

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

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

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

1. Apologies were received from: District Councillors Ken James and Kit Hepple, County Councillor James Morrish.

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

**Public Comments**

No comments from those present.

4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 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.**

**The Following report was received by email from District Councillor Ken James:-**

The Government has confirmed Torridge will be receiving the Levelling Up Partnership Funding of up to £20m. Torridge will be reviewing the original projects with the Civil Servants, but the funding will remain within the selections submitted to them and by them. Torridge are currently working on a new Housing Strategy; the draft Strategy will be going out for Consultation before the end of the year to all including all Parishes Councils.

Torridge are also progressing a NEW local plan, again Parish Councils will play an important part particularly around Villages and Hamlets as to whether they see room for enlargement or not.

Devolution, we are awaiting the English Devolution Bill which will later than expected but before the end of the year before it's safe to comment on fully.

If you are interested in these or any other subjects the Holsworthy Area Advisory meeting will be held on Thursday 10th December at 6.00pm in Holsworthy Market Hall

7. **Matters Arising**

1) State of roads, reports had been sent to Highways department in particular regarding the road from the Parish Hall to Whitebear Cross, replies from Highways indicate that the road would not be fixed anytime Soon. The public are encouraged to dd their complaints to highways via the Devon County Council website. The Parish Council will continue to complain to Highways.

2) Annual Grants to be discussed during financial matters.

3) The Defibrillator Cabinet had now been purchased and is with the electrician for installation. Councillor Moyse will Contact W. J. Watkins to seek permission for the electrics to be installed. The electrician has had staffing problems And has been unable to fit the cabinet as yet, it is envisaged that it will be completed over the next few weeks.

4) Councillors Petts proposal had been discussed during the Newsletter Meeting, an announcement will be put in the December Newsletter asking for residents to contact the Clerk or Councillors with their ideas on how they think the Parish Council could be more proactive in their opinion.

8. **Planning Applications**

1) 1/0901/2024/FUL Proposal: Conversion of Barn to Dwelling

Location: Barn at Springfield, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

2) 1/0972/2024/Ful Proposal: Straights Bunkers and Cattle feed Kitchen

Location: Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

*The above applications were discussed no issues were raised and the Parish Councillors unanimously support the developments*

Signed.....

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**9. Planning decisions**

1) 1/0706/2024/FUL      Proposal: Stable Block

Location: Land at Wordon Farm, Milton Damerel, HOSWORTHY, Devon

2) 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

*The above applications were granted permission*

**Planning Appeals**

*None received*

**10. Financial Matters**

a) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve cheques for:

i) Clerk's salary for November £311.36, Grants as agreed at the October Meeting

Holy Trinity Church £150, Milton Damerel Parish Hall £100 and Citizens Advice Bureau £50

three Councillors duly signed the above cheques.

b) financial report to date, the spreadsheet of accounts had been emailed to Councillors before the meeting, no issues were raised.

The bank balance stands at £9,701.01, this consists of ring-fenced funds, SbiT £53.02,

P3 funds £174.65, DAAT £470 and Election costs £4500. the remaining balance of £4503.34 being Parish Council General funds.

c) The draft budget was discussed, it was unanimously agreed to keep the precept amount the same as this financial year, this will enable the Parish Council to have enough funds to cover the cost of an election if this arises in the future.

The Budget will be finalised either at the December or January meeting.

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

All correspondence received by email have been forwarded to Councillors, none received by post.

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

- 1) Councillor Pett asked whether he was still registered as the Snow Warden? The Clerk replied yes as far as She was aware he was still registered. Councillor Moyse commented that he would still help Edgar when The need arises. Councillor Richardson stated that he usually does the hill from the Parish Hall to Strawberry Bank.
- 2) The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she will be leaving the area in January, The Chair had been Notified prior to the meeting. Councillor Moyse said that all were very sorry that she is leaving and wished Her well. Lorraine will attend the December and January meeting as required, she will also arrange to Have the vacancy advertised in the Newsletter, on the DALC website and the Holsworthy Post. If by any chance the post was not filled Lorraine would assist until such time a Clerk had been Employed and trained.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25pm

Signed.....

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