Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th January 2019 commencing at 7.30pm Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper (Vice Chairman) Gareth Piper, , Grace Millman, Rose Hayne and Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery. also present was P.C. Mandy Brown

1) Apologies received from:

Councillors John Webb, Jim Richardson and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons

2) <u>Chairman's Announcements</u>

Councillor Stephen Moyse wished all a Happy New Year and welcomed P.C. Mandy Brown.

3) <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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*

4) <u>Public Comments, County and District Councillors reports</u>

P.C. Mandy Brown reported that there had been a spate of House burglaries in St. Giles, Ashwater, Holsworthy and Torrington. The houses targeted are on the whole isolated but some residents were only out for an hour. Thieves are not relying on the premises being left 'open' but are actually forcing entry. We are asking all to be vigilant and to report any strange vehicles or strangers hanging about. Councillor Gareth Piper asked if there had been any update on a vehicle known to have false number plate? Mandy replied that unfortunately some people are putting reports on face book, but fail to report to the police. We urge all to report to the police. Not withstanding the above the crime rate in the area is lower than usual. The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse asked if there were any further questions? No questions were raised, so he thanked P.C Brown for attending.

5) The minutes_of_the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th December 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) <u>Matters Arising</u>

- Air Ambulance: Councillor Stephen Moyse had telephoned Toby Russell re the site and is meeting with him on Thursday 24th January. The Chairman asked if there were any further suggestions regarding possible sites? It was agreed by all that the difficulty of finding sites was due to the facts that they should be near the main road and have electricity accessible.
- 2) The Website had now been updated and is fully compliant, also an extra page had been added for Historical items

7. <u>Planning Applications</u>

There were none

8. <u>Planning decisions</u>

There were none <u>Planning Appeals</u> *There were none*

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9. <u>Financial Matters</u>

- 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 £4469.74, 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 £3,488.15 being Parish Council General Funds.
- b) Three Councillors signed cheques for Clerks Salary £205.84, and Invoice for Vision ICT £72.00 (Omitted from the agenda)
- c) The budget for 2019/20 was agreed and the precept set at £4050.00 an increase of 2% on last year. The Clerk will complete necessary paperwork
- d) The Community Grant (formally TAP Fund) it was unanimously agreed to join with Sutcombe Parish to help them raise funds for the Community Play field. It was suggested that the Toddler group could have a visit there when the weather improves. Sutcombe Parish Council had said that Parishes in the surrounding area were more than welcome.

10. <u>Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting</u>

All correspondence had been sent by email and forwarded to Councillors. No issues were raised.

Received by post:

1) Clerks and Councils Direct 2) C.P.R.E Devon's Housing Needs

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

1) Councillor Grace Millman suggested that Councillor John Webb be nominated to attend the Queens Garden Party due to take place in May. With the unanimous decision of the Parish Councillors the Clerk will contact John to ensure he would agree to the nomination.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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