

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Rose Haynes and Jim Richardson, also present Lorraine Buttery- Clerk.**

1. Apologies were received from: Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple, PCSO Mark James and Parish Councillor Gareth Piper.
  2. **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*
  3. **Chair's announcements:**

Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting
  4. **Public Comments**

No Members of the public were present.
  5. **County and District Councilor's reports:**

None were present
  6. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 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, the majority had been done by Highways and the local framers will be shortly starting Their hedge cutting, at present there is no need for the Parish Council to cut any.
    - 2) TPO Venn Green, the clerk had forwarded an email from Torridge regarding the application. It is thought that the Three Copper Beeches in question were part of a 'tree planting scheme' instigated by Torridge D C, it was said that It is unsure whether the developers have the right to dig up the green and put a road in. Councillor Stephen Moyse Said he will persevere to get answers.
    - 3) Road Flooding Woodford Bridge, some clearing of the drains had been done, but unsure if the problem had been Solved until it rains again. Councillor Buckpitt will send the photographs to the Clerk to store for when is needed.
    - 4) Car Parking Holsworthy Beacon/ Town Farm, the Parish Councillors were not happy with the reply from Kieran Especially the comment that "Parking does act as a natural traffic calming measure", two Councillors stated that They had narrowly avoided accidents at Town Farm, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse will contact Kieran again.
  8. **Planning Applications**
    - 1) **Received after Agenda distributed**

1/1260/2021/OUT  
Proposal: Outline application of 1 no. dwelling with all matters reserved except access.  
Location: Land adjacent to South View, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.  
*A short discussion took place as Councillors had not had the chance to view the application, any comments or Objections will be sent to the Clerk before the deadline date of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.*
  9. **Planning decisions**
    - 1) **Received after Agenda distributed**

1/1026/OUT  
Proposal: Outline application of 1 no. dwelling with all matters reserved except access.  
Location: Garden of Eagles, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.  
*The above application was granted permission.*
- Planning Appeals**  
*None received*

**10. Financial Matters**

- a) It was approved and three Councillors signed the cheque for the Clerk's salary £214.68
- b) The Payment by Direct Debit to EON for £14.86 was acknowledged.
  
- c) The cashbook spreadsheet had been circulated to the Parish Councillors, no issues were raised  
The bank balance of £5,018.01 was supported by the current Bank Statement. This consist of:  
Ring fenced funds of £183.02 SBIT, £256.65 P3 and £940.83 DAAT. The balance remaining  
£3,619.51, being Parish Council General Funds.
  
- d) SBIT request from Teigan White, the grant of £80 had been approved in October, the Clerk had contacted Teigan for further details, the Councillors were satisfied with the communication, the cheque was signed by three Councillors and the Clerk will forward on.
  
- e) The Clerk informed the Councillors that whilst starting the budget for 2022-2023 she discovered that the annual insurance had not been paid, the insurance company were contacted and the Clerk was informed that cover had not been interrupted as we were on a three-year contract. Payment for the premium of £274.89 was approved and three Councillors signed a cheque for this amount.
  
- f) The Clerk also informed the Councilors that an invoice might be forthcoming for the amount of £55 from Vision ITC for an alteration of the website, this was requested by the Parish Hall Committee, the Clerk had Explained to them that she could not 'add an extra page' and that she would ask the IT company to do it, Which she did, unfortunately receiving the email from the Parish Hall categorically refusing to pay the charge, The Clerk admitted she should have confirmed this first and apologised, but felt at the time the Hall committee would pay.
  
- g) To consider Grants for the financial year 2022-2023.  
Applications had been received from:  
i) Milton Damerel and District Gardening Club ii) Milton Damerel Newsletter iii) Holy Trinity Church  
iv) Milton Damerel Parish Hall v) North Devon CAB.  
After a discussion the applications for i. £80, ii £100, iii £150 , and v £50 were approved, iv was held in obedience until the next meeting.  
Councillor Jim Richardson took no part in the discussion of iv.

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

All correspondence has been sent by email and forwarded to Councillors, none received by post, no issues were Raised.

**12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**

- 1) It was noted that Linda the 'postie' might be retiring, she had done a lot for the Community especially during Lockdown and the pursuing difficulties during the Covid pandemic, the Parish Councillors would like to show their appreciation on behalf of the residents. Councillor Teresa Walters will find out for definite.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm