

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **MINUTES**

of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2012, commencing at 7.37pm

Present	Cllr Grace Millman (Chairman)	Cllr Rose Haynes
	Cllr Stephen Moyse	Cllr Edgar Pett
	Cllr John Webb	Mrs Roberta Jackson (Clerk)

County Councillor Alison Boyle attended but there were no other members of the public or press present.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Gareth Piper who had double booked, Richard Piper who was at work and also from PCSO Rowe.

2. Chairman's Announcements. Grace welcomed Cllr Boyle to the meeting but there were no other chairman's announcements.

3. Public Comments. Cllr Boyle informed members that she was one of the 3 Torridge representatives on the Atlantic Array advisory group, Lundy being in her division, along with three Councillors from North Devon and three from DCC. She had also been asked to judge the Community Transport awards. Her one year term as Chair of Torridge HATO was coming to an end and she had asked DCC to provide information on their policy on rural roads, also District spending on maintenance this year and next. Edgar reported that Highways would not allow signs to warn of ice on the road and Alison has passed on safety concerns on this matter. Alison also said she understood that road salt provided this winter but unused could remain in the parish ready for next winter when it is possible more would be provided.

4. Declarations of Interests on matters to be considered at the meeting. There were no declarations.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 February 2012 were signed as a true record.

6. Matters Arising - not otherwise on the agenda

a) Highway Matters. It has been observed that the wooden posts have been removed from the verge at Jonleen. There was also a complaint about the pot holes on the Milton Mill lane.

b) Parish Paths Partnership Scheme. The Clerk informed the members that due to time constraints the P3 Agreement dated 1 March 2012 was signed by Grace and Edgar on 29 February and returned to DCC to be signed by Ros Davies the P3 liaison officer. We now await the grant of £95 and the return of the Parish Councils copy of the agreement.

c) Agenda and Approved Minutes on the Website. It was agreed that the agenda and approved minutes should go onto the *miltondamerel.com* website. The agenda and minutes would remain on the website for some time not yet specified. The Clerk recommended that if possible it would be desirable to have a banner on the TDC Parish Council portal to link to the *miltondamerel.com* website. The Clerk will talk to Terry Fairbrother about this.

d) "Step Back in Time" Fund. Mrs Daniel sent a cheque for £203.02 being the remains of a prize in the Village Ventures competition from about 20 years ago, some of which had been used to benefit local young people needing help with a specific project e.g. working for a charity overseas. The Parish Council will advertise the availability of the funds in the next newsletter.

7. Planning Applications. None at time of agenda or meeting

8. Planning Decisions. None at time of agenda or meeting

9. The Planning System Explained – Report from recent training held at Okehampton on 6 March attended by the Chairman and Clerk. The event was hosted by DALC. There were two presentations and a group exercise. The 'Overview of the Planning System' did not really provide any additional information on what was already known by the Parish Council though it was made clear that there were various policies to consider from both district and national level along with 'material considerations'

Signed

Date

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The 'Neighbourhood Planning' presentation made clear the differences between Neighbourhood Planning and Parish Planning. When The Localism Act is implemented 'neighbourhoods' or Parishes can form a group to make their own Neighbourhood Plan which would be a plan for land use, housing and development, in the area. After the plan is drawn up it would have to be independently assessed to make sure it complied with district and national planning policies. The plan can not be written against these policies. It would then go to a local referendum which would require more than half those voting to approve the plan. The plan would then be a legal document which would have to be considered when the district was looking at planning applications.

10. To Discuss a Wind Turbine Policy that was produced by Shebbear Parish Council following extensive research and public consultation. The members discussed at length the details in the report and the resulting Shebbear policy which is *'to oppose any wind turbine application in the Shebbear or in adjoining parishes where there is a significant negative impact upon Shebbear Parish itself'* It was agreed that Milton Damerel would not be formulating a Council Policy but that all applications should be considered individually. The list of material planning considerations highlighted in the Shebbear report would be used when considering any future applications. The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman will put together a response to the email from Shebbear on this matter.

11. Diamond Jubilee update and payment of invoice for souvenirs. The 50 souvenir medals have been delivered and were inspected by the members. Members approved payment of the invoice due and cheque No.100176 payable to Tower Mint Ltd for £143.40 was signed by three signatories.

12. To pay rent for use of Parish Hall for three meetings, January, February and March 2012. Cheque No. 100177 payable to Milton Damerel Parish Hall for £30 was signed by three signatories.

13. To pay Clerks salary and expenses

a) Payment of Clerks quarterly salary. 13 weeks at 4 hours per week at £6.08 per hour, 1 January to 31 March 2012. Cheque No 100178 for £316.16 was made payable to R Jackson and signed by three signatories.

b) Reimbursement of Clerks expenses including petrol, postage, telephone calls and paper at a total cost of £11.47. Cheque No 100179 made payable to R Jackson was signed by three signatories

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14. 2013 National Bus Pass Renewal due April 2013 will be done automatically but anyone who has changed address should get in touch with Devon County Council. It was agreed that this information should be published in the next newsletter.

15. Safer North Devon – New Social Enterprise. Information on Initiative South West, graffiti removal and pressure washing also ground clearance and maintenance services. Letter read out.

16. Village Green- Spring 2012- Newsletter of CCD which included an item on Neighbourhood Planning and one on Devon Oil Collective was made available for members to read

17. Devon Oil Collective – Scheme from CCD are looking for a local co-ordinator to recruit members to the buying group which has a subscription of £24. The Collective will be advertised in the next newsletter.

18. Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman.

Gareth had expressed concerns to the Chairman about the extensive works undertaken at the Chapman's Green recently with regards the damage to wild flowers and trees as a result of the drainage works done there, before it was asphalted. It was recommended that Gareth should make contact with DCC highways to discuss his concerns.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.07pm