

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse, Chairperson, Richard Piper, Vice- Chairperson, Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson, Rose Haynes, Teresa Walters, Peter Buckpitt, and the Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1) Apologies were received from:

Devon County Councillor B.Parsons, Torridge District Councillors K. Hepple and K. James.

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:

There were no members of the public present or County and District Councillors

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th July 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 of the meeting.

6) Matters Arising

1) Air Ambulance

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse reported that he had been unable to get hold of Toby Russell, but will endeavour to do so, as we have now had notification of the grant from Torridge District Council which covers the contribution the Parish Council was requested to make, the agreement from Torridge was signed and witnessed by three Councillors. Stephen will check with the owners of the land before the excavation of the field for the Western power cables. The clerk reported that the locality grant of £400 agreed by Councillor Kit Hepple had also been approved by Torridge. The grant from Devon County Council instigated by Councillor Barry Parsons is yet to be approved. Stephen asked whether there had been any information from District Councillor Ken James regarding a grant from his allocation, the Clerk replied that she had not heard anything, Stephen requested that the Clerk contact him again.

- 2) Email from Mr R.Stennett raising a complaint regarding minutes of June 19th and asking that they be amended; The clerk explained that the minutes could not be altered as they had already been approved and signed, this was before the communication from Mr Stennet had been received.

After extensive discussion of Robert's email and his previous communications it was agreed that maybe the contents of the minutes were open to misinterpretation; it was unanimously agreed that the following statement would be included in the minutes of this meeting:

Mr R Stennett and Mr C Whitely did not question the 'transparency' of the selection process, but the selection criteria, as the actual phrase that was used was:

"For transparency would you be kind enough to let me know what criteria was used to select the best candidates and in particular if the NALC guidance was used as a reference"

The Clerk will write to Robert with the Parish Councils decision and actions.

7. Planning Applications

1) 1/0637/2019/FUL

Proposal: Single storey double garage

Location: Brambles, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

The application was discussed, no issues were raised and was unanimously approved.

The Clerk will convey the result to Torridge planning department

8. Planning decisions

1) 1/0527/2019/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to holiday home.

Location: Gidcott Mill, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon.

The above application was approved

2) 2) 1/0571/2019/FUL (received after the agenda had been distributed)

Proposal: Detached Dwelling

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

The above application was refused

Planning Appeals

There are none

9. Financial Matters

- 1) Three Councillors signed the cheque for the Clerks Salary for August in the sum of £208.93
- 2) The financial report had been emailed to all Councillors, no issues were raised, the bank balance is £3,813.90, this consists of P3 funds £258.57, Step back in time funds £183.02, balance of defib grant £100, the remaining £3272.31 being Parish Council general funds.
- 3) New Financial Regulations: NALC have updated the suggested financial regulations, the clerk Will compare the old and new and adjust where necessary. The new regulations will then be sent to each Councillor.
- 4) New bank signatories: Councillors T.Walters and P. Buckpitt signed the declaration from HSBC This will be returned to HSBC; the clerk will inform Teresa and Peter when they will be able to go into the local branch and prove their identity.

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: Letter from the Environment Agency regarding licences to abstract water. The clerk was requested to scan the letter and put it on the Website and also display in Notice boards.

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

- 1) Councillor Gareth Piper asked when the hedge trimming will be done?
In reply the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse informed all that earlier in the year he had Contacted Devon Highways to enquire as to what hedges/verges would be cut. He was informed that only hedges/verges on major roads would be cut. Contrary to this it appears that some cutting has been done on minor roads as well. Stephen is waiting for quotes to tidy up what has been left. He also added that in another 10days or so farmers would be out cutting their own hedges.
- 2) The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that the notice board at Holsworthy Beacon is showing signs of disrepair, in particular the putty keeping the glass in is falling out, but the whole board is in need of a coat of paint before the winter. Councillor Gareth Piper offered to have a look and get the work done before the winter sets in.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.