

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present	Cllr Grace Millman (Chairman)	Cllr Stephen Moyse (Vice Chairman)
	Cllr. Gareth Piper	Cllr Rose Haynes Cllr. Richard Piper
	Mrs L D Buttery (Clerk)	

1. Apologies received from Cllr Jim Richardson, Cllr. John Webb (family illness), PSCO Raquel Rowe and PC John Noakes.

2. Chairman's Announcements.

Councillor Grace Millman welcomed a member of the public, also mentioned that the road closure from Crossways to Thornbury Manor should have been put in the newsletter.

3. Public Comments

Councillor Robin Julian arrived at 8pm and apologised for being late but had been at another meeting. He informed the Council that he would be attending a Highways meeting on Monday the 24th March and if we have any major issues regarding pot holes or poor road surface could he be emailed with the details and he would report the issues to the committee. Councillors Stephen Moyse and Richard Piper voiced their concerns regarding poor road surface and potholes on stretches of road between Heddon Cross and Chapmans Green also between Gidcott Cross and Bason Cross. The parish clerk was requested to email Councillor Julian with full details. Councillor Julian also commented on the poor workmanship of repairs to road surfaces and it had come to light that footpath materials had been used to repair some road surfaces this is under investigation.

Councillor Julian stated that that budget cuts are having a real effect on the district and feels that it is unacceptable that consideration was being given to the closure of day centres and care homes in the Bideford area. He urged the Parish Council to consider their needs for the coming year as after 2014 there will be no 'locality budgets' therefore if there is anything the Parish Council would like a grant for, please get the request to him before March 2015.

PSCO Raquel Rowe informed the Council by email that PC Andy Moakes and herself are in the process of organising the road safety talk with the fire brigade hopefully for sometime in May.

4. To approve the minutes

of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th February 2014. 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 update, the Parish clerk informed the Chairman and councillors that the grant had been approved and that £1100 would be sent by BACS to the councils bank account. The Parish Clerk was given permission to go ahead and purchase the lap top, projector and screens.

b) North Devon and Torridge Local Plan, Chairman Councillor Grace Millman informed the Councillors that the response to Kate Little which was emailed to all councillors for comments had been sent before the deadline of the 7th March. There have been no further developments regarding the affordable housing.

c) Pot holes were reported on Devon Highways website (WEB 1466461) and councillors reported that there had been some repairs but they were concerned at the poor quality of the repairs.

6. Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Clerk reported that there had been difficulty in contacting Ian Rowland, Senior Planning Policy officer who was being invited as the guest speaker, his office finally reported that he is on sick leave, Dawn Burgess of the same office could not be contacted until the 24th March as she was on holiday, the clerk will contact her on her return. The Chairperson councillor Grace Millman requested the Parish clerk send invitations to all 2013-14 grant recipients, in addition invites to be extended to Milton Monsters and Sunday Club, Baby & Toddler Group and Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

Signed.....

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7. New Standing Orders

The final draft had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting the amendments were discussed and Councillors present unanimously agreed to adopt them, the final copy of the Standing Orders will be circulated by email to all Councillors, this version will be in future issued to all new Councillors

8. Planning Applications

1/0053/2014/FUL: Proposed replacement of existing dwelling and ancillary outbuilding with new 3 bedroom dwelling, 1 bedroom annexe and garage/log store.

Location: Beechcroft, Holsworthy Beacon, Devon.

The above application plans were studied and discussed, with explanations given as to why it will be more economical to demolish and replace the existing property. It was unanimously decided to support the Application, the following to be emailed to the planning department:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application.

At the Parish Council Meeting on the 19th March the plans of the application were studied, the decision of the Parish Councillors was a unanimous decision to support the application. on the basis that it will provide an up-to-date family home.

9. Planning Decisions

a) 1/0942/2013/FUL: Erection of 50kw single wind turbine, 36.6m to hub, maximum 46.3m to tip

Location: South Arscott, Holsworthy, Devon

Application refused, the details for the refusal can be viewed on Torridge Web site

b) 1/0028/2014/FUL Proposed 70kw solar array panels (4 x row of 23m in length)

Location: Shebbear College, College Road, Shebbear, Devon

Application Granted

Planning Appeals

a) 1/0942/2013/FUL: Erection of 50kw single wind turbine, 36.6m to hub, maximum 46.3m to tip.

Location South Arscott, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon

After discussion it was agreed that no further comments were to be reported.

10. Financial Matters

a) The clerks salary cheque for £138.66 was approved and signed by three councillors

b) An up-to-date financial report was presented to the councillors, the balance of the current account is £682.00, with £183.02 being Step Back in time Funds and £498.98 is general funds. The savings account is now closed with all funds now in the current account

c) The Parish clerk's quarterly expense invoice of £25.08 was looked at a cheque for this amount was signed by three councillors.

d) The Parish Clerk reported that she had sent an application to HM Revenue and Customs for a VAT refund of £257.06.

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

a) Communication regarding Waldon Farm Gate

b) P3 Surveys and Grant updates

c) Parish Wildlife Survey

d) DALC Newsletter

e) DCC Stakeholders briefing on the future of Residential Care Services

The above correspondence was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting and required no further action

f) Culm Connections Survey correspondence shown to councillors – of no interest.

g) DALC Newsletter (2) received by email after Agenda produced had been circulated to all Councillors, the newsletter contained important information including the Policy Consultation on Transparency Code Councillors were requested to study the article, which will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on the 17th April, the response to the consultation has to be returned by the 22nd April.

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

The subject of poor road surfaces and potholes were discussed but this has all been minuted within Councillor Julian's report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45.

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