

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse, Chairperson, Richard Piper, Vice- Chairperson, Jim Richardson, Rose Haynes , Gareth Piper, New Councillors Teresa Walters and Peter Buckpitt.

Also present were Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, Torridge District Councillor Ken James and Toby Russell Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

1) Apologies received from:

Apologies received from Torridge District Councillor Kit Hepple and Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk

2) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed the two coopted Parish Councillors.

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. *None were declared*

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:

1) Councillor Barry Parsons reported that there are now three beds situated in Deer Park for end-of-life care, This will make a great difference to the Holsworthy area and greatly reduce the need to travel to the likes of Derriford. More beds are being sought and ideally 16 is the target. In the 'Thriving Places Index' it was reported that Devon came out on top for looking after its people. Holsworthy has won the NHS award for collaboration Councillor Barry Parsons then left the meeting to attend another Parish Council meeting, his full report can be found on the website.

Torridge District Councillor Ken James that Torridge came bottom of the 'output per person' and said that Torridge would do everything possible to improve this over the next four years.

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2) Toby Russell from Devon Air Ambulance Trust gave the Parish Councillors an update so far as to the Night Landing Site for Milton Damerel. The total cost of the project will be £8704, with DATT providing £5452, The balance of £3252 would have to be provided by the Parish Council. Toby Russell requested that the Parish Council email their decision once it had been made, the Chairman thanked Toby for attending and his explanations, he would contact him in due course, Toby then left the meeting

5) The minutes_of_the Parish Council AGM and general Meeting held on the 15th May 2019 had been circulated by Email, were read and approved by all Councillors, they were signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse as being true record the meeting.

6) Matters Arising

1) The Devon Air Ambulance night landing site was discussed and it is unanimously supported by all the Parish Councillors, the decision was to continue with the project, the Chairman will continue to liaise with Toby Russell Regarding grants and the continuation of the Project. The Clerk will check with the Parish Council Insurance Provider regarding the cost of insurance. It was also discussed and agreed that some fund raising would be needed For on-going maintenance and the small running costs.

2) The two new co-opted Councillors signed their 'declaration of acceptance' forms and their 'Notification of Interest' paperwork.

7. Planning Applications

1) 1/0527/2019/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to Holiday Cottage

Location: Gidcott Mill, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was received on the day of the meeting therefore was not on the Agenda.

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse suggested that all Councillors have a look at the development and Send their comments/objections to the Clerk before the deadline date of 13th July

8. Planning decisions

1/0287/2019/FUH

Proposal: New conservatory roof and regularising of existing conservatory

Location: Beeches, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above application was granted permission.

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Financial Matters

- 1) The payment of the following were approved and three Councillors signed cheques for:
 - i) Clerks salary £208.93.
 - ii) Annual Insurance £281.31
- ii) Although not on the agenda the Councillors agreed to sign cheques for:
Hire of Parish Hall for PC Meetings and P3 walk £42 and Environmental South West for new gates for footpaths 15 & 16 £1140.00
- 2) The Financial report to date was distributed by email and no issues were raised. The bank balance of £5,222.97 consists of SBIT fund £183.02, P3 funds £508.57, balance of defib. Grant £290, The balance remaining of £4,241.38 being Parish Council general funds.
- 3) Defibrillator Pads, due to be replaced August & October, Councillors unanimously agreed that the Clerk go ahead and purchase new ones.

Councillor Gareth Piper questioned the cost of the FP gates that were installed, Councillor Stephen Moyses replied that he would speak to Michael Jackson the P3 co-ordinator.

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.

Received by post/email:

Two letters had been received questioning the transparency of the selection process for the recent co-option of two new councillors, these were from R.Stennett and Christian Whitely.

After their receipt the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyses contacted the election team at Torrington District Council, And Devon Association of Local Councillors, after lengthy discussions it was concluded that everything that was performed and the method used at the meeting was proper and correct. The Chairman will compile a response To the email/letters in due course.

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

None were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.