

## Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7.30pm  
Present: Councillors Stephen Moyses Chairperson, Richard Piper Vice- Chairperson, , Rose Haynes,  
Jim Richardson, Peter Buckpitt. Teresa Walters, also present was the Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

### 1) Apologies were received from:

Torrige District Councillors Kit Hepple, Ken James, PSFCO Mark James and Parish Councillor Gareth Piper

### 2) Chairman's Announcements

Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyses welcomed all to the meeting, and in his absence wished Councillor Gareth Piper a very happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### 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:

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons apologised for being late, but had been to another meeting.

Barry reported that Holsworthy Hospital is now being used by approx. 2,000 people for different causes, which is a very large increase from last year. There are no 'end of life' facilities there but there is at Deer Park, where three beds are available, and there are 4 more beds at Stratton.

There are meetings every two weeks at Holsworthy Hospital to which I attend. There is a great relationship between us and Stratton/Bude Councillors and in particular Dave Parsons, our no 1 duty is to ensure people are safe and well looked after. What I really want is the 16 beds back at Holsworthy Hospital, but we have a shortage of Clinical support. What we need is more young people helping the older generation and vice versa.

Stephen Moyses enquired about rural bus services that could potentially be pulled, due to lack of use stopped, Barry replied that £70,000 a year is spent on supporting Rural Routes, he is still hopeful that this would not happen he had spoken to our MP and will have talks with Stagecoach.

Barry said he was a bit disappointed with the complaints regarding the bus shelter but did understand the problem. He would like some sort of acknowledgement to the late Ken Carroll for his help in having the shelter supplied.

The Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyses suggested that when the weather has improved, he will arrange a ceremony for the bus shelter with maybe a small plaque dedicated to Ken, on the same day also officially open the D.A.A.T night time site, inviting the local community to attend. Councillor Parsons said that would be great and would be appreciated.

The Chairperson Stephen Moyses thanked Barry for attending.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors, they were duly signed by the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyses as being a true record of the meeting.

### 6. Matters Arising

- 1) Air Ambulance site -update, all had been erected and installed, the new meter supplied by Eon had been installed and it is hoped that the installation would be operational by Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Stephen Moyses sends his thanks to all who have made this very important facility possible

- 2) The new Notice Board had now been erected, and the old one disposed of, thanks go to Councillor Barry Parsons for his grant of £400 towards the cost.

- 3) Badgers Halt, it had been established that the property is actually in Thornbury, the result of the enquiry established that Devon Highways had not financed any road resurfacing in that area.

- 4) Road from Youlden Lane-Five Lanes, this had been reported to Highways by the Clerk

- 5) Bus shelter at Holsworthy Beacon, complaints had been received regarding the lack of 'shelter' from this It had been reported to those responsible for its erection and the Parish Council were told that no side panels could be added to the shelter as it would obstruct the vision of those exiting the crossroads.

### 7. Planning Applications

*There were none*

**8. Planning decisions**

2) 1/1016/2019/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for retention of glazed porch enclosure

Location: Tall Trees, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

**The above was included in error as was cleared last month**

**Planning Appeals**

*There were none*

**9. Financial Matters**

- a) Three Councillors signed cheques for: -
  - i) the Clerks February salary £208.93
  - ii) M.A.T. Electrical £8,804.78 (VAT of £1,467.46 to be reclaimed) for the D.A.A.T installation.
- b) Financial report to date, Councillors were emailed a copy of the Cash Book in advance of the meeting no issues were raised.

The balance of the current account is £10,574.64, this consists of SBiT funds of£183.02, P3 Funds of £241.65, DAAT Fund £8,278.24, the balance of £1,871.73 being PC general funds,
- c) The Parish Councillors acknowledged receipt of cheque for £143 from Milton Damerel Parish Hall Fund raising efforts, this amount was donated towards the D.A.A.T funds and will be added to the existing 'ring fenced' fund.

A letter of thanks had been sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to the Committee
- d) The Parish Councillors acknowledged receipt of Grant of £ 5447.09 from DAAT
- e) Permission to set up Direct Debit to Eon for electricity for DAAT site, granted unanimously.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had applied for a VAT refund of over £2,195.00.

**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**

No matters raised.

The Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending and closed the meeting qt 8.40pm.