

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at Milton Damerel Parish Hall on Wednesday 12 September 2012, commencing at 7.00pm

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

There were no members of the press or public present.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Alison Boyle who was at another meeting

2. Chairman's Announcements. Grace welcomed Jim Richardson to his first Parish Council meeting. Jim signed the declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Chairman. He also signed the 'blue book' as an historical record of Councillors. Jim handed in a completed Declarations of Interest, a copy of which will be sent to the Monitoring Officer of TDC and he also signed the new bank mandate and was asked to take identification to HSBC.

At 7.10pm Grace welcomed Bill Rabbetts MD of Drew's Construction, Janine Banks - Planning Consultant and Ben Carlisle their Architect to the meeting and introduced them to Councillors.

3. Resolution to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Grace proposed and John seconded the motion to exclude the public and press for the next part of the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

4. Vision for Affordable Housing at Milton Town.

The team representing Drew Construction presented their vision of an outline plan for further development at Milton Town, including affordable housing, on which councillors provided feedback.

The chairman thanked visitors for coming; they then left at 8.50pm.

5. Resolution to move back to an open meeting. At this point Grace proposed and Rose seconded the motion to open up the meeting again to press and public though no press or public attended.

6. Public Comments. There were no public to comment.

7. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 August 2012. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

8. Matters Arising

a) The poor road surfaces on the Gidcott to Henscott and Derworthy roads were reported to Simon Phillips who replied that they are unlikely to do works of a substantial nature but will endeavour to fill any safety defects

b) The enforcement officer confirmed that a park home (twin unit caravan) had been moved onto the site at Holsworthy Beacon. An application for planning permission was expected this week. After which he will decide what action he should take.

c) It has been noted that poles have been erected on the edge of the carriageway near the Crossway at Strawberry Bank which are presumed to be temporary, to allow newly sown grass to grow.

9. Planning Applications

a) 1/0667/2012/FUL Amended plans to consent number 1/261/2011/FUL for proposed conversion of redundant agricultural building for residential use at the barn near Milton Mill. Members compared the revised plans with the original and noted that due to the roof being raised by about 90cm resulting in more usable floor space upstairs the interior layout of the property has been re arranged to put three bedrooms upstairs and make a larger kitchen diner on the ground floor. The property would still have four bedrooms.

The clerk was instructed to send the following response to planning.

The Parish Council were not in favour of this development in the first place and do not support the amended application.

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- b) 1/0577/2012/FUL Proposed cubicle and feed building over a slurry storage tank at Waldon Farm
c) 1/0578/2012/FUL Proposed cubicle and feed building over a slurry storage tank at Waldon Farm
The above two applications are for adjacent structures of slightly different lengths, accessed via the field gate and lane. Members unanimously supported both applications and the same response to this effect to be sent for each one.

10. Planning Decision

- a) 1/0496/2012/FUL: Erection of detached double garage, store and hobby room at The Oaks was granted planning permission stating that 'The existing hedge bank fronting the site has to be retained in its existing form in perpetuity'.

With the chairman's permission the following three planning decisions received after the agenda were reported:

- b) 1/0304/2012/FUL: Installation of 1 wind turbine (34.5m to blade tip), access and associated works on land at Henscott Farm, Thornbury, in the parish of Bradford. This application has been refused for reasons of landscape and visual impact.
c) 1/0494/2012/FUL: Installation of wind turbine (34.5m to blade tip) on land at Dunstaple Farm Holsworthy Beacon EX22 7BP (in the parish of Holsworthy Hamlets) Application granted permission
d) 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) Application granted permission

11. Report from Parish Councillors who attended the Woolsery meeting re Atlantic Array. By email Cllr Alison Boyle thanked Stephen and John for attending this meeting. They reported that it was a good presentation showcasing the proposals with comprehensive responses to questions. There would be little impact on Milton Damerel other than some disruption to travel to Bideford during the construction stage. The array would have between 188 and 278 turbines being 8 miles from Lundy, 8.7 miles from the Devon coast and 14.3 miles from Wales at the nearest points and would be highly visible from many places. There was concern that there could be an adverse effect on the tourism economy in the area.

12. Torridge Area Local Community Partnership & Parish Plan Progress survey was distributed to members. After a short discussion, it was agreed that due to lack of time at the meeting the clerk would complete the survey form in consultation with Grace.

13. Financial Matters

- a) To pay annual grant to Milton Damerel Parish Hall, this was agreed at the budget meeting in November. Cheque no. 100192 for £150 was made payable to Milton Damerel Parish Hall and signed by three signatories
b) To pay annual grant to Milton Damerel Newsletter, this was agreed at the budget meeting in November. Cheque no. 100193 for £100 was made payable to Milton Damerel Newsletter and signed by three signatories.
c) To pay annual grant to Milton Damerel Gardening Society, this was agreed at the budget meeting in November. Cheque no. 100194 for £80 was made payable to Milton Damerel Gardening Society and signed by three signatories.
d) To pay rent for use of Parish Hall for Council meetings held July and August at £10 and September's extended meeting at £15. Cheque no. 100195 for £35 was made payable to Milton Damerel Parish Hall and signed by three signatories
e) To pay Clerks quarterly salary to end of September, 13 weeks at 4 hours per week at minimum pay. Cheque no. 100196 was made payable to R Jackson for £316.16 and signed by three signatories. Members were informed that minimum pay increases by 11p to £6.19 per hour from 1 October 2012.
f) Reimbursement of Clerks expenses. Mileage, stamps, postage and stationary items to a total cost of £18.33 was claimed. Cheque no 100197 for £18.33 was made payable to R. Jackson and signed by three signatories.
g) To pay Audit Commission invoice (deferred from last meeting) for the external audit. Cheque no 100198 for £60 (including £10 VAT to be reclaimed) was made payable to Audit Commission and signed by three signatories. Members were informed that from next year the Audit Commission fee will be zero due to the small turnover of Milton Damerel Parish Council finances.

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14. Twentyfourseven –Newsletter of SW Ambulance Service was made available for members to read
15. Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman. There were no urgent matters brought forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.58pm

Signed

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