

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2013, commencing at 7.35pm

Present Cllr Grace Millman (Chairman) Cllr Stephen Moyse (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Rose Haynes Cllr Jim Richardson
 Cllr. Richard Piper
 Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

County Cllr Robin Julian who arrived at 7.45pm.

There were no other members of the public or press present.

1. Apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies were received from John Webb who was away at a family celebration and Edgar Pett.

2. Chairman's Announcements

Grace informed the Councillors that the new Parish Clerk had signed a contract and agreed to terms of employment

3. Public Comments

a) Cllr Robin Julian

Atlantic Array further to last meetings comment, The Devon County Council will be discussing and responding to the consultation papers when received – yet to be received

Grant application towards public footpath boardwalk on footpath No 16 – he will be looking at the submission made by Mike Jackson, the P3 co-ordinator and discussing with the Public Footpaths Liaison officer and will report back.

Hedge trimming- DCC are looking to farmers to keep their road hedges trimmed and possibly may be writing to Parish Councils on this. He emphasised that if any member of the public are concerned about overhanging hedges which obscure vision please report on DCC website.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th June 2013. The minutes having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- a) Cardboard littering the response was: South Molton Recycle is currently trialling different methods for the cardboard collection and new crews, hence the dumpy bag on the rear of the vehicle; in between estate areas; then secured inside the vehicle on completion of the round. They are also carrying out 'Tool Box' talks with crews; in addition to their training; to increase the awareness of any mess left behind.
- b) Litter bin; the reply from Michael Crocker stated he proposes to monitor and litter pick the area every Tuesday for the next two months. If it is warranted he then proposes to do a regular (2 weekly in summer, perhaps monthly in winter) litter pick, rather than supply a litter bin which is open to misuse and vandalism.
- c) Bridge damage; Report acknowledged by Simon Philips, Neighbourhood Highway Engineer, and it was noticed that the bridge was being repaired today (17th July 2013)
- d) The Parish Biodiversity the CD presentation is now on Milton Damerel website, Matt Edworthy's email was discussed and contents were discussed. The suggestion that we 'build relationships with land owners'. The suggestion of not cutting some hedges to encourage wildlife for two years was also discussed. It was suggested that we raise issues in the next newsletter and see what feedback we get.

It was noted that the majority of Unconfirmed Wildlife Sites are privately owned.

At this point it was pointed out that there are reports of Knotweed in the area of Woodford Bridge Hill and Derworthy Lane. The Parish Clerk to inform DCC.

6. Planning Applications

a) 1/0506/2013/FUL Erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, 55m to hub, 79m to tip including access and ancillary operations, Land at Down Farm, Thornbury, Holsworthy

Letters from W.J. Watkins re above

Plans were studied by all councillors and the Chairperson pointed out the area where the wind turbine is to be erected, the subject was thoroughly discussed and noted the remarks on the application to the vast amount of electricity used by W.J. Watkins Company. Concerns were voiced about the visual impact on the surrounding area.

The parish councillors welcomes the proposal of the Land Owner to making donations to the local communities and organisations in his letters but this offer does not influence the Councillors in any way.

It was agreed that the standard response should be sent.

We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish, the development being within our boundaries. The Milton Damerel Parish Councillors have no comment to make on this development provided that properties within the Parish of Milton Damerel that may be affected in any way by this development have been informed of the proposals.

b) 1/0421/2013/AGR Lambing Shed and hay and straw store at Beechcroft Farm, Holsworthy
this was read in conjunction with 7 planning decision

7. Planning Decision

1/0421/2013/AGR The proposal is not permitted development as provided by part 6, schedule 2 of the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 as it will accommodate livestock and is within 400 metres of the curtilage of a protected building. Full planning permission is required.

10. Financial Matters

c) To pay Clerks monthly salary. Cheque no. 100214 £138.66 payable to L D Buttery was signed by three signatories
e) Financial report to date. When all the above cheque has been presented there will be £1229.62 in the Parish Council generals funds, £183.02 in the ring fenced Step Back in Time fund and £754.32 ring fenced in Parish Paths Partnership (P3) funds making a total of £2305.62 in the Parish Council bank accounts.

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

a) Email Jubilee Sailing Trust, discussed but was pointed out that due to the lack of funds Milton Damerel Parish Council did not give grants to outside organisations, Cllr Jim Richardson suggested that the request be put in the newsletter and suggested that a fund raising event could be organised under the umbrella of the Parish Council

b) email- re telephone conversation with Michael Crocker- litter bins

c) Grant Thornton- Annual Audit, studied and the Councillors were informed that a copy has been displayed on the notice board at Holsworthy Beacon and would be moved to the Parish Hall notice board.

d) Torridge District Council- Town & Parish Fund, this was read out by Grace and explanations given, that the grants could only be applied for if it was a joint application by two or more parishes. The parish clerk was requested to approach Sutcombe Parish Council at their next meeting on the 2nd September, with several suggestions of what might be good ideas for requests:-

i) Protective Clothing for Volunteers undertaking village enhancements

ii) Equipment for Local Youth Clubs

iii) Village enhancements to flower beds, verges and footpaths

e) Copy letters received from W.J. Watkins as planning application has not yet been applied for it deemed prudent to postpone the discussion on these until application is received

Correspondence received after Agenda distributed and include with Chairpersons agreement

i) Holsworthy area Advisory Group Meeting on Monday 22/07/2013

ii) DSV Bidiford Branch with a request to display notice, this was agreed

iii) MCTI Meeting on the 23rd July this meeting will include guest speaker Sofie Francis to talk about superspeed broadband

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

Request by Lorraine Buttery Parish Clerk to attend two courses, one for New Parish Clerks on the 16th September and one concerning Budgets and Precepts in October at a total cost of £60, half of which is to be paid by Sutcombe Parish Council. Unanimously agreed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.57