

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 held in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 19:30**

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Teresa Walters, Gareth Piper, Edgar Pett and Peter Bromley also present were residents Bob & Julie Sage , Lorraine Buttery- Clerk

1. Apologies were received from: Councillor Jim Richardson , 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 Moyse welcomed all to the meeting.

3a) No questions were asked of the Chair.

4. **Public Comments**

None Raised

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 which had been circulated by email, they were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting, they were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse.

6. **Reports by Local and District Councillors.**

None present, Councillor Hepple had sent a message by email and sated that he was unable to attend the meeting but if could be of any assistance to the Parish Council please do not hesitate to contact him.

7. **Matters Arising**

1) The Clerk had contacted Thomas Cox regarding the missing 'Welcome to Milton Damerel Sign', Thomas reply was:

'Apologies but the missing sign has apparently been recycled as it wasn't possible to attach back to the new post due to not having the correct fixings on the back. Our contractor has informed that there is no capacity for new signs to be made and installed before the end of March. Millie, our very helpful technician, returns in April and so I will ask her to arrange for a new order to be put in for this sign. I will request that she updates you on progress on this. The Clerk will chase it up.

2) State of roads, no improvement on any of roads in the Parish and some are getting increasingly worse., although the manhole cover reported had been repaired. Councillor Moyse had visited the area of reported flooding on the road from Shop Cross to 5 lanes, he could not find any apparent reason for the flooding.

3) Town Farm , it was reported that the planning application had been updated

4) Notice Board, this had now been repaired

5) The rubble reported had not been removed, the Clerk will contact the environment department again.

8. **Planning Applications**

1)1/0176/6024/FUL

Proposal: Erection of No 1 Dwelling in lieu of planning approval 1/0282/2023/FUL

Location: Land at Ley Farm, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY,Devon

*Councillor Stephen Moyse pointed out that there was an error as the planning approval number should read 1/0283/2023/FUL, the Application was discussed no issues were raised.*

*Signed.....*

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**9. Planning decisions**

1) 1/0043/2024/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of Barn and erection of one new dwelling and associated works in lieu of Class Q approval, 1/0449/2023/SGMB

Location: Agricultural building at Grid Reference 237838 109926, Milton Damerel

*The above application was approved, the Councillors commented that what is the point of disproving applications when no notice is taken?*

**Planning Appeals**

*None received*

**10. Financial Matters**

- a) To sign a cheque for: i) All Councillors approved and three signed the cheque for the Clerk's salary £287.43
- b) financial report to date, the bank balance of £2389.54 was supported by the current bank statement and the bank reconciliation. Ring fenced sums consist of SbiT £103.02, P3 £174.65, TDC Grant S £280.00 and DAAT grant £470. the remaining balance of £1331.87 9 being Parish Council general funds. The VAT refund of £425.01 requested from HMRC had been received
- c) The new account with Octopuss Energy had now been opened, the Clerk will contact EDF regarding the outstanding credit balance on the account
- d) New Bank account , the Clerk had received notification from NatWest that the original account offered was not available to Parish Councils, they offered an account with no monthly fee just transactions fees, this will save the Parish Council at least £60 annually. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the new account, the Councillors signed the Mandates to be forwarded to Natwest.

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

All correspondence received by email have been forwarded to Councillors, no issues were raised.

**12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**

- 1) Councillor Bromley questioned whether Highways had any 'Quality Control' in place, as it is apparent that repairs that are being done on some roads are of a very poor standard, also why cant pot holes in the vicinity of those actually being repaired be done at the same time? This is an ongoing issue and a problem that has been raised many times.
- 2) The Clerk raised the issue of the Annual Parish Meeting which is due to be held in April, Councillor Bromley asked whether someone from highways could be invited, with residents given the opportunity to ask questions that could be sent to them prior to the meeting? All agreed that this was a good idea, the Clerk will invite Thomas Cox
- 3) The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she will be on Holiday from the 7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July, which although is some months off, she thought she would mention it. Councillor Moyse stated that there was plenty of time to re-arrange.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**Signed.....**

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