

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper (Vice Chairman) Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson, Grace Millman, Rose Hayne and Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

1) **Apologies received from:**

Councillor John Webb, and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons

2) **Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse commented on the good 'ditching' in the area carried out by the Highways Department, it is hoped that it will help to prevent flooding of roads.

3) **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; *Councillors Grace Millman, Rose Hayne declared in interest in item 9.c(Newspaper Grant) as did Councillor Jim Richardson (Gardening Club)*
- c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

4) **Public Comments, County and District Councillors reports**

No members of the public, County or District Councillors were present.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th October 2018 had been circulated by email and read by all Councillors, they were signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse as being a true record of the meeting.

6) **Matters Arising**

- 1) Air Ambulance: Councillor Stephen Moyse had telephoned Toby Russell but as yet had been unable to speak to him.
- 2) Roads/Highways, it was agreed by all that the re-surfacing of the road to Holsworthy and in particular Arscott was great relief to all who travel on this road.
- 3) Holsworthy Beacon Crossroads visibility, the Clerk informed the Councillors that Vicki Braddon had sent an email stating that a site visit had been done and the sign would be moved, but was unable to say when
- 4) Clerks Amended contract, was signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse and the Clerk

7. **Planning Applications**

There were none

Planning decisions

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. **Financial Matters**

- a) Financial report to date, the Clerk had emailed all information to the Councillors no issues were raised. The balance of the bank account is £5319.00, this consists of Ring-fenced funds £183.02 Step Back in Time Fund, £508.57- P3 funds, £290 – balance of Defib. Grant, the balance of £4337.41 being Parish Council General Funds.
- b) Three Councillors signed cheques for Clerks Salary £205.84, invoice for grass cutting £90.00 and invoice from DALC- £30 for training session
- c) To consider Grant applications for the financial year 2019/2010, Annual Grant applications were considered and the following amounts were unanimously approved;
 - i) Milton Damerel Parish Hall- £150.
 - ii) Milton Damerel and District Gardening Club - £80
 - iii) Milton Damerel Newsletter- £100
 - iv) Milton Damerel Parish Church- £100, it was noted that in their application letter the sum of £150 was requested, as this differed from the usual amount in previous years, the initial amount of £100 was awarded if it was deemed necessary this could be increased. To be discussed in the December meeting.
 - v) North Devon C.A.B. £50

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse with the agreement of all Councillors added The Royal British Legion to the Agenda. The Parish Council had not arranged anything to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. An initial sum of £100 was suggested but the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse proposed £200, this was seconded by Councillor Jim Richardson, a vote was taken and the unanimous decision was to make a one-off grant of £200, the cheque was signed by three Councillors.

The Clerk will inform all applicants of the Parish Councils decision.

d) Draft Budget, a copy of the draft budget had been emailed to all Councillors before the meeting, it was agreed that the Parish Councils finances were in good order, it was proposed to increase the Precept by approximately 2% which would give a Precept of £4050 an increase £80 over last year.

Councillor Grace Millman pointed out that one of the budget amounts included VAT, the Clerk will amend the spreadsheet.

The Draft Budget was approved and will be ratified at the December or January Parish Council meeting.

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

All correspondence had been sent by email and forwarded to Councillors.

No issues were raised.

11. Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman;

1) It was brought to the Parish Councillors attention a dispute between the Church and a resident regarding the cutting down of trees, this was agreed as not to be a Parish Council matter.

2) The complaints regarding the constant barking by dogs in the Parish are still being monitored.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

