

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 held in Milton Damerel Parish Hall commencing at 19:30**

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chair, Teresa Walters, Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson, Peter Bromley and Edgar Pett. Also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Apologies were received from: Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple, Parish Councillors Richard Piper Vice- Chair and Gareth Piper.

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) The Clerk asked the Chairman whether anything had been decided regarding naming the administrator of the Facebook page during the problems regarding the Slurry Pit, as questioned by Councillor Ken James?

Councillor Moyse was supported by Councillors in the confirmation that the administrator at the time was Mr R Stennet, this will be emailed to Councillor James.

4. **Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

5. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting and Annual meeting (AGM) held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 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 of apology 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 has now been replaced; it is not as nice as the original as it does not say 'welcome to Milton Damerel' but at least a sign is in place.

2) State of roads, no improvement on many of roads in the Parish and some are getting increasingly worse, A couple of pot holes had been filled in the road from Strawberry Bank to Whitebear cross. It has been reported that tarmacadam had been dumped in the Parish Gall Car Park, and Councillors wondered why this was not used to fill other holes? The Clerk will write to the highways department.

3) Position of 40mph Sign on the road to Derworthy Cross, a letter had been sent to Highways asking Whether it could be moved, the reply that this was not possible as it was sited within the correct boundaries Laid down by Devon County Council.

4) Gov. UK status, the Clerk reported that she had attended an information session regarding this issue. Changing to the Gove.uk status was not compulsory, but was advisory, this status is meant to make the Parish Councils look more professional and ensure all Parish Councillors would not be using a personal Email address for Parish business. The Clerk will enquire as to the total cost of changing to this system.

5) Closure of HSBC bank, the Clerk had been in contact again with HSBC who stated that the signatures on the form sent included a Councillor who was not a signatory, another form had now been printed and requires signatures. This was completed and the Clerk will send it to the bank

8. **Planning Applications**

1) 1/0176/2024/FUL. Proposal: Erection of No.1 dwelling in lieu of planning approval 1/0283//2023/FUL Location: Land at Ley Farm, Milton Damerel, Devon.

*After fully discussing the above no objections were raised and the Councillors unanimously approved.*

Signed.....

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- 2) 1/0645/2024/FUL. Proposal: Retrospective application for domestic garage  
Location: Kites Cottage, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon  
*After discussion the Parish Councillors came to a split decision, and no comments will be made either way. Two Councillors abstained.*
- 3) 1/0050/2024/REM  
Proposal: Reserved matters application for layout, scale, appearance, Landscaping, ecology, surface Water and turning area, parking and access for no 1 dwelling in pursuant of planning permission 1/1260/2021/OUT Location: South View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon  
*After fully discussing the above no objections were raised and the Councillors unanimously approved Of the application*
- 4) (Received after the Agenda had been Published.) 1/0695/2024/AGMB  
Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building of No 1 dwelling house and associated building operations under class Q (Unit 1 & 2).  
Location: Agricultural building at grid reference 241074 109814, Gidcott, Devon
- 5) (Received after the Agenda had been Published.) 1/0732/2024/AGMB  
Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building of No 1 dwelling house and associated building operations under class Q (Unit 1 & 2).  
Location: Agricultural building at grid reference 241070 241070 Gidcott, Devon  
Applications 5 & 6 were received 20<sup>th</sup> August, Councillors will study them and send comments to the Clerk Before the cutoff date of 13<sup>th</sup> September.

9. **Planning decisions.** *None received* **Planning Appeals** *None receive*

10. **Financial Matters**

- a) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve cheques for: i) Clerk's salary for July and August £311.36 for each month. ii) Andrews Deptford Defib pads & charge sticks x two sets £412.80 iii) Harriet Allin £50 from Step back in time fund, three Councillors duly signed.
- b) financial report to date, the spreadsheet of accounts had been emailed to Councillors before the meeting, no issues were raised. The Clerk informed the Councillors that Octopus Energy had taken a second DD payment of £78.58, this will be refunded in due course. The bank balance stands at £6022.47, 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 £2994.80 is Parish Council general funds.

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) Councillor Stephen Moyses asked whether it would be prudent to try to get grants to 'top up' the Air Ambulance fund in case of any emergency repairs? It was agreed by all, that grants would be requested in the future when necessary. Stephen also remarked that the light in the AED Cabinet at Holsworthy Beacon was not working, he will contact the electrician to have a look.
- 2) Councillor Jim Richardson reported on the recent public meeting regarding the Parish Hall, Grants were in the pipeline for the new heating systems but not for the new power circuit, other things have been put on hold but the Hall will remain open for the foreseeable future.
- 3) Councillor Edgar Pett had handed two letters to the Chair, one was a letter of complaint from a resident regarding the continuous barking from dogs in the premises of 'Kites', it is understood the resident had complained to Torridge Council. The Parish Council will give any support necessary. The other letter Was a complaint regarding anti-social behaviour in particular an incident regarding the inconsiderate driving of a tractor, after discussion the Councillors agreed that this was not within the Parish Councils jurisdiction but would seek further information from the correct authority.
- 4) The Parish Clerk requested that she apply for a grant for the replacement of the Defibrillator pads and charge sticks. This was unanimously agreed.

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