

# Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

**Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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, And Edgar Pett. Also present were Residents Julie and Robert Sage, Gillian and Amanda, Christian Whitley and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Apologies were received from: Councillor Peter Bromley, 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**

Gillian and Amanda reported that there had been considerable flooding in their property due to water overflowing from the road, which they believe was caused by blocked drains.

They had phoned Torridge Council and were met with a very poor response and attitude, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse commented that it is a Highways matter and he would give them the telephone number of the correct department. Councillor Jim Richardson said that DCC had been out clearing drains, which is usually completed annually or bi-annually. The recent storms were unusual in their ferocity which did cause a lot of problems everywhere in the County.

Christian Whitley spoke regarding the Milton Damerel Emergency Planning. He said that he had volunteered To be on the committee in 2019, the main objective of the plan is regarding potential risks, the biggest one for the elderly and those at risk, snow was the biggest risk to them being isolated. Although there had been no recent meetings if an issue is raised an emergency meeting is called. During the covid pandemic the system worked, with the elderly and vulnerable residents being looked after, Thes system worked and had been updated in 2024.

Councillor Jim Richardson commented that the Parish Hall is always available for emergencies, for example I there Are extended power cuts and the hall has power all residents are welcome to come and use the facilities, this had Not been taken up in the past.

Councillor Pett asked if there was an updated list for available equipment for emergencies, Christian replied that this Had not been updated recently.

Councillor Richardson suggested that a page with a big letter 'H' on for any resident to put in their window if they Required help. It was suggested that this could be put in the Parish Magazine.

4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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.**

None were in attendance

7. **Matters Arising**

- 1) State of roads, not much improvement. Some roads had been marked for repair. The Road from Milton Mill To East Wonford is in a bad condition. The Clerk will report to Highways.
- 2) A grant of £500 had been approved by Councillor Kit Hepple but to date had not been received. The Clerk will contact Vicky Feather to confirm. The Clerk had received a quote of £820 for a fully automatic AED It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to go ahead and order two, the Clerk will do so.
- 3) The current clerk had put a message on social media regarding the position and had had a reply from a lady Jane Elliott, an interview was set up for the following evening with Councillors Stephen Moyse and Chris Quance, Lorraine Buttery will also attend.

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8. **Planning Applications**

*None were received*

9. **Planning decisions**

*None were received*

**Planning Appeals**

*None were received*

10. **Financial Matters**

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

i) Clerk's salary for November £311.36

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

The Councillors acknowledged the receipt of £150 which is Sutcombe Parish Councils share of the advertisement Cost.

The bank balance stands at £8,314.24, this consists of ring-fenced funds, SbiT £53.02,

P3 funds £174.65, DAAT £470 and Election costs £4500. the remaining balance of £3,066.57 being Parish Council General funds. The bank reconciliation was supported by the current bank account statement.

c) The budget was discussed, the unanimous decision of the Parish Councillors was to approve the budget, the precept was set at £10,900 the same as the last financial year. This enables the Parish Council to have enough funds to cover another election if it was called.

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

All correspondence received by email have been forwarded to Councillors, The essential Clerk magazine was given To Councillor Moyce.

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

1) Councillor Richard Piper asked if the salt bins were adequately filled, and did we have a supply of salt? Councillor Pett replied that he still had a ton and a half.

2) Councillor Pett reported that Isobel had resigned as Church Warden, no details of why were available.

3) Councillor Gareth Piper asked whether there was any information regarding the supply from Air Band? The Clerk replied that no recent information was available but would attempt to find out.

4) Councillor Richardson asked whether any progress had been made as to when the bus shelter would be repaired.? Councillor Moyse will contact the builder.

At the end of the meeting the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse presented the Clerk with a beautiful bouquet Of flowers and a gift voucher, and on behalf of the Councillors thanked Loraine for all her help during her Tenure as Parish Clerk. Lorraine thanked everyone for their kind words and the flowers and voucher and said it had been a pleasure working for them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50pm