

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

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

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

1. Apologies received from Councillor Robin Julian , Councillor Richard Piper

2. Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Grace Millman requested that with Councillors agreement our response to the Local Plan letter from TDC would be taken under Urgent Business. This was unanimously agreed

3. Public Comments

Councillor Robin Julian informed the Parish Council (by email) that the 'Lengthsmen Project' will be back on in April and the pothole complaints have been forwarded on to County Hall. Councillor Julian stated that should the Parish Council have any new complaints or have no response with regard to the existing problems to please let him know and he will escalate the situation to the cabinet.

P.C.S.O. Raquel Rowe was present and reported the following:-

i) There were five reported crimes in Milton Damerel including, timber stolen from the Church Yard and the theft of heating oil in Venn Green.

ii) Informed the Parish Council regarding a Road Safety Presentation which would be presented by PC Andy Noakes and asked the Chairman Councillor Grace Millman if it was possible for the Parish Council to bear the cost of the hire of the Parish hall for the occasion. The idea was unanimously supported and dates for the event will be put forward to the Parish Council.

iii) Updated the Parish Council about the 'Farm Watch' which runs in a similar vein as Neighbourhood Watch it is being launched on the 1st March 2014 at 2pm in the Sunday school, Bradworthy. Milton Damerel will be included in the scheme but a coordinator was needed for the launch. It was requested that notices for 'Farm Watch' and the recent crime report be displayed in the notice boards, these were given to the Parish Clerk.

P.C.S.O. Raquel Rowe also informed the Parish Council that two more police officers have now been employed for Holsworthy

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 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 up-date: the Parish Clerk informed the Parish Council that the application forms had been emailed to Torridge District Council and had been acknowledged as being received

b) Chairman Councillor Grace Millman read the report from Mike Jackson and asked that the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council to write to him and thank him for all his hard work. The Parish Councillors were all informed that the 'Boardwalk' (Path 16) had now been completed to a satisfactory standard and looked very nice.

c) Affordable housing update although Sue Southwell and Rachel Webdell were originally invited to this meeting to discuss possible new sites, it was decided to postpone their attendance as the original planning application for the development at Milton Town has been re-instated. The development has not changed much from the original development although the difficulties surrounding the original have now been overcome. As soon as it is known whether the application is validated the Parish Council will arrange an open meeting to enable the developer to make his presentation.

6. New Standing Orders

Chairman Councillor Grace Millman has been looking at the 'NALC' standing orders and prepared a first draft, these will need to be 'tweaked' and when prepared a copy will be forwarded to all councillors.

The subject of emailing the Agendas and minutes to councillors was raised as this is now permissible according to Torridge District Council, the idea was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that as from the March meeting agendas and minutes may be circulated by email, with the proviso that if in future any councillor did not wish to receive Agendas and minutes by email they would have theirs delivered by hand by the Parish Clerk.

7. Planning Application

1) 1/1138/2013/FUL Single wind turbine 77m to tip with associated infrastructure, including crane hard standing, access road, substation and temporary meteorological mast with a micro-siting tolerance of 35m
Location: Land near Badworthy Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed and the following was emailed to Torridge Planning Dept:

*We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application
After discussion Milton Damerel Parish Councillors have no comments to make on the application
except to be assured that all properties within the Parish of Milton Damerel which might be affected
by the development have been informed of the proposals*

- 2) 1/1018/2013/FUL Installation of a solar voltaic array and associated equipment to a maximum height Of 2.6m with installed capacity of 100kw (2 panels of 3.25m x 89.5m)
Location; Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
This application was emailed to all councillors and comments were requested as the deadline date of 7th February could not be extended.
- 3) Councillor Gareth Piper declared an interest in the following application and chose to leave the room and took no part in the discussion
1/0040/2014/FUL Proposed construction of silage clamp and extension of farm buildings to form roof over existing yard . Location: Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
The above application was discussed and the following was emailed to Torridge Planning Dept:
*We thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application
After discussion Milton Damerel Parish Councillors unanimously support this application and agree that the proposals make good use of the site and will tidy up the site.*

- 4) 1/0028/2014/FUL Proposed 70kw solar array panels (4 x rows of 23m in length)
Location: Shebbear College, College Road, Shebbear, Devon
The above application was discussed and the comments as in 8, 1) were emailed to Torridge planning.

8. Planning Decision

- 1/1018/2013/FUL Installation of a solar voltaic array and associated equipment to a maximum height Of 2.6m with installed capacity of 100kw (2 panels of 3.25m x 89.5m)
Location; Worden Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
The Application was granted

Planning Appeal: There were none

9. Financial Matters

- The Parish Clerks salary cheque of £138.66 was signed by three councillors.
- The parish Clerk presented each councillor with a financial report after taking into account the recent payments and once the Deposit account funds are transferred there will be a balance of £845.74, £183.02 being 'Step back in time' funds and £662.72 general funds.
- To pay invoice of £1,440.00 for Boardwalk
- Because the balance of the deposit account will only be £183.02 after the transfer of the cost of £700.00 towards the 'Boardwalk' it was unanimously agreed by the Parish Councillors that the deposit account be closed and remaining monies be transferred to the current account
- The forms for the new bank signatory Councillor Gareth Piper were signed by all councillors.

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

- Possible Road Safety Presentation this was discussed during public comments but a reply to be sent to Mike Jackson the Community Speed Watch volunteer.
- DALC Finance update/Newsletter circulated to all councillors
- Empty Homes Tool Kit the councillors are not aware of any empty homes in the Parish.
- Devon Countryside Access Forum
- Care closer to home.
- Torridge Matters
- DCC Day Services review,
- Communications regarding boardwalk, all circulated to councillors no action required.
- North Devon and Torridge Local Plan documents for Milton Damerel they were discussed and several Points raised including an addition to the settlement hierarchy and setting some criteria for hamlets so that individual (one or two house developments) proposals could be considered. The Chairman Councillor Grace Millman suggested she take the 'plan' away and write suitable comments for the Councillors approval before sending them on to Torridge District Council.

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

Councillors voiced their concerns over large pot holes near Moor View Farm and between Milton Mill and Milton Town and requested the Parish Clerk report this to Devon Highways.
Local Plan letter from TDC was dealt with at 10 j.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12