire whether we should increase our budget to cover the cost of new lights etc, if and when they are needed.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses thanked all for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm