

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2022 in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies were received from: Parish Councillor, Gareth Piper, Devon County Councillor James Morrish, 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. He stated that he would like to congratulate The organisers of the Jubilee celebrations as they should be very proud of themselves, it was good to see that all events were very well supported. Councillor Jim Richardson (Parish Hall Committee member) said that the footfall was great, the children very much enjoyed themselves, which was great to see. The events made a good profit which is going to the North Devon Hospice.

All competition photographs and drawings are displayed on the wall in the skittle alley.
4. **Public Comments**

The visitor Lisette said that she was attending to observe, she had already interviewed members of the Parish Hall and was hoping to interview Councillors.
5. The minutes of the Parish Council general meeting held on the 18th May 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:**

No Councillors were present
6. **Matters Arising**
 - 1) TPO Venn Green, the decision of the officer in Charge James Jackson is as follows:

The three trees are considered to be in a poor condition. All three are of uneven form, with no formal crown formed. Several limbs of the trees have grown from near the base of the trunk. The trees appear to have been pruned in the past, however it is questionable if this has been done in accordance with recognized arboricultural practices, given the appearance of all three trees. None of the trees appear as being healthy specimens. Possibly suffer from their proximity to the larger trees on the nearby boundary. Overall, poor, and unlikely to be suitable for a TPO. Although it was thought that the trees were Copper Beech they have been identified as Pissard Plum Trees
 - 2) Defibrillator Cabinet: The supplier has said that he will get a quote for the new heater. The Clerk will inform all as soon as it is received.
 - 3) Fly Tipping – Chapmans Green. This was reported to Torridge environmental department who said they will clear it. It was reported that there is still some rubble and soil there, the Clerk will contact Torridge again. Councillor Peter Buckpitt said that there had been substantial fly tipping between Five Lanes and Venn Green, which is just outside the Village, he had removed the items Peter suggested that an article be put in the next newsletter informing people of who they should contact if they see any fly tipping. Councillor Rose Haynes said it will be put on the agenda for the next newsletter meeting
7. **Planning Applications**

None received

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8. **Planning decisions**

None received

Planning Appeals

None received

9. **Financial Matters**

- a) The following cheques were approved and signed by three Councillors
i) Clerk's June salary £263.36 ii) Jubilee Grant £400 to the Parish Hall
Although not on the Agenda the Councillors approved and three Councillors signed a Cheque for £21 for Parish Hall hire April – June meetings.
To acknowledge payment to EDF energy, this is not due until July.
- b) Financial report to date, a spreadsheet with all information was sent by email to Councillors before the meeting, no issues were raised. The bank balance of £4336.54 was supported by the current bank statement and bank reconciliation. The total consists of: SBIT fund £103.02, P3 funds £174.65, DAAT Fund £940.83, the remaining balance of £3118.04 being PC general funds.
- c) The Councillors Acknowledged receipt of £400 Jubilee Grant and £75 from Western Power, the payment from Western Power was for electricity interruption during the storms.
- d) **To Consider the end of year accounts and AGAR statements :**
- i) The Annual Internal Audit was explained to the Councillors, no issues were raised by the Auditor Dr Julia Foster
- ii) The Annual Governance Statement was read to all and accepted by the Councillors
- iii) The Accounting Statements were explained to the Councillors
- iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved.
- The end of year accounts and the AGAR were unanimously approved by a show of hands and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery**

10. **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.

11. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

- 1) Councillor Jim Richardson informed the Councillors that extensive renovations of the hall were being planned, and the Kitchen might not be there at the next meeting, Councillor Teresa Walters suggested bringing paper cups for coffee at the next meeting. Jim also informed the Clerk that Julie Sage would be contacting her regarding the new website Set up for the Parish Hall.
- 2) Councillor Rose Haynes asked Councillor Jim Richardson if all the children of the Parish were given a Jubilee Gift or was it just those that attended on the day? Jim was unsure but would make enquiries.
- 3) Councillor Jim Richardson asked whether the hedges and verges this year?
Councillor Stephen Moyses replied that Highways only cut the essential places, and asked "Do we as a Parish Council wish to financially commit to getting it done properly?"
[It was the unanimous decision of the Councilors for Stephen to get three quotes for cutting the Hedges and verges. It was for the benefit of all residents as it makes the lanes a lot safer to negotiate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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