

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse, Chairperson, Richard Piper, Vice- Chairperson, Gareth Piper, Rose Haynes, Teresa Walters and Peter Buckpitt, also present were District Councillor Kit Hepple and the Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1) Apologies were received from:

Devon County Councillor B.Parsons, Torridge District Councillor K. James, and Parish Councillor Jim Richardson

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:

Councillor Kit Hepple reported that it was hoped to have a DAAT night flight site at Pyworthy, Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Kit for his support in obtaining the locality grant of £400 this would greatly help with the ongoing costs of the site in Milton Damerel when it is up and running.

Kit went on to report that grants were available at present for the installation for 'fibre optic' broadband, these would not be available next year, also he was very busy trying to plan for the future of Torridge.

Councillor Moyse asked what cuts there might be to services in the coming year? Kit replied that at present no information was available and it is very frustrating, I believe no decisions have been made as everything could change. Councillor Moyse thanked Kit for attending and said he was very welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting if he so wished.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 21st August 2019 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors, they were signed by the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse as being a true record of the meeting.

6) Matters Arising

1) Air Ambulance, Councillor Moyse reported that the 90-day quote from Western Power had now expired, as soon as the Planning application is approved, he will get a new quote from them. The Planning application has now gone in, the Clerk with the help of Toby Russell had sent the application in.

2) Email from R.Stennett raising a complaint regarding minutes of June 19th, the Clerk had written to Robert as instructed by the Parish Councillors, no further communications had been received.

3) Badgers Halt, no explanation had been received.

4) Hedge/Verge cutting, this had now been done which took approximately 5 -6hours to do what Highways had not, Grants could be available in future to cover the costs, the Clerk will enquire further.

7) Planning Applications

There were none

8) Planning decisions

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Proposal: Single storey double garage

Location: Brambles, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was approved

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. **Financial Matters**

- a) Three Councillor signed cheques for:
- i) Clerks salary monthly £208.93
 - ii) Admin. Expenses 16th May – 31st August £16.52
 - iii) Hall Hire for Jul-Sep.£36.00
 - iv) Payment for Plan for DAAT landing site £22.80.
 - v) Although not on the agenda it was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to sign a cheque for the DAAT night landing site planning application, three Councillors duly signed the cheque for £142.00
- b) Financial report to date, all Councillors had a spreadsheet emailed to them and they raised no issues. The bank balance stands at £3982.83, being Ring Fenced, SBiT fund £183.02, DAAT fund £400, Balance of Defib. Grant the balance of £3041.24 being Parish General funds.
- c) New bank signatories, Councillors T.Walters and P. Buckpitt: the Clerk informed the Councillors that HSBC bank had supplied the wrong forms, the new ones were signed and the Clerk will take them into the bank in Holsworthy as instructed, she will let the new signatories know when they will have to go into the bank.
- d) Acknowledge receipt of grants of £400.00 locality grant approved by Torridge District Councillor Kit Hepple and £3,250.00 Community Grant through Torridge District Council
- e) Three Councillors signed the cheques for annual grants which were approved November 2018
- i) Milton Damerel Parish Hall £150.00
 - ii) Milton Damerel & District Gardening Club £80.00
 - iii) Milton Damerel Newsletter £100.00
 - iv) Milton Damerel Parish Church £150.00
 - v) North Devon & District CAB £50.00,
- cheques will be sent out in due course.

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) Councillor Peter Buckpitt reported the layby just before Venn Green coming from Holsworthy is very dangerous as vegetation wants cutting back, visibility is obstructed when driving out. The Clerk will report to Highways.
- 2) Councillor Gareth Piper apologised for not looking at the notice board, but will do so as soon as he is able.
- 3) A letter had been received from Isabel Fairbrother regarding a letter she had received regarding broadband in the area, and the erection of an areal on the Church Roof. Councillor Moyse said that this is really a matter for the Church to decide. The Clerk will write to Isabel. Councillor Hepple said that the lack of 'fibre optic' is an ongoing complaint and he would be willing to take it up on behalf of the Parish Council.

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