

## Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 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 and Rose Haynes, also present were DCC Councillor Barry Parsons and Lorraine Buttery Clerk.

### 1. Apologies were received from:

Torrige District Councillors Kit Hepple and Ken James, Parish Councillors Gareth Piper, Teresa Walters and PCSO Mark James

### 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. *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 joined the meeting at 8pm pm and apologised for being late, but had been attending another meeting. Speaking from a personal perspective to what's going on with the pandemic affecting a lot of people and what we should or should not be doing, to protect ourselves and others, I personally have been requested to attend face-to-face meetings but feel it would not be wise for me to be moving around as I have a cohort of 30 Parishes, everyone should be treated the same. The advice from NALC/DALC is still not to hold face to face meetings unless there is no other way to do so. I am very willing to attend remotely.

This morning I attended a remote meeting with Team Devon, which will oversee any local outbreaks of Covid 19, also present were representatives from DALC, the Police, District Councils and Public Health.

There is a collaboration of organisations throughout the South West, with Devon County Council being nominated by Government as one of eleven 'beacons' that other Councils can follow in containing and managing the Pandemic, with a position 149 out of 150, with 150 being the best and one being the worse, so Devon has done extraordinarily well. There have been only 11 cases diagnosed in Devon in the past week with the positivity rate at less than one percent. Virginia Pearson our Public Director of Health stresses that people must not delay in seeking medical advice when feeling unwell, which is not Covid 19 related, there has been too many people not seeking help which will lead to a buildup of further delays in treatment.

I will be attending a Devon County Health and Wellbeing board meeting tomorrow, one of the papers is a 'outcome report' and the list of housing category 1 hazard list of 29 things that come up, unfortunately Torrige is by far the worse in Devon. The other paper is on the GVA output for each one of us is by far lower in Torrige £16,000 than in the rest of Devon £20,000, Nationally this stands at £27,000, this is quite a concern for us.

The difference can be partly contributed by the type of employment in Torrige and Devon. The future outlook Must encompass more renewable energy by perhaps, making use of our two coastlines.

Councillor Moyses thanked Barry for attending and asked the Councillors if there are any questions?

Councillor Jim Richardson commented that although he realized that it might not be in Barry's jurisdiction, there has been a lot of complaints regarding the parking restrictions in Holsworthy Square.

Barry replied that this was a Town Council decision, who had consulted the traders, and just before I leave some Good news, the Government has allocated further funds for the Highways department.

5. The minutes\_of\_the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 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) Town Farm Planning Application, the Clerk reported that she had sent the Parish Councillors remarks, to Torrige, the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyses said that there is really not a lot more the Parish Council can do, either Torrige will approve the development or they won't.

Councillor Kit Hepple had written to the Planning Department regarding the Parish Councils concerns, in particular that it is felt that they take no notice of what the PC say, the Planning department said that this is not the case as they take in to consideration any relevant comments and objections. It was noted that some residents had not had notification of the amended application

- 2) Bradworthy Primary Academy, approval for a donation was unanimously agreed by the PC in June, The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse had spoken to the secretary of the School and was informed that any Cheque should be made out to Bradworthy P T A, this will be dealt with in the financial matters.
- 3) Hedge/Verge Cutting, Councillor Moyse commented that he was waiting until the Highways department had finished their cutting before deciding what has to be done, and obtaining quotes for the work.

**7. Planning Applications**

*There were none*

**8. Planning decisions**

- 1) 1/0267/2020 FULM Proposal: Variation of condition 6 (1) and (n) of planning 1/1177/2015/FULM (5-megawatt solar park on 14.6 hectares of land to amend HGV access route and road survey  
Location: Land at Bulkworthy, Devon,  
*The above application was approved.*

**Planning Appeals:**

*There were none*

**9. Financial Matters**

- a) The cheque for the Clerks salary £213.10 and ZOOM fees £7.19 was unanimously approved and was signed by the Chair, he will get two more signatories to sign before returning to the Clerk.
- b) Councillors had been sent financial information by email, Councillor Moyse presented the bank statement to support the bank reconciliation. The accounts are in good order.  
The bank balance of £5,159.21 consists of Ring-Fenced funds of SBIT £183.02, P3 funds £541.65 DAAT funds £940.83, the balance of £3493.71 being Parish Council general funds.
- c) Direct Debit paid to Eon June £9.45 paid by direct debit on the 1<sup>st</sup> July was acknowledged.
- d) The cheque for £250.00 for Bradworthy PTA was signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse, he will obtain two more signatures and pass the cheque on to Bradworthy, the Clerk asked that a receipt be requested.
- e) The SBIT funds which have not been used for some years was discussed and permission to use the funds to make a grant to a charitable organisation had been sought.

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

All emails had been forwarded to Councillors; no postal communications received.

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

- 1) The subject of August's Parish Council meeting was discussed, with the possibility of a face-to-face meeting to be held in the Parish Hall, although the advice from DALC at the present time is still to hold remote meetings, risk assessments had been done by the Parish Hall Committee, and the protocols advised by NALC will be followed. All public seating will be 2 metres apart, Councillors will have a table each, There will be sanitiser at the door, no tea/coffee will be provided, if any Councillor feels they cannot attend They will be excused. If there should be a 'spike' or the 'advice' is definitely not to hold face-to-face meetings then the meeting will be held remotely. Councillor Parsons said that he would attend remotely if that was possible.
- 2) Councillor Peter Buckpitt report that he had had to clear up a lot of rubbish and furniture on farmland, Fly tipping is a real problem, and whilst he had cleared the field there are others who might not be able to do so. It would seem that individuals are paid to perhaps clear a house but instead of taking it the 'tip' just dump it in a field. The suggestion was to put a notice in September's newsletter, the Clerk said she would get this done.

The Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked everyone for attending, there being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.35pm