

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Rose Haynes. Jim Richardson 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 and PCSO Mark James
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. *Councillors Stephen Moyse and Jim Richardson declared an interest in item 10.d,*
 - 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 New Year
4. **Public Comments**

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

Councillor Ken James said not much to report, the Council is working hard to get the leisure centers up and running, but nothing seems to be going right, there is a meeting tomorrow (20th January).
Ken said he also had a meeting with MP Geoffrey Cox on Friday 21st.
Ken went on to report that the budgets had been set and the Council Tax will be increased quite a lot, to cover the the DCC, Police Budget and adult care increases. Although Councils are restricted to 2% the likely increase will be more in the region 5%.
The Council has taken on a lot of apprentices which is all good for the future.
The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Ken for joining the meeting and thanked him for his support.
6. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 15th December 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, Councillor Ken James had sent an email to the Clerk regarding this, and asked whether The Parish Council had been notified that the access road would be over the grass, which would involve the three trees being cut down. Ken advised that the Clerk send an email to James Jackson in the planning department asking for a TPO and reiterating that the developers had not approached the Parish Council regarding the access. The Clerk will contact James Jackson. Councillor Buckpitt said he would take photos to send to the Clerk to support the applications.
 - 2) Road Flooding Woodford Bridge, some being done, but unsure if the problem has been solved until it rains again. Its just a question of keeping an eye on the situation
 - 3) Car Parking Holsworthy Beacon: The Clerk had written to Keiran Stanbury requesting a parking restriction be Placed on the road, Kieran's reply was: "I am aware of this location and will have to undertake further investigations My primary concern is removing parking at this location could impact vehicle speeds with higher speeds of vehicles Traveling into the area if they know there wont be any traffic, there is also no collisions to support as being 'dangerous' at this time. I will have discussion with the traffic and see if this can be put on for a future HATOC Agenda, this will likely be the end of 2022/23."
The comment was made that that it would be 'safer for vehicles being faster on the right side of the road, then Going slower on the wrong side'.
The parking of the vehicles near the Church had improved slightly, but those that still do park there, perhaps could Be told that it would be safer for all if they parked a little further up the road. The biggest problem that would Arise if there was something going on at the Church, the poor parking would cause chaos.

Matters arising cont/.....

- 4) Councillor Teresa Walters informed the Councillors that card, a bouquet of flowers and chocolates had been Presented to Linda, who was deeply touched and sent her thanks to the Parish Council.
Councillor Rose Haynes asked for a report with a copy of the Photos for the Parish Magazine.

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) Hire of Hall Nov-Jan £19.00
Although not on the agenda it was approved and three Councillors signed a cheque for £45 to cover The cost of the presentation to the retired postie Linda.
- b) The payment by direct debit of £12.38 in favour of EON was acknowledged.
- c) Financial report, a spread sheet of the finances had been emailed to the Councillors prior to the meeting, no issues were raised. The Bank Balance of £4807.11 was supported by the current bank statement. There being a balance of £4,087.11, which consists of: SBit Fund £103.02, P£256.65, DAAT £940.83. The balance of £2,786.61 being Parish Council general funds.
- d) The Budget spread sheet had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting, after discussion it was The unanimous decision of the Councillors to set the precept at £4,400, the Clerk will complete the Request and forward to Torridge Finance Department.
- e) Grant application Milton Damerel Parish Hall, Councillors Stephen Moyse and Jim Richardson left the room whilst the discussion took place. It was the unanimous decision of the remaining Councillors not to award a grant this financial year, the reasons behind the decision were that, taking into account the Parish Councils limited funds and given the strong financial position of the Parish Hall it did not warrant giving the grant, The Clerk will convey the decision to the Parish Hall committee.

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 informed the Councillors that the replacement Batteries/pads for the Defibrillator had still not been received, at the present time they are still working and are being checked every week. The problem with the water collecting in the cabinet was discussed, it was suggested a a small hole be drilled in the bottom of the cabinet to allow the water to drain out, the problem with that solution was that it could affect the guarantee, the Clerk will contact Andrew Deptford the supplier to get his advice.
- 2) HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, was discussed and what plans might be made to celebrate the occasion. The Councillors were asked to think of some ideas and report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm