

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st August, commencing at 7.35pm.

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

Alison Boyle was present and PCSO Mark James from Holsworthy.

There were two other members of the public from Putford present

1. Apologies and reasons for absence: No Apologies were necessary
2. Chairman's Announcements.
There was no Chairman's announcement

3. Public Comments

a) Alison Boyle said thank you for the invite to the meeting. Alison gave an update on the 'Atlantic Array' Alison stressed that the work she is doing is voluntary but as an ex-councillor and being on the consultation committee she is very concerned with the impact the development will have on the Torridge Area, she had spent three hours in a meeting with the Highways Department and concerns were raised about the construction sites that would be linked to the A39. The planning application has been accepted as valid and the consultation period will end on the 16th September. With a 5 year window to start, concerns have been raised that there is no 'exit' policy. Alison promised to send an email with links that could be used by interested parties, Individuals/groups/Parish Councils all who can register on line

b) P.C.S.O Mark from Holsworthy representing P.C.S.O Andy Moakes said there is a very low crime rate in the area the only significant report was a dog biting a parishioner and that the dog had now been destroyed. If there were any concerns regarding the 'high police' presence recently this had nothing to do with crime in the area, but was due to a person out on licence overstaying his visit in the area? Because of the nature of his past crimes it was deemed necessary for the high police presence. The Chairman Grace Millman raised her concerns regarding the speed of traffic through Milton Damerel, this was noted by P.C.S.O. Mark and stated that as this was 'Speed Awareness Week' all areas would be under scrutiny. He also suggested that maybe a bigger sign could be erected at the sign posted entry area of Milton Damerel.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July. The minutes having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

No matters arising

6. Planning Application

a) 1/0640/2013/FUL Single storey rear extension, Buttermoor, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy Devon. Plans were studied by all councillors and no objections were raised it was agreed to email the standard response:

We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish, the development being within our Boundaries.

Plans were studied by all Councillors and was unanimously supported

b) 1/0637/2013/FUL Erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, 50m to Hub, 77m to tip, together with associated works and formation of an access track to serve the development - Land at Youldon, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, with associated letters from W J Watkins.

The planning application was thoroughly discussed with confirmation of the site of the proposed application and the decision was to send the following by email to the Planning Department:-

At the meeting of Milton Damerel Parish Council on the 21st August 2013 the Planning Application 1/0637/2013/Ful, The erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, 50m to hub, 77m to tip, together with associated works and formation of an access track to serve the development on Land at Youldon, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, was given due consideration.

After an in depth discussion, Parish Councillors had the following observations for their response to the Planning Authority:

Signed

Date

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- 1) *The proposed application is on a sight which is one the highest points in the parish and area, as such, the wind turbine would be highly visible to many homes/properties, not only in the immediate area but over a very large surrounding area, and visual impact will be very significant for residents of the Parish and surrounding parishes.*
 - 2) *The Site proposed for this second application is more detrimental on environment and visual aspects than the previous application which was refused grant of planning by reasons of visibility by Torridge District Council.*
 - 3) *The Parish Councillors wish to be assured that all property holders within the Parish, which would be affected in any way by this development, have been informed of the proposal.*
7. Planning Decision
1/0518/2013/FUL Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form an annexe-amended plans-proposed treatment plant sewerage. The Meadow, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy
The council has granted permission because the proposal is:
Acceptably designed and not impacting unreasonably on other nearby properties.
8. Financial Matters
a) The Parish Clerks salary for August Cheque no 100215 for £138.66 payable to L D Buttery was signed by three signatories.
b) Financial report to date was presented to the Councillors. The balance of General Parish Funds is £1090.96, £183.02 in the ring fenced Step Back in Time Fund and £754.32 ring fenced in the P3 funds making a total of £2028.30
9. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting
a) Parish Paths Partnership Questionnaire to be completed by Parish Clerk after speaking to Mike Jackson
b) North Devon and Torridge Councils Green Infrastructure open space, sport and recreation survey: Cllr. Grace Millman the chairman is looking at the survey and will return it by email.
10. Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman
a) Concerns were raised by Cllr Edgar Pett regarding developments at 'The Oaks' the resident has built Kennels, taken a hedge down and there are concerns regarding the entry site for the garages. It was decided after much discussion to send an email to Nigel Marshall and Building Control to raise concerns that the site was not being developed as granted in the planning application.
b) The caravan at Crossways was also discussed and all councillors agreed it was an 'eyesore' but it was said that 'Someone' had spoken to the Council and who said 'basically it's there and it would take a long time to move it, it's on wheels and is served by the main residence.'
b) Cllr. Stephen Moyse requested permission to use the digger to improve the surrounding area and lay more slabs at the bus shelter, the Parish Councillors agreed as long as Stephen was present when the work was being done.
c) Cllr. Grace Millman informed the Parish Council that Sue Southall the Rural Housing enabler with the Community Council of Devon had said that there had been no progress regarding the Affordable Housing Development at Milton Town

