

## Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

### **Minutes of Milton Damerel Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 which commenced at 20:30**

**Present:** Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chair), Peter Bromley, Edgar Pett, Jim Richardson, Teresa Walters, also present were County Councillor Lynne Rowsell, members of the public Bob & Julie Sage, David Wyatt, Grace Millman, George Preston, Lesley Southern and the Clerk Jane Elliott.

1. **Apologies** Richard Piper, Gareth Piper, Nigel Kenneally.
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 interest in items on the agenda and their nature. *Cllr. Jim Richardson Stop Beacon Solar*
  - c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*
3. **Chair's announcements:**

Cllr S Moyse made an apology for the lack of available signatories and explained cheques would be signed later. We are waiting to update the signatories on the bank mandate.
4. **Public Comments**
  - a) A member of the public reported that Old Forge is up for sale by auction at the end of May.
5. **The minutes of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 18th March 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 District and County Councillors.**

County Councillor Lynne Rowsell reported that there was no update on the LGR and a meeting was due at the end of the month. Beacon Solar had also gone quiet. There had been reports of antisocial behaviour by young drivers in Holsworthy and a rise in agricultural thefts. The subject of potholes provoked a lively discussion concerning the lack of coordination between the teams sent out to fix potholes. The subcontracted teams can only fix and patch the areas on their worksheets, which isn't adequate or effective long term. The patched areas break up quickly. Communities with less than 12 houses are not considered important routes. A dedicated in-house road repair team would be the preferred option. Cllr Rowsell has requested a copy of the contractors' contract and has been pushing Megan Booth at County Hall for a response. The Locality budget opens 11<sup>th</sup> May and community groups can apply for equipment costs.

7. **Matters Arising**
  - 1) Beacon Solar: There was no update. This item will remain on the agenda.

#### **8. Planning Applications**

*None were received*

#### **9. Planning decisions**

*None were received*

#### **Planning Appeals**

*None were received*

#### **10. Financial Matters**

a) The laptop is jointly owned with Sutcombe Parish Council. It is valued by Holsworthy Computers at £300. It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to pay £150 which is 50% of the value to Sutcombe PC. Holsworthy Computers were consulted by Councillor Steve Moyse regarding data on the laptop belonging to Sutcombe PC who would remove the data to a memory stick at the cost of £45. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should save the Sutcombe data to a memory stick and give this to Councillor S Moyse to pass to Councillor Chris Quance and that the data on the laptop could then be deleted at the end of the month.

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

i) Clerk's salary £321.66 ii) Clerk's expenses £24.94 iii) Sutcombe Parish Council laptop share £150

The financial report had been sent by email to councillors. Bank Balance is £11,307.93

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

Emails from DALC, Highways, RSN, TDC, and other sources have been forwarded to members of the council.

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

- a) Cllr. Bromley gave a reminder for any submissions for the parish newsletter and requested an update on dog waste bins. This is in progress.
- b) It was agreed to continue to explore the possibility of adding speed signs at relevant locations.
- c) We are waiting for the domain name from Vision ICT to update to miltondamerelparishcouncil.gov.uk

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:50**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 19:30**