

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Gareth Piper Teresa Walters, and Jim Richardson, District Councillor Ken James also present was Lorraine Buttery- Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from: District Councillors Kit Hepple, Parish Councillors Peter Buckpitt and Rose Haynes
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:**

The Chair 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 had been circulated by email, they were then unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting, they were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse.
- 6 **County and District Councilor's reports:**

District Councillor Ken James said not much to report, it was good news regarding the Marine Centre, Torridge Council are looking to regenerate the area round the Cattle Market. Budgets are very tight, but hoping for a 'lift' for youngsters for their skills development in the Area.

Councillor Gareth Piper asked whether he had heard anything about the development at Town Farm, Ken replied he had not, it has always been a problem with the developers but is is hoped the Situation will be resolved in the future. .

With the elections coming up Ken said he has enjoyed working with the Parish Councillors and if he does not come back after May he wishes all well.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Ken for all his hard work, and for attending the Meeting.

On behalf of all the Councillors and residents we wish you well for the elections in May.

7. **Matters arising**
  - 1) Councillor Moyse had visited the 'Rustic Gardens', to look at what they make, the cost would Depend entirely on what size and whether the figure was left rustic or coated. There are Figurines at Halwell so these will be looked at.
  - 2) Councillor Jim Richardson informed the Council that the celebration events for the Kings Coronation will be of similar lines as the late Queens Jubilee, Bouncy Castle, Big Connect 4, Can the Parish Council sponsor anything?

The subject of what the Parish Council give to the Children of the Parish was discussed, It was decided that the gift would be given to primary school age and under.  
The Clerk will look to see what was available, and the cost of 'Crowns'

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## 8. Planning Applications

1) 1/0180/2023/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of redundant barn to a two bedroom dwelling

Location: Lower Walland. Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

2) 1/0240/2025/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension

Location: Threefields, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above applications were discussed no issues were raised, the Parish Councillors unanimously Approved the development. The Clerk will purvey the decision to Torridge Planning*

## 9. Planning decisions

1) 1/0019/2023/FUL

Proposal: Side extension and increase in roof height to create additional accommodation

(Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 1/1606/2021/FUL)

*The above application was granted permission*

## Planning Appeals

*None received*

## 10. Financial Matters

a) The following cheques were unanimously approved and three Councillors duly signed:

i) Clerk's salary £263.36 ii) DALC Training session £36.00 iii) Admin expenses £32.00

b) **Financial report to date**, all Councillors had received a spread sheet of the accounts, no issues were raised, and were unanimously approved. The bank balance of £3,666.85 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.

Grant of £800 received from DCC. The remaining balance £1,648.35 being Parish Council general funds. The VAT refund £348.90 applied for has still not been paid, it is hoped to receive it before the end of the financial year.

c) The Councillors acknowledged the EDF Energy Direct debit of £7.08 paid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

## 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 Richardson asked whether a grant could be considered to help pay for the King's Coronation events? This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

2) It was reported that there was a blocked gulley near Waldon Farm and the Venn Green Signs which in consequence water was flooding the road, the Clerk will notify highways.

3) The Clerk asked whether she could request the internal audit conducted by the person that Had been used previously. It was unanimously agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm