

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th February 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, also present were District Councillor Kit Hepple and Lorraine Buttery- Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from: Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillor Ken James, Parish Councillor Gareth Piper 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. *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.
4. **Public Comments**

Roy and Isabel Fairbrother attended the meeting to see what was going to be arranged for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Isabel said that in the past they had felt excluded when dates for events were being arranged, the Church had had to cancel the Carol Service as it clashed with other events. If there had been more communication this could have been avoided. The Chair Stephen Moyse said that he was sure that this was not intentional, the Jubilee will be discussed later in the meeting.
5. **County and District Councilor's reports:**

Councillor Kit Hepple apologised for not attending meetings recently but as a business owner evening meetings are always a problem for him. He is always available via email if the Parish Council needed to contact him. Kit went on to say that there is not much to report, the Council is working hard to get the leisure centers up and running, but nothing seems to be going right, in particular Holsworthy Centre which has numerous problems and will need a large cash injection.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse asked Kit if he had any Grant money left, Kit replied he had and will send the relevant forms to the Clerk, it is hoped to get funds for a new printer.

Stephen went on to thank Kit for attending the meeting and thanked him for his support.
6. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 19th January 2022 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, The Clerk had contacted James Jackson who said arrangements would be made to inspect The three trees in question plus the trees situated in the hedge, Councillor Teresa Walters believed that the trees had been inspected, to date no up-date had been received.
 - 2) Defibrillators: The Charge sticks and pads had now been replaced, in both defibrillators, the Clerk informed the Councillors that once the Defibrillators had been used, they would not work, she suggested that replacements are ordered now, as the waiting list for these can be lengthy. Councillor Kepple was asked if this could be financed as well. Kit replied yes. Just put all the details on the application form. Lorraine also informed the Councillors that there was still a problem with condensation pooling at the Bottom of the cabinet at Holsworthy Beacon, she wondered if the electrical supply was working? Councillor Moyse said he would get Mike Down the electrician to have a look.

Matters arising cont/.....

- 3) H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse read a letter out by email from the Parish Hall Committee suggesting various ways that the Parish Council could contribute to the cost of the events they were thinking of arranging. The consensus of opinion was that the Parish Council could cover the cost of one or two items. The Clerk suggested that it would be far better to make a one-off donation to the Parish Hall and let them decide what to use it for, as long as it was used to cover costs of the Jubilee Celebrations.
The Parish Hall committee are also organising a public meeting to discuss what the residents would like. It is hoped the Parish Council will be represented at this meeting.

7. Planning Applications

1) 1/0058/2022/FULM

Proposal: 5-megawatt solar park and ancillary development (on 14.6 hectares of land)

(Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1/1177/2015/FULM)

Location: Land at Bulkworthy, Bulkworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed, it had also been discussed at previous meetings, this application was just a slight amendment. No objections were raised. The Clerk will inform Torridge Planning.

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) Andrew Deptford £237.60

Although not on the agenda it was approved and three Councillors signed a cheque for £12.07 to cover the cost of ink cartridge.

b) The payment by direct debit of £12.79 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 £3795.64 was supported by the current bank statement.

This balance consists of: SBit Fund £103.02, P£256.65, DAAT £940.83.

The balance of £2,495.14 being Parish Council general funds.

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 Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse informed the Councillors that the Clerk would be away for the meeting on the 16th March, and he would be away as well, Councillor Buckpitt said he would also away. After discussion it was decided that it might be better to postpone the meeting until the following week, the 23rd March.

The Clerk will inform the Parish Hall booking officer Tracey and inquire as to whether the hall will be free on the 23rd, she will notify every-one as soon as it is arranged.

2). Councillor Richard Piper mentioned the roads had not improved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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