

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

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

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse Chairperson, Richard Piper Vice- Chairperson, Gareth Piper, Rose Haynes, Jim Richardson, Teresa Walters, also present were Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons and Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

1) Apologies were received from:

Torrige District Councillors K.Hepple, Ken James and Parish Councillor Peter Buckpitt (illness)

2) Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyse wished everyone the compliments of the season and hoped all will have a very good Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

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. *Councillor Richard Piper declared an interest in 7 Planning item 4 (Not on the Agenda)*
- c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *Councillor Richard Piper declared an interest in 7 Planning item 4 (Not on the Agenda)*

4) Public Comments, County and District Councillors reports:

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons reported on the following:

Holsworthy Hospital, the use of the Hospital has increased by four-fold in 2019 and it is not speculation that it will be utilised a lot more in 2020. I walked away from the Northern Devon Healthcare Trust meetings as I did feel that I wasn't being listened to, subsequently Councillor Jon Hutchings did the same.

Devon County, myself and people from a cross section of different communities along with the chief Executive of the Clinical Commissioning group will be meeting on a regular basis.

The finalisation of the 2020/21 budget has been put back due to the election but it is hoped that this will be available early January. Although it has not been published it is certain that Council Tax will rise by 3.99%. As I have said in the past Torrige Council Tax is one of the highest in the Country which is highly unfair, it is an ongoing battle. The Government has said it would help by supporting the cost of 'adult care' but this has not materialised, which increases the burden for local councils hence the increased council tax. The children's services are also under great strain with millions of pounds shortage in what is needed.

I have recently joined the NHS-ITC Robotic and Intelligence strategy board which should prove very interesting for the future.

Councillor Parsons invited questions from the Councillors:

- 1) The Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse asked if it was possible to ask for grant towards the new Notice Board, Barry replied that the Clerk email him with the details, he did still have some money left in his 'pot'
- 2) Stephen reported that he had a phone call from a furious resident regarding the resurfacing of the road at Badgers Holt.

Barry replied that although he had spoken to the head of highways regarding this matter it was apparent that a satisfactory explanation had been received, he suggested that the resident contact the legal department of Devon County Council and request details of who actually paid for the re-surfacing, this would be under 'the freedom of information act', Councillor Gareth Piper suggested that the Clerk also write requesting the information on behalf of the Parish Council

Councillor Barry Parsons thanked the Parish Councillors for their continued support and wished all present a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, he then left the meeting to attend a meeting at Bridgerule.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th November 2019 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors, they were duly signed by the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse as being a true record of the meeting.

6. Matters Arising

- 1) Air Ambulance site -update, the Parish Council, the Planning application has now been approved and the First steps towards the installation were now progressing.
- 2) Notice Board, the Clerk had looked at the cost for a new Board to be erected, the costs varied between £500 and £550 with the installation cost quoted by Jag Signs as £120.00, the Clerk will apply to Councillor Barry Parsons for a grant, as soon as a decision regarding this had been received, she will set the wheels in motion for the new Board and its erection

7. Planning Applications

- 1) 1/1101/2019/FUL. Proposal: Proposed feed yard building
Location: East Wonford, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon
- 2) 1/1102/2019/FUL. Proposal: Proposed cubicle house building
Location: East Wonford, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon
- 3) 1/1103/2019/FUL, Proposal: Slurry Lagoon
Location: East Wonford, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above applications were discussed no objections were raised and it was the unanimous decision of the Parish Council to support the developments, the Clerk will convey the decision to the Planning Department

- 4) 1/0983/2019/FUL (Missed off the Agenda for which the Clerk apologised)

Proposal: Change of use of redundant rural buildings to two residential dwellings.

Location: Land adjoining Sunny View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon.

The above application was discussed and it was stated that there had been a couple of letters written by Local residents objecting to the development. The Councillors raised no issues but stated that it was hoped That the issues and objections made by local residents should be considered. It was the decisions of the Councillors to support the development. The Clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning.

Vice Chairperson Councillor Richard Piper had declared an interest and took no part in the decision of the Parish Council

8. Planning decisions

1)1/058/2019/FUL

Proposal: Installation of landing Lights to provide emergency lighting for the DAA

Location: Field adjacent to Coppers, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was approved

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Financial Matters

a) Three Councillors signed cheques for:

i) Clerks salary £208.93 ii) Administration Expenses: £32.02 iii) Hire Of hall Oct-Dec £36.00
Between meetings it was agreed by email for three Councillors to sign a cheque to Western Power to commence the work the work for the DAAT landing lights. £1,634.22

b) The Financial report to date had been emailed to each Councillor, no issues were raised.
The balance of the bank £7892.64, this comprises of SBiT funds £183.02, P3 funds £258.57, DAAT grants £4050.00, the remaining balance of £2629.98 is PC general funds.
(£787.99 cheques not cleared)

c) Draft Budget Financial Year 2020/21, the budget was discussed and was unanimously agreed to raise the precept by £200, total to request will be £4,250.00, the Clerk will send the request before the cut off date of the 24th January.

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) A complaint from a resident had been received regarding the state of the road from Gidcott Cross to Basin Cross, the Clerk was asked to yet again report this to highways
- 2) Councillor Richard Piper commented on Holsworthy Area meeting, The chairperson Stephen Moyse stated that the minutes had not been finalised, when they are any comments will be brought up at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending and closed the meeting qt 8.20pm.