

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2023 in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 19:30

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Gareth Piper, Teresa Walters, Peter Buckpitt and Jim Richardson, also present was District Councillor Ken James and Lorraine Buttery- Clerk. 15 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from: District Councillors Kit Hepple P.C.S.O Jessica McEldon

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, he made an announcement that he was fully aware of the reasons why there were so many residents attending the meeting, he went on to say that the subject was not on the Agenda and the Parish Council had not been approached to pass comment and was not aware of all the facts, as such were not in a position to discuss the matter.

4. Public Comments

There were 15 members of the public present, and the majority were there to voice their concerns regarding the proposed Slurry Pitt in the Parish. Several residents were very unhappy with the position as they thought that it was not the designated distance from their properties, they were also worried about the smell that might come from it. Some were also concerned that the Parish Councillors seemed to be uninterested in the welfare of the community.

It was reiterated that the Parish Council were not in a position to pass comment, if the said parties would like to write to the Parish Clerk then it would be considered at the appropriate time.

Heated comments were directed to the Clerk and Councillors, District Councillor James was brought into the conversation and he requested the residents send him details of their complaints and concerns and he would look into it, but there was no guarantee that anything would be done.

The decision was taken for the Clerk to send a letter to the environmental department inviting them to a meeting or for their comments regarding the matter, one resident commented that "How do we know if a letter is actually written?" the Clerk replied that if she is asked to write a letter on any given subject it is always done. The majority of the residents then left with three remaining. The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse asked if there were any more questions? None were raised.

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 19th July 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:

Councillor Ken James reported that there was still money available from the Hardship fund and asked that the information be passed on to residents, Councillor Stephen Moyse asked if there was a time limit for applications, Ken replied no, the Clerk said she would put details in her report for the Parish Magazine which is due to be printed early September.

Ken went on to report that Petrock want to go into University status, this is hoped will enable Youngsters to train as marine scientists and other university degrees, which will help to train Young residents in skills relevant to our area. The strategic plan is the way forward, and the area has been awarded a twentieth of available funds, This will help the poorer areas of our region. Sir Geoffrey Cox is travelling the County, if he is in your area ensure you visit his meetings.

7. Matters Arising

- 1) Permanent Memorial, not ready yet, Councillor Moyses Will be visiting the site to see Exactly where the base plinth will be.
- 2) Blocked Gully, this had improved
- 3) Sign – shop cross, Councillor Piper reported that he had seen the sign being cleaned not repaired, The Clerk stated that as far as highways were concerned that matter was closed, she will email them again and state that although the sign had been cleaned it is still in a state of disrepair.
- 4) New Councillor, two applications had been received, these will be studied by the Councillors with the decision to be made at the September meeting, this will be held as a ‘closed section’ of the meeting.

8. Planning Applications

1) 1/0718/2023/FUL

Proposal: Proposed conversion of former pool building to provide 1no unit of holiday accommodation. Location: Woodland View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

2) 1/0449/2023/AGMB

Proposal: Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to 1no dwelling house and Associated building operations under Class Q (amended red edge)

Location: Agricultural building at grid reference 237838 109926, Milton Damerel Devon

3) 1/0747/2023/FUL Proposal: Replacement Windows

Location: Woodford Bridge Country Club, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

4) (Not on the Agenda) 1/0449/2023/AGMB

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to No1 dwelling house and Associated building operations under class Q (amended red edge)

Location: Agricultural building at grid reference 237838 109926, Milton Damerel. Devon

The above applications were discussed and no objections or concerns were raised for applications 1,2,& 3, Item 4 objections had been raised at a previous meeting, nothing has changed and the Parish Councillors are concerned with this development and do not support it.

The Clerk will purvey the comments to Torrington planning via the website.

9. Planning decisions

1/0293/2023/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural barn No1 to dwelling

Location: Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above application was given permission.

Planning Appeals

None received

10. Financial Matters

a) Councillors unanimously approved the following cheques and three Councillors signed

i) Clerk’s salary £287.43 ii) (Not on the Agenda) B.J Yelland Hedge Trimming £462.00

b) financial report to date, the Clerk had circulated the financial spread sheets by email prior to the meeting, no issues were raised. The bank balance was supported by the current bank statement and reconciliation. There being a balance of £3,842.36, Restricted funds

SBiT £103.02, P3 £174.65, TDC Grant £800 and DAAT grant £900. The Remaining £1828.69 being PC general funds.

11. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting

All correspondence received by email had been forwarded to Councillors when received.

No issues were raised. No correspondence has been received by post.

12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

1) It has been brought to the Parish Council’s notice that the road from Town Farm to Crossways Will be closed for a few days by Airband. The Diversion being the road from Whitebear Coss.

This road is in a dreadful state and not suitable for ordinary vehicles, the Clerk was asked To write to Highways asking if the road from crossways to Whitebear cross can be improved before the closure.

2)Councillor Moyses informed the Parish Councillors that the Air Ambulance site had been updated.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

