

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 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)

1. No Apologies received

2. Chairman's Announcements.

Councillor Grace Millman congratulated Vice Chairman Stephen Moyse on the birth of his son Edward Jake on the 24th September 2013, all councillors offered their congratulations, also announced was the birth of a daughter Felicity Jane to ex Councillor Gareth Piper.

3. Public Comments

Although ex Cllr Edgar Pett was in attendance he asked that his remarks would be appropriate when the snow warden is discussed in 5e on the agenda.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September. The minutes having been circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising

a) Town and Parish fund up-date: the Parish Clerk informed the Councillors that she had enquired from a professional organisation regarding the cost of a Lap-top and projector, and was informed that the approx. Cost of £800 would be a realistic amount. She offered to bring in her own lap-top and projector to the next meeting co Councillors can see the setup, this was agreed to by the councillors.

c) The Oakes update: The parish clerk had been in contact with Nigel Marshal who in his email stated: "I have visited this site on several occasions recently and have written to the owner to advise that the sheds are not a permitted development under the Class E of the 2008 amendment to the GDPO. As far as the garage is concerned, this development appears to be in accordance with the planning application approval".

It had also been noticed by the Councillors that there does not seem to be provisions for doors on the Garage.

d) The notice for a new Councillor has now been removed as the deadline for notifying Torridge Council Elections Department had expired. It was decided to ask the Parish Clerk to design a new notice requesting applications from Parishioners to be a Councillor. These notices are to be displayed on all notice boards and inside the Garage, the Councillor Grace Millman will place notices around the Parish.

e) Snow Warden, Edgar Pett has agreed to stay on as the Snow Warden, he stated that he would be going into hospital at some point but stated that Carol would read emails and notify a Councillor if he was not around. Councillor Jim Richardson volunteered to be a contact and if he is unavailable he would ensure he contacted one of the other Councillors. The Salt bins have been refilled.

f) At this Point Councillor Julian Robin was invited to talk. He again said that although 10million has been cut from the highways budget any dangerous deterioration of the road should be reported immediately to the Highways department. He also stated that the Links man would have to get more involved with the Parish and it would seem the Parish might in the future be liable for more costs, i.e. The clearing of Ditches and cutting of hedges. Cllr. Robin Also said that John Hart would be attending a meeting in Winkleigh where he will explain some of the details. The chairman voiced her concern and asked where will the money come from? It would seem the only way would be a substantial increase in the precepts. The chairman also stated that services had generally improved and it would hate for things to go backwards.

P3 funding, Cllr. Julian Robin said further funding could be available and a grant for £500 will be applied for, this will be used to repair the 'Boardwalk'.

He also reported that the Torridge Council had voted 9-15 against the 'Atlantic Array'

6. Affordable Housing

Sue Southwall had contacted Cllr. Grace Millman to say that no further planning application from Drews for Milton Town, does the council want to look at other sites. It was stated that the Web site had said that the original development was to start in the summer of 2013. This has not happened due to technicalities regarding the Sewer Treatment works. It was decided that as the 'New Housing Needs' survey was in 2009 it would be prudent to get the Survey updated. Rachel Webdale would be aware of what is needed. The Chairman and councillors were unanimous in the decision to invite Rachel Webdale and Sue Southwall to the next Parish Council Meeting.

7. Planning Applications

- a) 1/0850/2013/FUL Proposed storage and workshop building

Location- Land at Strawberry Bank, Milton Damerel. This application was discussed in depth and the Parish Councillors agreed to the following to be emailed to Torridge Council Planning Dept:-

1/0850/2013/FUL Proposed Storage and Workshop building

Location - Strawberry Bank, Milton Damerel.

The above planning application was fully discussed by the Milton Damerel Councillors At their Parish Council meeting on the 16th October, the Milton Damerel Councillors although not objecting to the actual development raise the following serious concerns:

- i) The viability of creating wider access to the site due to the very narrow parish lane.*
- ii) The removal of hedges and trees on the site.*
- iii) This appears to be a 'partial' planning application as it does not refer to the 'Static Caravan' which features on the agent's letter and is already on the applicant's residential site at Crossways*
- iv) If the workshop is to be used as a commercial/manufacturing unit, as the site is within a residential area there could be the prospect of 'noise pollution', will there be a limit on type of use and the hours of its use?*
- v) Are the concerns of neighbors being duly considered?*
- vi) Will there be maximum screening? E.g. the replanting of trees and hedges removed?*

8. Planning Decisions

- a) 1/0635/2013/FUL

Location: Beechcroft, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon

- a) 1/0725/2013/FUL

Location St Martins, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

- b) 1/0640/2013/FUL

Location: Buttermoor, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

Applications for all three were granted permission Subject to the following conditions:

- 1) "The development to which permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date on which permission is granted"*
Reason: The time limit condition is imposed in order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
- 2) "The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in the Plans Schedule"*
Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans

9. Financial Matters

- a) Clerks Salary cheque was signed by three signatories
- b) An up to date financial report was presented to the Councillors.
- c) Cheque for £30 for DALC New Clerks Course was signed by three signatories.
- d) Receipt of 2nd instalment of precept £1175.00 was acknowledged.

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

- b) Notification of meeting of C.P.R.E – subject: Understanding Commercial Wind & Solar Power and how to respond to an application will be attended by Cllr John Webb.
- c) New Model Standing Orders to be looked at by Chairman Grace Millman and Parish Clerk
- d) Connecting Devon & Somerset Parish Briefing given to Cllr.Stephen Moyse to attend to.

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

- 1) Cllr. Stephen Moyce attended the meeting of the Holsworthy Advisory group, guest speakers included Steve Hirst and Phil Collins, the main discussion was regarding budgets being big cuts to follow. Would a big increase in the precept be advisable as Parish Councils could be asked to pay the cost of some services. Also discussed was the investment in the arts, the problem with empty homes. Affordable homes, who are they for? The need to review local housing needs regularly.
- 2) Looking at Bradworthy community land trust should we invite their Councillors to talk about it.
- 3) Request Cllr. Stephen Moyse and Cllr. Richard Piper to attend the Torrington Advisory Group Meeting on the 22nd October, Only Cllr Richard Piper able to attend.
- 4) Request that Mike Jackson to attend the P3 workshop in November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm