

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2020 commencing at 7.30pm, this was a remote meeting Held on the ZOOM platform. Present: Councillors Stephen Moyses Chair, Richard Piper Vice- Chair, Jim Richardson, Peter Buckpitt , Teresa Walters and Rose Haynes, also present was Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

1. Apologies were received from:

Torrige District Councillors Ken James, Anna Dart and Parish Councillor Gareth Piper

2. Chair's Announcements

Councillor Stephen Moyses welcomed all to the meeting and hoped all were staying safe and well

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. *The Chair declared an interest in item 10. 1) as he is parent Governor of the school*
- 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 joined the meeting at 7.45pm, and gave a quick up-date on Torrige District Council, he Stated that he had no major comments. Torrige District Council were concentrating on getting the local economy up and running as quickly and safely as possible, the staff were all doing incredibly well.

At present he was battling with Open Reach re connectivity.

Kit asked whether there was anything he could do for the Parish Council? Councillor Stephen Moyses replied that All was going well, he thanked Kit for attending and wished him well and to carry on the good work.

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons joined the meeting shortly after Councillor Hepple. He apologised being late. Barry went on to say that there is a lot going on and he has been amazed at the kindness that has been shown throughout Devon by volunteers, he further commented that 3,500 DCC staff are working from home with 97% feeling that they are being looked after. There are still lot of people struggling with present circumstances, home schooling, personal finance technology and businesses, but the County Council are working and have been working to address these issues. The Chair Stephen Moyses asked if there were any questions for Barry, there were none, Stephen thanked Barry for attending and for his continued support, Barry replied that if there was anything he could do for the Parish please do not hesitate to ask.

5. The minutes_of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th May 2020 had been circulated by email, were read and approved by all Councillors and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses

6. Matters Arising

- 1) Sign Post at Venn Green: Councillor Moyses reported that this had definitely been mended.
- 2) Insurance quotes, to be dealt with in Finance section.

7. Planning Applications

1) 1/0520/2018/FULM

Proposal: Creation of 9 Dwellings and Conversion of Barn to 2 dwellings- (affecting public right of way) Amended Plans and Description

Location: Land at Town Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed in full, although the Parish Councillors are not against development in the area, as the site is an eyesore and the planning applications have been rumbling on for approximately 16years, so its is about time something was done. The main comments were that the issues that had been raised by both residents and Parish Councillors in the past had not been addressed; these were:

- i) *The risk of flooding due to water 'run off', and who would be responsible after the fact, it would be too late after the building work had been done*
- ii) *Whether the 'sewage' works had been sorted.*
- iii) *Lack of parking space*
- iv) *Dangerous entrances*
- v) *The damage to roots of protected trees on the edge of the Churchyard*
- vi) *Too many properties in a comparatively small area, and would this set a precedent for future developments*

Councillor Kit Hepple stated that he would be willing to raise the points on the Parish Council's behalf, as he totally agreed with the sentiments voiced by the Councillors. The Clerk will officially email/write to Kit with the Parish Council's comments, and will also put the comments on the Torrige Planning Portal.

Planning continued/

2) 1/0406/2020/FUL

Proposal: Proposed Manege for private use.

Location: Town Farm Cottage, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed in full; no objections were raised and the Parish Councillors unanimously Supported the development.

Planning decisions

1) 1/0281/2020/LBC Proposal: Single Storey glazed rear extension

Location: Milton House, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above application was approved

Planning Appeals:

There were none

9. Financial Matters

a) Approval had been unanimously agreed and Councillor Moyse had obtained three signatures for:

i) Clerks salary £213.10 ii) Admin Expenses £28.20

iii) Annual Insurance £274.89, after discussion it was unanimously approved that the suggestion of the three-year fixed sum policy was agreed.

iv) Vision ITC annual IT support £150.00

b) Financial report to date, the financial report was emailed to all Councillors before the meeting and no issues were raised. The current bank statement was shown to all to support the bank reconciliation. There being £5,835.17 in the current account, SBiT fund £183.00, P3 Funds £541.65. DAAT funds £940.83, the balance of £4169.67 being Parish Council General funds

c) Direct Debit to Eon for May £9.77 was paid in June.

10. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting

Emails have been forwarded as received, matters arising:

1) Matter to discuss – Bradworthy Primary Academy were raising funds via ‘Crowdfunding’ with the hope of receiving a Calor Rural Fund grant, Councillor Moyse took no part in the discussion or decision but gave the background to the appeal, because of the difficulties of the Parish Council taking part in ‘crowdfunding’ and after discussion it was proposed by Councillor Richard Piper and seconded by Councillor Teresa Walters that a grant of £250 be awarded to the School, this was unanimously agreed by all. Councillor Moyse will contact the school and report back to the Councillors in time for the July meeting.

11. Matters for discussion or to be noted, and matters brought to the attention of the Chairman

1) Councillor Moyse stated that Highways are now cutting hedges/verges that obstruct vehicle vision, when this is finished he will obtain quotes to cut around the Village as in other years.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05pm