

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2022 in the Methodist Church school room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Peter Buckpitt, Teresa Walters and Gareth Piper, also present was Lorraine Buttery- Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from: Parish Councillors Jim Richardson and Rose Haynes, PS Frank Morgan Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple,
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 all to the meeting.
4. **Public Comments**

No members of the public were present
5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th July 2022 had been circulated by email, There was a slight error, as the meeting place was incorrect. The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse wrote In the correct meeting place, they were then unanimously approved as all business as printed were a correct and true record of the meeting, they were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse.
6. **County and District Councilor's reports:**

No Councillors were present.
7. **Matters Arising**
 - 1) Defibrillator, the new heater had been received and is now fitted
 - 2) Cutting of Hedges and verges, this will be done in the near future.
 - 3) Overgrown vegetation in the Gidcott area, the matter had been reported by the Clerk to Western Power and Open Reach, both companies said they would inspect the area for possible work, if it was their remit.
8. **Planning Applications**
 - 1) 1/0680/2022/FUL
Proposal: Removal of tin shed and erection of new stable block, menage and Tractor/implement shed and associated works.
Location: Waldon View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon
The above application was discussed in the, no issues were raised, it was the unanimous decision of the Parish Councillor by a show of hands to approve the development, the Clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning.
9. **Planning decisions**
 - 1) 1/0587/2022/REM. **Proposal:** Reserved matters application for No.2 dwellings pursuant to planning application 1/0610/2021/OUT
Location: Land at grid reference 237746 111270, Milton Damerel, Devon
The aboce application has been approved

Planning Appeals

None received

10. Financial Matters

- a) The following cheques were approved and signed by three Councillors
 - i) Clerk's August salary £263.36
 - ii) Mike Down Electrical £31.20 for the installation of the new heater in the AED cabinet.

Although not on the Agenda the Parish Councillors approved a cheque for £7 in favour of the Methodist Chapel, for the hire of the school room. Three Councillors signed the cheque.

It was acknowledged that the payment to EDF of £7.57 was paid by direct debit.

- b) financial report to date, all Councillors had received a spread sheet of the accounts, no issues were raised. The bank balance of £3326,16 was supported by the current bank statement and upheld with the bank reconciliation. The balance consists of ring-fenced funds: SBiT £103.02, P3 £174.65 and DAAT £940.83. The remainder balance £2057.66 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 received by post, No issues were raised.

12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

- 1) Councillor Jim Richardson arrived at the end of the meeting to update the Councillors regarding the renovation of the Parish Hall. The kitchen appliances etc are being installed next week, it has been painted and well insulated and there has been no leaks, the painting of the hall is being completed but very slowly as volunteers are very slow to come forward. The floor had been sanded and was ready for varnishing. Ideally the toilets need replacing but at present the finances are not to hand, it is hoped that grants will be available.
Councillor Moyse thanked Jim for dropping by and said he is sure that everyone appreciated the effort and hard work that was being applied by so few.
- 2) Councillor Moyse reported that he had had complaints regarding an overgrown hedge by the Old Post Office as it restricts the vision of motorists, the Clerk was asked to write to the occupiers.
- 3) The complaints regarding potholes and the general poor state were voiced, residents are advised to complain directly to Devon County Council highways website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:15.