

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **MINUTES**

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies received from PCSO Raquel Rowe , PC John Noakes, Councillor Robin Julian sent his apologies by email the next day.
2. Chairman's Announcements.  
Chairman Councillor Grace Millman informed the Councillors of the Buckingham Palace Garden Parties to be held May/June 2014, only Chairman of Parish Councils and Town Mayors could attend at these times, Chairman did not wish to attend.  
The Annual Parish meeting was discussed and it was decided to invite Ian Rowland to talk about the local plan which is relevant to Parish Councils ie. Holsworthy area
3. Public Comments  
There were no public comments.
4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. 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 presented three quotations for the Projector, Laptop and Screens, The Parish clerk will complete the grant application form and forward to Torridge District Council
  - b) Reply from Temporis Wind regarding planning application 1/0983/2013/FUL Location Culsworthy Farm, Sutcombe. Temporis had sent an email stating 'that if planning application was approved they would make contributions to local communities' Milton Damerel being one of the Parishes consulted would accept contributions on behalf of local organisations and distribute as requested.
6. Code of Conduct/New Standing Orders  
The email from Torridge District Council regarding the new Code of Conduct recently adopted by them, was discussed it was unanimously decided That Milton Damerel Parish Council would not adopt the new code of conduct. New Standing orders would be looked at before the next meeting.
7. Planning Application  
  
There were no planning applications
8. Planning Decision  
1/0948/2013/FUL: Conversion of Barn to residential together with extension.  
Location: West Wonford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon  
This application has been withdrawn  
Planning Appeal  
1/0837/2013/FUL Erection of wind Turbine 37m to hub, maximum 49.7m to tip, 100kw output-affecting public right of way. Location: Northcott, Sutcombe, Holsworthy.  
After discussions the councillors had no further comments to communicate to Torridge Planning
9. Financial Matters
  - a) To pay Clerks monthly salary £138.66, a cheque was signed by three signatories.
  - b) The Parish clerk presented a financial report to the Chairman and councillors, there being a total of £2400.49 in bank accounts, £1559.76 in current account and £840.73 in savings account, of this £183.02 is in 'Step back in time funds' and £1254.32 in Parish Pathways funds.
  - c) The final precept budget for 2014/2015 was discussed and after amendments to the figures discussed at the meeting in December the precept figure was set at £3506 which was unanimously agreed to by all Councillors. An article will be included in the next newsletter explaining the reasons for the increase for 2014/15

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

- 1) Western Power Distribution, invitation to Stakeholders workshop - distributed to all councillors no further action
- 2) Devon County Council Social Care Commissioning – letter distributed to councillors with minutes and Agenda. - No further action
- 3) North Devon/Torridge District Council 'Be Prepared Newsletter' distributed to all councillors – no further action
- 4) Lengthsman's dates, visits have been cancelled - awaiting new dates
- 5) Road Closure notification distributed to all councillors
- 6) P3 Finance and report forms given to Mike Jackson to complete, copies will be available at next meeting
- 7) Precept forms- covered in 9. Financial matters.

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

- i) Affordable housing. Maps of Milton Damerel Parish were studied to try to locate possible sites for 'Affordable Housing' Suggestions being, Holsworthy Beacon, Strawberry Bank, and Venn Green. Of total new build 40% has to be 'affordable housing'. Of the surveys studied it was stated that household incomes in the area are not high enough to buy properties outright and more rental or shared equity properties are required. Chairman Councillor Grace Millman suggested that the 'Community Land trusts' should be studied by Councillors before the meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> when Sue Southwell and Rachel Webdell will be in attendance.
- ii) Councillor Gareth Piper brought to the attention of the meeting regarding a lot of surface water in the following locations:
  - a) From Waldon Farm a massive outflow of water runs down/across Waldon Hill towards Waldon Bridge
  - b) Cross farm drains opposite entrance are always blocked, causing a lot of surface water, Land owner Would be willing to have grating removed and the ditch opened up.

The parish clerk was requested to write/ speak to Devon Highways regarding the above and pass on comments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10