

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of Milton Damerel Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th June 2026 which commenced at 19:30

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chair), Richard Piper (Vice Chair) Peter Bromley, Gareth Piper, and Teresa Walters, also present were District Councillor Nigel Kenneally, member of public David Wyatt and the Clerk Jane Elliott.

1. **Apologies** . Councillor Ken James, Councillor Richardson
2. **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 interest in items on the agenda and their nature. *Cllr. Jim Richardson Stop Beacon Solar*
 - c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interest in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*
3. **Chair's announcements:**
None
4. **Public Comments**
 - a) The recent car accident at Venn Green was discussed, with the main concern that everyone involved was ok. There is growing concern about the speed at which vehicles are travelling on this road. Councillor Moyse has been in contact with Highways and is waiting for an engineer to visit as the average speed is currently recorded at 40mph which those present agreed was incorrect. Speedwatch crews had been active led by Michael Jackson who had also contacted the Parish Council about the installation of speed signs.
 - b) There will be a Midsummer BBQ at 16:30 on Saturday 21st June at Milton Damerel Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.
5. **The minutes of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 15th April 2025** which had been circulated by email, were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting, they were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Stephen Moyse.
6. **Reports by District and County Councillors.**

District Councillor Nigel Kenneally reported that he has now allocated his locality budget, retaining £100 to give to youth sport.

He has been added to the planning committee and explained that councillors cannot call in schedule one applications or industrial developments. Planning reform has created Gateway assessments under the Town and Country Planning Regulation 2026. The Government is introducing a new rule on National Infrastructure meaning local councillors will not get a say in large scale developments. Councillor Pett added that this new rule will enable solar farms, such as Beacon Solar, to be pushed through.

A decision on the LGR is expected on 16th July

Beacon Solar is on hold as the national grid has no capacity for the power it will generate and their website is no longer visible.
7. **Matters Arising**
 - 1) Bank signatories, this is still an ongoing issue with Nat West and the Bank Mandate
8. **Planning Applications**

1/0359/2026/FULM Straw Storage Building Worden Farm. *No objections*

1/0373/2026/LBC Convert Garage Milton Mill. *No objections*
9. **Planning decisions**

None were received

Planning Appeals

None were received
10. **Financial Matters**
 - a) It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve cheque for:

i) Clerk's salary & expenses ii) Dr Julia Foster audit

b) The annual AGAR was read out agreed and signed. In addition, the new IT Policy was adopted to conform to Assertion 10 regarding digital information.

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

Emails from DALC, NALC, Highways, RSN, TDC, and other sources have been forwarded to members of the council. All Parish Councillors are now using their.gov.uk mailboxes

12. Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

- a) Cllr. R Piper reported dangerous potholes on the A388 at Wolden Mill What3words Bystander.Shame.Neat
- b) BT Open Reach appear to be adding fibre broadband at Shop Cross, Five Ways, Lower Lodge and Venn Green. When this is installed copper phone lines will no longer exist meaning some older residents may be isolated
- c) Cllr. Moyse asked for the members to agree to making enquiries for a hedge trimming contractor as the previous contractor was no longer available.
- d) Roads and potholes continue to be a major concern.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:40

The next meeting will be Wednesday 15th July 2026 19:30