

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at Milton Damerel Parish Hall on Wednesday 18 July 2012, commencing at 7.38pm

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

There were no members of the press or public present.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence. PCSO Rowe sent apologies for not attending

2. Chairman's Announcements. Grace reported that Sue Southwell had not had any contact from Drew's since early June when they were still working on drawing up a viable scheme for the proposed affordable housing in Milton Damerel.

3. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 June 2012. The final line of those 'Present' has been modified to read *Cllr Alison Boyle attended but left at 9.10pm there were no other members of the press or public present.* The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising - not otherwise on the agenda

a) Councillor Vacancy update. As no request for an election has been received by the Returning Officer following the resignation of Gareth Piper, Milton Damerel Parish Council has been instructed to advertise widely to fill the casual vacancy by co-option. The poster prepared by the Clerk with a closing date of 14 August was approved for display around the parish and applications will be considered by Councillors at the next meeting on 15 August.

b) Return of Notification of Interests. All 6 members returned their completed forms which the Clerk will copy and send to the Monitoring Officer at the same time requesting instructions for putting interests on the website. Members approved the hand written forms being scanned (signatures concealed for security reasons) and put on the website if necessary.

6. Planning Applications

a) 1/0494/2012/FUL: Installation of wind turbine (34.2m to blade tip) on land at Dunstaple Farm Holsworthy Beacon EX22 7BP (in the parish of Holsworthy Hamlets) The location of this development was studied on the map, being only just over the parish boundary. The Parish Councillors had no comment to make on this development provided that all neighbouring properties within the Parish of Milton Damerel had been informed of the proposals.

b) 1/0511/2012/FUL: Installation of wind turbine 34.5m to blade tip and formation of associated access tracks and cable trench on land at Bason Farm, Bradford, EX22 7AW (in the parish of Bradford). The location of this development was studied on the map being about 1 mile from the parish boundary. The Parish Councillors had no comment to make on this development provided that all neighbouring properties within the Parish of Milton Damerel had been informed of the proposals.

7. Planning Decisions.

1/0508/2012/AGR: Agricultural building for housing and handling of cattle at Withypool Farm. This application was granted permission.

8. To Report on Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Meeting held 16 July 2012. Stephen attended the meeting with Richard and it was agreed that Stephen would in future be the second Milton Damerel representative. The Clerk will notify Torridge District Council. The clerk informed the representatives that the next meeting will be on 24 September, not as previously stated at the meeting. Email to be forwarded to Richard and Stephen. Cllr M Footill was elected Chairman of the group. The Agri-Business Park plans have received planning approval and the start is scheduled for January 2013, weather permitting the build should take 10 months, with the Tesco development at the old market site taking place in 2014. The Derriton Quarry site is to be auctioned off.

Information regarding The Torridge Electors Fund and the Youth Initiative Fund was handed out at the HAAG meeting and will be held by the Clerk

9. Review of Standing Orders as a result of the new Code of Conduct adopted with effect from 1 July 2012. The wording of paragraphs 25 (Disorderly Conduct) and 30 (Interests) of Standing Orders adopted on 16 August 2007 are out of date. The Chairman provided each member with suggested new wording for Paragraph 25 and Paragraph 30 and these were unanimously adopted with immediate effect.

10. To complete Parish Questionnaire – Devon County Council Winter Services Review 2012 already emailed to councillors for their consideration. Edgar summarised the activities of the Snow Warden over the last winter. The questionnaire was completed but due to mild winter conditions it was agreed that the scheme was not fully tested however the comment was made that the snow warden needs to be able to display warning signs at dangerous locations which at present he is not allowed to do.

11. Consultation on Review of Waste Management Strategy for Devon. This is an extensive document therefore only selected sections were discussed and the clerk will put together a response. Members agreed that waste reduction/prevention was important. Otherwise biodegradable packaging would be an alternative. Recycling of mixed plastics via the kerbside collection would result in less 'black bag' residual waste which could be collected less often. Members agreed that waste to energy was better than land fill for residual waste.

12. Financial Matters

a) Request for part grant for Neighbourhood Watch signs at Holsworthy Beacon. An application has been received from Jackie Beckles, 5 Beech Park as the new Holsworthy Beacon Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for a grant of £20 to pay for 2 NHW signs, a similar application has gone to Holsworthy Hamlets which also covers part of Holsworthy Beacon. As the Parish Council has paid for the original NHW signs in Milton Damerel members unanimously agreed to grant the £20 as requested. It was agreed that the clerk could get the cheque signed out of the meeting when the necessary payee was known.

b) Step Back in Time grant request from Samantha Horn who is volunteering at the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics to help towards her accommodation costs whilst in London during the Olympics & Paralympics. After a short discussion it was agreed that £100 should be granted to Miss Horn and cheque no. 100190 was made payable to Samantha Horn and signed by three signatories.

c) To report receipt of P3 grant from DCC for works on Butterfly Lane. A P3 grant of £500 went into the PC bank account on 1 June, without an advice note being sent, which is to cover the pre Vat cost of works done.

d) To pay invoice for works on Butterfly Lane, half the cost of the works undertaken to clear the culvert and gullies to direct water off the track. From the P3 grant received with the other half being covered by the Devon County Council Public Rights of Way budget. Cheque No. 100188 payable to Mr A R Moon for £600 (including vat which is reclaimable) was signed by three signatories.

e) To refund clerk re notice board repairs. New pin board for both the Parish Hall and Holsworthy Beacon notice boards plus putty to refit the glass at Holsworthy Beacon. Cheque No. 100189 payable to R Jackson for £17.46 was signed by three signatories.

f) Financial Report. After allowing for the above items, 15p interest at the end of June and previously reported transactions, the balance of the current a/c will be £486.18 and the savings a/c is £839.83 making a total of £1326.01

Correspondence

13. Request from British Heart Foundation to install clothing bank in Milton Damerel has been received but as there is already one at Lizzy's Larder the Parish Council did not think it necessary to agree to this request. British Heart Foundation will be informed

14. Village Green Summer 2012- Newsletter of CCD was made available for members to read and members were informed that the publication is going digital from September so the Clerk will be able to email, to all members.

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

a) Road Closure: The originally notification (see item 14 last months minutes) indicated the wrong section of road. SWH have now advised that from 16 to 21 August 2012 the A388 through Milton Damerel will be closed from Shop Cross to Whitebear Cross with possible traffic light access over the weekend, for Devon County Council resurfacing works.

b) Edgar asked for Snow Warden to be on the next agenda.

c) The Clerk has also received notice of a Consultation on proposed Dog Control Orders. The information to be emailed to members and the subject put on the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm