

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 held in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 20:15**

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyses Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Teresa Walters, Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson and Edgar Pett.

Also present were residents Bob & Julie Sage , Michael Jackson, Mel Richardson, Gary Flack, Edwina and Lorraine Buttery- Clerk

1. Apologies were received from: Councillor Peter Bromley , 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 Moyses welcomed all to the meeting.

3a) No questions were asked of the Chair.

4. **Public Comments**

Gary Flack apologised to all present regarding the road works outside his residence, this was to do with an issue with South West Water.

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 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 Moyses.

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

None present, Councillor Hepple had sent a message by email and stated that he was unable to attend the meeting but if he 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 again but the sign is still missing, the Clerk will contact him again.

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. It had been reported that the Milton Damerel residents association were planning to get members trained to enable them to fill in pot-holes in the Parish, this has not been substantiated.

3) Fly tipping, the Clerk had reported the issue to the environment department, but will do so again.

4) An invitation had been sent to Thomas Cox our Highways Officer to attend the Open meeting, Thomas sent his apologies as he does not attend Parish Meetings at the present time.

8.8. **Planning Applications**

1)1/0267/2024/FUL

Proposal: Part retrospective siting of three temporary static caravans for use as agricultural workers accommodation

Location: Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

*The above application had been discussed via email, no objections were received, but the comments were that hopefully they would be used for employees only and not set a precedence for other applications.*

2) 1/0317/2024/FUL

Proposal: Installation of 10 ground mounted solar panels 12m long x 2m wide

Location: Footprints, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above application was discussed in full, the comments were that the Solar Panels were portrayed in the plans as being in one single row, as long as this is adhered to the Councillors raised no objections and support the application.*

Signed.....

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3) 1/0319/2024/FUL

Proposal: Removal of existing kitchen, replacement with single story kitchen and new entrance porch.

Location: Lower Buttermoor, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

*The above application was discussed in full, no objections were raised and the Parish Councilors support the application.*

***The Clerk will send all decision to Torridge Planning Department via the planning Portal.***

**9. Planning decisions**

1) 1/10029/2024/LBC Proposal: Creating an arch doorway through an internal wall

Location: Milton House, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

*The above application was approved.*

**Planning Appeals**

*None were received*

**10. Financial Matters**

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

i) Clerk's salary £287.43 (April increase to be discussed), it was unanimously decided to increase the Clerks Salary according to NALCS guidelines, this equates to an extra £1 per hour, £5.50 per week.

ii) DALC Annual Fees £174.91 iii) MD Parish Hall Hire Jan-Mar £30.00

b) financial report to date, the bank balance of £2066.31 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 £1,038.64 being Parish Council general funds. Funds are a little low this was due to extra grants being awarded, verge and hedge cutting which had not been budgeted for. The situation will improve as extra finance has been requested form Torridge District Council. At present we have not had an invoice for the election or had any information as to whether our increased Precept had been accepted.

c) New Bank account, NatWest had informed the Clerk that more signatures were required from all signatories, all duly signed the forms.

**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 Teresa Walters commented how neat and tidy the Church Yard looks, thanks go to Stephen and his Father for all the effort they put into keeping it looking really nice.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Signed.....

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