

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

## **Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing 8.15pm**

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

1. Apologies were received from: District Councillors 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:**

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting.  
Stephen informed everyone that Rose was retiring from her tenure as Parish Councillor, a position She has held for 17 years. Stephen presented her with a small gift on behalf of all.
4. **Public Comments**

No members of the public were present
5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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:**

County Councillor James Morrish did not attend and no report received.  
District Councillor Ken James reported that there was a Household assistance budget in place, A hardship fund to help those households that are struggling. Help is available in various ways, Food vouchers and grants can be applied for, Torridge District Council has an excellent record for helping those in need. Good news is that the budget has been balanced, a legal requirement for all Councils. Car park fees have been increased. The Marine centre is going ahead which is very good news for the future generations and their employment.  
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) No decision has been made.
  - 2) Councillor Jim Richardson informed the Council that the celebration events for the Kings Coronation were well in hand
  - 3) The Blocked gully had been reported but had not been sorted to date, the Clerk will report It again to Highways.
  - 4) The grant for Milton Damerel Hall to cover the cost of the inflatable slide was discussed, It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to cover the cost.

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**8. Planning Applications**  
**Not on the Agenda as received after distributed.**

- 1) 1/0180/2023/FUL  
Proposal: Conversion of redundant barn to a two-bedroom dwelling  
(Amended red edge)  
Location: Lower Walland. Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
- 2) 1/0283/2023/FUL  
Proposal: Conversion of barn to form 2 residential units  
Location: Ley Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
- 3) 1/0293/2023/FUL  
Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to one dwelling  
Location: Worden Farm, 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**  
*None received*

**Planning Appeals**  
*None received*

**10. Financial Matters**

- a) The following cheques were unanimously approved and three Councillors duly signed:
- i) Clerk's salary £187.43
  - ii) MD Parish Hall Hire Jan-March £30.00
  - iii) DAC Annual fees £125.23
  - iv) Coronation gifts for Children (25) £99.80

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 £3,358.61 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 £1,340.11 being Parish Council general funds. The VAT refund £348.90 applied for has now been paid.

- c) The Councillors acknowledged the EDF Energy Direct debit of £7.08 paid on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.  
The alternative fuel grant has been received.

**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) It was reported that the metal sign at Shop Cross needs replacing as the letters were coming off.
- 2) Richard Piper reported that the roads were still causing a problem
- 3) The Clerk reported that the defib. Cabinet at Holsworthy Beacon was still filling with water, also, the heating element has come unstuck and needs attending to. She will report back to Andrew Deptford for his take on why the cabinet still fills with water/condensation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.