

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2022 in the Parish Hall commencing at 8.15pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters, Jim Richardson and Rose Haynes, also present were Devon County Councillor James Morrish and Lorraine Buttery- Clerk. Mr Michael Jackson, Edwina, Lesley Self, Tracey Toft remained after the Parish Open Meeting

1. Apologies were received from: Parish Councillor Richard Piper Vice- Chair, District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple, PS Frank Morgan
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**

There were none
5. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 23rd March 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.
5. **County and District Councilor's reports:**

Councillor James Morrish apologised for not attending meetings over the past few months, but he had had some Health issues which are now on the mend. He reported that the issue of poor road surfaces and pot holes remain a Big problem from all. The 'dragon' machine is in the vicinity of Newton St Petrock and will be in the area for the Next 3 weeks. The roads problem remains a big issue in the Rural areas as highway officers are choosing to repair Busier roads consequently smaller roads and lanes are a long way down the list. An extra 3 million has been Allocated this year. It is very important that residents continue to report pot holes and dangerous surfaces on line- it does matter.

James went on to report that he had been to his first National Meeting in Birmingham for the Pensions and Investments, I was met with a contingent of '400 tress', who were objecting to Devon County Council investing in Companies who support and invest in fossil fuels. A recent survey revealed that 400 people object to this but 300 did not worry. The amount that Devon County Council invest is a drop in the ocean in when you compare it with the billions that are invested overall.

Now back to grass roots, Devon County Councillor David Hurley had discussed with him the difficulty of retaining Staff since the covid lockdowns/restrictions.

Councillor Morrish went on to say that there is money available in his Locality Grant scheme if there was anything The Parish Council needed., he hopes to attend Parish council meetings a little more regularly, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse replied that the Parish Councillors fully understood if he cannot as James has a very large area to cover, he thanked James for attending and for his continued support.

The Clerk asked permission to speak, and asked Councillor Morish about the grant that had been applied for for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, James replied that he had approved the grant and advised the Clerk to chase it up.
7. **Matters Arising**
 - 1) TPO Venn Green, no updates at present, Councillor Morish advised the Parish Council to chase it up by writing To Steve Hurst, the Clerk will do so.
 - 2) Defibrillators: The sealant around the cabinet had now been removed, a photograph had been taken by Mike Down of the suspected faulty heating unit, this was sent to the supplier, but there had been no further progress, the Clerk will chase it up.

Matters arising cont/.....

- 3) H.M. Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Tracy Toft commented that the meeting held on the 24th March was quite successful, although it was not well attended. The Parish Hall Committee are hoping to organise a tea party, a bouncy castle/slide, games with a gift for each child attending, a children's painting competition, enquiries had been made regarding paying for 'face painting' sessions, but these are very expensive and people are getting booked up, definite plans will be decided at the next meeting. The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse said there would be a definite grant from the Parish Council, Tracey commented that it was very difficult for the Parish Hall committee to decide what to spend without knowing definite sums that would be forthcoming. The other problem being is knowing the attendance, especially as there were quite a few events going on in the area. Councillor Teresa Walters suggested that an event notice be designed for all residents. Councillor Jim Richardson said that this is in hand.
- 4) Little Johns Cottage- a reply had been received from the owners of the cottage who stated that the Building had been looked at at the bulge was facing in and would more than likely fall inwards and not In the road, they are also taking steps to ensure the safety of the building due to storm damage.

8. Planning Applications

None had been received

Planning decisions

1) 1/0058/2022/FULM

Proposal: Solar Park and ancillary development (on 14.6 hectares of land)

(Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1/1177/2015/FULM & 1/0274/2020/NMAT

Location: Land at Bulkworthy, Bulkworthy, Devon

The above application was granted permission

Planning Appeals

None received

9. Financial Matters

- a) The unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve the following cheques, three Councillors signed:
 - i) Clerk's salary £218.44
 - ii) New printer £172.79
 - iii) DALC/NALC Affiliation Fees £104.01

Although not on the agenda the decision was to approve and sign the cheques for:

- i) A. Deptford, £118.80 spare charge stick and pads for the AED
 - ii) Environmental South West ££818.40 new gate for P3.
- b) Acknowledge payment of EON DD of £21.99 and receipt of £84.60 from Sutcombe Parish Council Payment for 50% of the new printer.
 - c) Financial report to date, the bank balance of £3473.46 was supported by the current bank statement And bank reconciliation. The balance consists of SBiT funds £103.02, P3 Funds £256.65, DAAT Funds £940.83, Grant for AED £198.00, the balance of £1667.33 being PC 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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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