

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2014 commencing at 9.15

Present Cllr Stephen Moyse (Vice Chairman) Cllr Jim Richardson
 Cllr. Gareth Piper Cllr. Richard Piper
 Mrs L D Buttery (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from Councillors Grace Millman, John Webb, and Rose Haynes , PSCO Racquel Rowe and PC John Noakes

2. Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

In the Chairman's absence Vice Chairman Stephen Moyse chaired the meeting

3. Public Comments

Councillor Robin Julian reiterated what Councillor Philips had said regarding the front line services and at present there have been no decisions regarding the closure of libraries or youth centres and that he was fighting to keep them open, especially youth centres as it has been proved that if these are closed juvenile crime goes through the roof . Day centres are of vital importance to the community as personal contact is of paramount importance. He reported with regard to highways that he was going to attend a special meeting at cabinet level to discuss the situation and to decide which way we are going. He again talked of the 'Locality Budget' and the Parish Council should be thinking of ideas for grants. At this point Councillor Gareth Piper asked why the application for a grant for a Church Notice Board had been turned down. Councillor Julian stated that Torridge District Council would not approve the application as it was from the Church and explained that it must come from their own funds. Councillor Piper said that this was grossly unfair and if funds were available for the community why could the Church not receive funds? In reply Cllr Julian stated that if it was up to him he would approve the application but his hands are tied in this instance.

He was also questioned on the devolvement of certain tasks to the Parish Councils, in reply he said that no decisions have been made but if there are to be changes and that Parish Councils will be able to cut, hedges, verges and mend some pot holes red tape would need to be cut or it will not happen.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th March 2014. Before signing it was brought to the notice of the Council that the complaint by Councillor Gareth Piper to Councillor Robin Julian regarding the refusal of the application of a locality grant by the Church for a notice board was not minuted, also his query about the devolvement of certain tasks to the Parish Council and the cost involved. As both items were discussed again with Councillor Julian in 3. public comments it was unanimously decided for Councillor Stephen Moyse to sign the minutes as they were.

5. Matters Arising

a) Town and Parish Fund update, laptop and projector was purchased from Woolacotts in Holsworthy, two screens were purchased from a company on line.

b) Transparency Code, this was discussed and the Chairman's remarks were noted it was agreed that the Parish clerk would send the following in reply to DALC's request:

Question 1: The government proposes that the Code will be mandatory for parish councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000.

Do you agree? **YES**

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Question 2: The government proposes that parish meetings will be exempt from complying with the Code. Do you agree?

Does not apply to us

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Question 3: Should there be a threshold above which individual items of expenditure must be published? If yes what should this threshold be (e.g. £50, £100)? **Yes. But not sure, perhaps 1 - 2% of the precept**

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Question 4: What exemptions – if any – would need to be made to information published to explain negative responses to the internal controls objectives (e.g. information relating to a current fraud case)?

Any information that would compromise any ongoing investigations, disciplinary issues, including fraud

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Question 5: The government proposes to require electronic publication. Do you agree? **Yes**

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Question 6: How much additional staff time and cost will be involved for authorities in publishing the required data online?

say at a minimum possibly an 1 hour per month or say 15 hours per annum which could cost £100 - £125 per annum.

6. New Standing Orders

Completed and circulated to all councillors.

7. Planning Applications (received after the agendas were printed/emailed)
1/0189/2014/Ful Proposed conservatory and Porch
Location: Bluebell Barn, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy ,Devon
The Above application was discussed and the plans studied, the decision was unanimous to support the application with the following to be sent to Torridge District Council planning.
Ref:1/0189/2014/FUL Proposed conservatory and porch
Location: Bluebell Barn, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application, at the Parish Council meeting on the 16th April 2014 Milton Damerel Parish Councillors voiced no objections or concerns and unanimously supported the application.

8. Planning Decisions

- a) 1/0040/2014/FULM: Proposed construction of silage clamp and extension of farm buildings to Form roof over existing yard.
Location: Worden farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
Application Granted Permission
- b) 1/0053/2014/FUL: Proposed replacement of existing dwelling and ancillary outbuilding with new 3 Bedroom dwelling, 1 bedroom annexe and garage/store.
Location: Beechcroft, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon
Application Granted Permission

Planning Appeals

There are none

9. Financial Matters

- a) The Parish Clerks salary cheque of £138.66 was signed by three councillors.
- b) The parish Clerk presented each councillor with a financial report for the financial year, after taking into account the recent payments there is a balance of £2165.24 in the bank of this £1100.00 is the TAP fund grant, £183.02 stepback in time fund, P3 fund £204.32 which leaves a balance of £677.90 which is Parish Council general funds
- c) VAT Refund for 2013 £257.06 was acknowledged as being received.
- d) Cheque for £30 for the hire of Parish hall for three meetings was signed by three councillors
- e) As reported in matters arising the cheques for the purchase of Lap Top, Projector and Screen had to be paid for before collection, the Parish Clerk took the cheques for £798.00 for lap top and projector and £216.22 for screens with the chairman's permission to three councillors for signature.

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

- a) Rural Revitalisation meeting 26/06/2014 Bristol. b) Fare Car Services F6 7 F8
c) DALC Newsletter d) Endsleigh Dental Practice
e) Devon County Council Library Services Review/Children's Centre Review

The above communications were distributed to all councillors before the meeting, the suggestion was made that perhaps the flyer regarding Fare Car services could be publicised in the Newsletter

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

- 1).DALC Subscription invoice received after agendas distributed councillors agreed to sign a cheque for £95.38
- 2) Communication received from Torridge District Council specifying that in future no request for delays in Parish Council Comments for planning applications would be considered, they would be strictly adhering to the comments being received within the 21 days deadline. This was discussed and agreed that in as in the past the Parish Clerk would continue forwarding emails containing planning applications with the request that Councillors comments be sent before the deadline date to enable her to send the decision by email to Planning Department. If there were any contentious applications the Parish Clerk would deliver the plans to the Chairman who would then pass them on to other councillors to study. It was emphasised by Vice Chairman that Councillors would have to be responsible and look at the application on Torridge website.
- 3) Councillor Gareth Piper informed the Parish Council that at Crossways, Holsworthy Beacon travelling from the Bradworthy/ Sutcombe direction that there are signs that obstruct the view of traffic and was very dangerous , especially for tractor drivers. The parish clerk was requested to inform Devon Highways

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10pm