

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

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

Also present were the Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, Michael Jackson P3 coordinator and Edwina

1) Apologies received from:

Apologies received from Torridge District Councillors Kit Hepple, Ken James and Councillor Gareth Piper

2) Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting

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:

Edwina reported that there is a very large hole opposite Blackberry Farm, and asked that it be reported as its Very dangerous. The Clerk will report to highways and include a copy to Councillor Parsons.

Councillor Barry Parsons arrived at 8pm and apologised for being late, but had been at another meeting.

He gave his report after the planning had been discussed: -

1) Barry reported that it is hoped that the bus shelter at Holsworthy beacon would be erected by September.

2) The budgets set for 'Special needs and disabilities' 1million pounds, and Children's Services 16 million pounds Is far higher than in other years due to the high number of Social Care workers needed, agencies are used which in themselves are very costly, also the cost of residential care.

3) The Hospital beds closed at Holsworthy are still in the 'temporary' bracket, with talks still moving forward, I am very proud of what C.C. G has achieved, and now with meetings having been held between Devon and Cornwall its is hoped that we will work together to improve the situation.

4) The Health & Well being board for Devon County Council outcome report, is always negative regarding Torridge with the worse exam results in the County, poor housing conditions, children self -harming, I have given them 'short shrift', action needs to be taken now, to improve the situation.

Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Barry for his time and then (on behalf of Councillor Gareth Piper), asked Councillor Parsons if he could explain why, with the number of potholes and very poor surfaces in the area, was a complaint by the owner of 'Badgers Halt' of surface water running on to his entrance which was compiled of chippings for it then to be replaced by a 'tarmacadam' Road? How can this expense be justified?

Councillor Parsons asked that the Parish Clerk email him the details and he would look into it.

Councillor Moyse also asked if it was possible to apply for grant to help towards the cost of the Air Ambulance Night time site? Councillor Parsons replied that he would donate £400 and suggested that the Parish Council also Requested the same from Councillors Hepple and James.

- 5) The minutes_of_the Parish Council AGM and general Meeting held on the 19th June 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) Air Ambulance, the Clerk reported that she had applied for the Community Grant, the ongoing costs will be quite low, but, the biggest cost being the replacement of the floodlight if it was necessary. Grants will be applied for from Devon County and District Councillors to cover these eventualities.

2). P3 Footpath costs, Michael Jackson the P3 coordinator explained for those that were not aware of what the P3 was all about. He went on to explain (in answer to Councillor Pipers query) why the cost of the gates for Footpaths 15 & 16 was so high:

The finance for the Chapel View Gate was authorised 18 months ago but we have been waiting all this time for Contractors to fit it in into his busy schedule. Brayleys Cottage stile problem is quite recent, it is not necessary to obtain 3 quotes for the work as the PC do not finance the repairs. The replacements and major repairs are Instigated and paid for by Devon County Council their contactors are not always the cheapest option. I take care of minor repairs myself, and if I cannot I will approach local contractors, but these are not always willing to take on small jobs, several names were mention and Michael said he would keep these in mind.

3) Complaints regarding the co-option of new Parish Councillors, the Chairman said that these complaints had been dealt with and no further action needs to be taken.

7. Planning Applications

1) *Planning Application received on the day of the last meeting, as such was not on the agenda of that meeting*
1/0527/2019/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to holiday home.

Location: Gidcott Mill, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

The decision of the Councillors (by email) was to support the application, no objections were raised.

2) 1/0571/2019/FUL

Proposal: Detached Dwelling

Location: Land adjacent to 'Tor View', Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

The above application was discussed in full; no objections were raised but concerns were raised regarding The sewerage systems as this was not very clear within the plans.

The clerk will convey the remarks to Torridge planning

8. Planning decisions

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Financial Matters

a) The payment of the following was approved and three Councillors signed cheques for:

i) Clerks salary £208.93. ii) Defibrillator Pads £228.00:

b) The Financial report to date was distributed by email and no issues were raised.

The bank balance is £3,550.83 consists of SBIT fund £183.02, P3 funds -£441.43, the debit Balance is due to the fact that the P3 money of £700 had been paid to the Parish Hall bank account in error. A cheque for this amount has been passed to the Chairman, this will be banked in the next day or so, balance of defib. Grant £290,

The balance remaining of £3519.24 being Parish Council general funds.

c) The insurance quote for the DAAT night-time site would be £40.63 per annum, this covers the cost of essential replacements in the event of any damage including vandalism.

d) The clerk enquired whether is in order to remove John Webb and Grace Millman signatures from the bank account and add Councillors Buckpitt and Walters? The Parish Councillors unanimously approved of the clerk going ahead with the necessary paperwork.

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: *None received*

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

Comments were made the 'dog barking' issue seems to have been resolved with it being recently, very quiet.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.