

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th December 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 Gareth Piper, also present were District Councillor Ken James and Lorraine Buttery- Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from: Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillor Kit Hepple PCSO Mark James and Parish Councillor Jim Richardson.
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 everyone to the meeting and wished all a Happy Christmas and New Year
4. **Public Comments**

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

Councillor Ken James apologised for being late but was taking part in a zoom meeting, he asked if there was any update regarding the TPO at Venn Green? The chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse said that although had been in touch with the land registry office he had not got very far with them.

Ken replied that the owners of the green should have had notification of the application. It is thought that the three copper beeches in question had been supplied by Torridge District Council.

Ken said that he would look into the matter further and email the Clerk with any information he received.

The Zoom meeting was regarding the Local Plan for North Devon and was looking at Peoples Priorities and how they would you see this area in 2040?

Councillor James went on to report that Holsworthy Leisure center was closed again, this was due to a mechanical Breakdown, Leisure centers in the area will be run by the Council from April 2022, it is envisaged that they will make a substantial loss to begin with. Councillor Moyse thanked Ken for joining the meeting and thanked him for his support in 2021.
6. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 17th November 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) TPO Venn Green, this had been covered during Councillor James's report
 - 2) Road Flooding Woodford Bridge, some being done, but unsure if the problem has been solved until it rains again. Councillor Buckpitt has sent some photographs to the Clerk to store for when is needed.
 - 3) Car Parking Holsworthy Beacon: The chair Councillor Stephen Moyse had spoken further to Keiran Stanbury regarding the problems, Keiran stated that the average speed of vehicles was reduced from 38mph to 28mph where there are cards parked, Councillor Moyse stated that was al very well but on a blind bend this speed could cause a serious accident. Keiran suggested that if the Parish Council wish to have restrictions put in place they could write officially to the Highways department, he suggested that it would be beneficial to have the support of the County Council Councillor James Morrish.

Councillor Moyse made a proposition to the Councillors asking if they wished to pursue in trying to get restrictions put in place on the road at Holsworthy Beacon? It was the unanimous decision on the Councillors to do so. in the first instance the Clerk will write to Councillor Morrish for his support, after which an email will be sent to Highways Department.

Parking at Town Farm: it was suggested that Torridge Planning department be contacted to request to the developers that some sort traffic calming scheme be considered to the left of the development.
 - 4) Councillor Teresa Walters informed the Councillors that Lind had definitely retired, Councillor Moyse said Some flowers should be purchased and a card to present to Linda for all her kind assistance that she had given to the community especially during the pandemic lockdowns,

8. Planning Applications

None had been received

9. Planning decisions

None had been received

Planning Appeals

None had been received

10. Financial Matters

- a) The Councillors approved of the following cheques and three Councillors signed for the
i) Clerk's salary £214.68 ii) Mr Charles Brimacombe for Grass Cutting £80 ii) Admin expenses £22.65
b) The Payment by Direct Debit to EON for £7.42 was acknowledged, this had been reduced from the amount of £14.54 on the agenda due to a refund
c) The cashbook spreadsheet had been circulated to the Parish Councillors, no issues were raised The bank balance of £4,430.44 was supported by the current Bank Statement. This consist of: Ring fenced funds of £103.02 SBIT, £256.65 P3 and £940.83 DAAT. The balance remaining £3,129.94, being Parish Council General Funds.
d)The draft budget had been sent by email and was discussed; it was suggested that the precept be increased by at least £100, the Councillors will look at the Budget and the final decision will be made in January.
e) Grant application Milton Damerel Parish Hall, this will be discussed at January's meeting

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 were received by post, no issues Were raised.

12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

- 1) The Clerk asked whether the snow warden was still willing to carry on, Councillor Moyse added that all were willing to give him help when required. As far as all were aware the salt bins were full
2) It was noted that a replacement for the P3 administrator had come forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm