

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2024 held in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 19:45

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Teresa Walters, Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson Peter Bromley and Edgar Pett. Also present were Robert & Julie Sage and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Apologies were received from: Devon County Councillor James Morrish, 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 forthcoming but Stephen stated that suspicious emails had been received and all Councillors should be aware of scam emails circulating.

4. **Public Comments**

Robert Sage asked whether any of the Councillors were going to the Parish Hall Public meeting to be held on the 20th? Councillors Jim Richardson and Peter Bromley would be attending. The Chair Stephen Moyse apologised but had a family commitment. Councillor Richardson commented that there had been a lot of rumours regarding the Parish Hall but essentially the meeting was for the residents to give their ideas what is wanted. The Hall is in dire need of more refurbishment and the meeting is a consultation. It is hoped more support would be forthcoming, the committee was working hard to obtain more grants.

Councillor Pett asked whether there was enough finance and interest to keep three important premises going, The Parish Hall, Chapel and the Church? He also said that Thornbury were also having problems and would it be a good idea to join forces with them? Councillor Richardson replied, this is the sort of suggestion that could come up at the meeting, and would be discussed at the appropriate time.

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting and Annual meeting (AGM) held on the 15th May which had been circulated by email, 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.**

No Councillors were present but both Local and District Councillors had sent emails and stating that if they could be of any help at any time please do not hesitate to contact them.

7. **Matters Arising**

1) The sign as yet has not been replaced, the Clerk will remind highways again.

2) State of roads, no improvement on many of roads in the Parish and some are getting increasingly worse, residents should be encouraged to report potholes and poor surfaces directly to Highways, the more people that complain the better.

3) Footpath by Northtown, problems had arisen in trying to contact Martin Caddy, the Clerk had tried as had George, the Clerk will telephone Devon County Council to report the problem again. Councillor Gareth Piper had heard from the land owner who had apologised if the Camera on the Farm Building was facing toward the footpath, he would look into it.

4) War memorial figure had been cleaned, it is an ongoing problem, all agreed it was not appropriate to install preventative spikes. Councillor Moyse said he would keep an eye and clean the statue when necessary .

Signed.....

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8. Planning Applications

None received

9. Planning decisions

1) 1/0319. Proposal: Removal of existing kitchen and replacement with single storey kitchen, and new entrance porch. Location: Lower Buttermoor, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

2) 1/0317. Proposal: Installation of 9 Ground Mounted Solar Panels

Location: Footprints, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above applications were approved

Planning Appeals

None received

10. Financial Matters

a) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve cheques for: i) Clerk's salary £311.36
ii) Annual Insurance £247.40 iii) Internal Audit Dr. Julia Foster £50, three Councillors duly signed .

b) financial report to date, the spreadsheet of accounts had been emaild to Councillors before the meeting, no issues were raised. The bank balance stands at £6726.41, this consists of ring fenced funds, SbiT £103.02, P3 funds £174.65, Grant Balance £280.00, DAAT £470 and Election costs £2000. the remaining balance of £3,698.74 is Parish Council general funds.

c) New Bank account, the NatWest account was now opened. the Clerk had a form for the signatories of the HSBC account to sign for the closure of the account.

d) The Councillors acknowledged receipt of £50 HSBC , EDF refund of £53.58 and payment by direct debit to Octopus Energy £78.58 (VAT £13.09).

e) **To Consider the end of year accounts/statements and approve and sign the following:**

- i) The Annual Internal Audit ii) The Annual Governance Statement
- iii) The Accounting Statements iv) The Certificate of Exemption

The Parish Clerk presented the relevant paperwork and the Chair read out the statements as listed, the Parish Councillors unanimously approved the accounts by a show of hands.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse and the Clerk duly signed the AGAR forms, these will be posted on the website and displayed on the noticeboard. The exemption certificate will be emailed to the external auditors

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

All correspondence received by email have been forwarded to Councillors,

12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

1) The Chair Stephen Moyse had been approached by a resident regarding the 40mph speed sign in the road from Venn Green to Derworthy, it was asked whether the sign could be moved further up the road, as at present it was too near the crossroads, the Clerk will pass the request on to highways.

2) Due to the Chair and the Clerk on Holiday in July it was the unanimous decision of all not to hold a meeting in July, if any urgent matters occur these would be dealt with in a timely manner.

3) The Clerk will be attending a zoom meeting on the 24th June regarding acquiring the gov.uk status for the website and email addresses, details will be sent on to Councillors after this date, and obtain the full costings from the IT suppliers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.