

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th September commencing at 7.35pm.

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

Also in attendance P.S.C.O Raquel Rowe

1. Apology received from: P.S.C.O Andy Moakes

2. Chairman's Announcements.

Councillor Grace Millman commented on the great success of the recent Gardening Club Show.

Announced the resignation of Councillor Edgar Pett, Chairman will send letter of thanks, action to be taken with regard to replacement will be discussed in 'Urgent Matters'

3. Public Comments

a) P.C.S.O Raquel Rowe gave her report, there have been various crimes in Milton Damerel recently, an amount of IT and musical equipment was stolen from a shed which was worth a substantial amount of money, Raquel asked that if any member of the public remember seeing anything suspicious during the evening of the 14/15 September to contact the police. Also recently stolen in the surrounding Parishes are Husquvana ride on Mower and brush cutter and various amounts of red diesel. Raquel also reported on sheep being rustled, between the 12/07 and 08/09 between East Cornwall and North Devon the total of 300 sheep has been rustled all worth a significant amount. The police urge all farmers to be vigilant and take adequate precautions. Raquel also informed the Parish Council that there is now an association 'Farm Watch' for which volunteers are needed.

b) The good news was that during 'speed awareness week' a speed camera was set up and between 3.30pm and 4.45 pm 200 cars were recorded but none were speeding

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

a) The Oaks update, Councillors voiced their concerns that the original and amended planning Application details were not being adhered to; the Parish Clerk has been requested to write to Nigel Marshall and building control voicing the concerns of the Parish Councillors.

b) Torridge district Council Parish Fund, it was agreed in principal to apply for a grant for a Lap top and projector. The Parish Clerk to contact Terry Fairbrother to ask for advice and enquire if he can supply us with a quote.

6. Planning Applications

a) 1/0635/2013/FUL Proposed demolition of building and replacement with agricultural building for storage and livestock. Location: Beechcroft, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was considered and the plans were studied and unanimously supported, with the following email being sent to Torridge Planning dept:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application, Milton Damerel Parish Council has no objections to this development and unanimously agrees to fully support the application

b) 1/0725/2013/Ful Proposed new extension and Car Port

Location: St.Martins, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was considered and the plans were studied and unanimously supported, with the following email being sent to Torridge Planning dept:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application, after a discussion and study of the plans Milton Damerel Parish Councillors unanimously support this application it being a reasonable extension and utilising available space.

c) 1/0430/2013/FUL Erection of a single 500kw wind turbine, 50m to hub, 77m to tip, together with associated works and formation of access tracks to serve development (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Location: Kingsford Farm, Thornbury, Holsworthy, Devon

As the additional information was not clear the following response was agreed upon to be sent to Torridge Planning Dept.

Signed

Date

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We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council, being adjacent to Holsworthy Hamlets Parish in which the development is proposed. Milton Damerel Parish Councillors not being in possession of the 'Additional Information' have no further comments to make in addition to those voiced on the 16th May 2013.

d) 1/0713/2013/FUL Proposed conversion of barn to Dwelling
Location: Lower Walland, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above Planning application plans were studied and the details discussed, councillors unanimously agreed In favour of the application with the concerns voiced regarding the re-positioning of the hedge, the following response was agreed to be sent to Torridge Planning Department

We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council with reference to the above planning application. Milton Damerel Councillors unanimously support this development, being an appropriate use of a redundant building, but the Councillors voiced their concerns regarding the 're-positioning' of the hedge bank to form 45m Visibility splay'. At present there is a 'good run off' which relates to water ditch along road verge which crossed the entrance to Lower Walland and then into a piped drain, this isn't always well maintained, the consequence of this not being maintained in the future will be the risk of flooding and in the event of very cold conditions dangerous ice patches forming on the road.

7. Planning Decision

There were no planning decisions.

8. Financial Matters

- a) The Parish Clerks salary for September Cheque no 100216 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 £501.70, £183.02 in the ring fenced Step Back in Time Fund and £754.32 ring fenced in the P3 funds making a total of £1439.04
- c) Clerks quarterly expenses of £15.60 cheque no 100223 was signed by three signatories
- d) Cheque no 100224 for the three months payment (£30.00) for the hire of the Parish hall was signed by three signatories.
- e) The following Annual Grants agreed during the meeting in November 2013, cheques were signed and will be forwarded to the recipients with a letter reminding the organisations that applications for 2014 grants must be in by the 10th November 2013.
 - i) Milton Damerel Gardening Society cheque no 100219 for £80.00
 - ii) Milton Damerel Newsletter cheque no 100220 for £100.00
 - iii) Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council cheque no 10221 for £75.00
 - iiii) Milton Damerel Parish Hall cheque no 10222 for £150.00

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

- a) DALC AGM
- b) Youth Service Review
- c) Journal of Local Planning
- d) Letter from Gardening Ass. Requesting Grant for 2014 will be discussed in November meeting.

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

- a) With the resignation of Edgar Pett who is also the 'Snow Warden' a discussion took place as to whether the 'snow warden' must be a Parish Councillor and if not how does the Parish Council stand regarding Insurance? It was decided to request that Edgar be asked if he is willing to carry on as 'Snow Warden' with the proviso that he would be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses
 - b) The election of a new councillor was discussed with The Parish Clerk given Instructions to notify the 'election' dept at Torridge District Council.
- There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.16