

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th June 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Stephen Moyse (Chairman) Cllr Grace Millman Cllr Rose Haynes
 Cllr. Gareth Piper Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from Councillors, Jim Richardson and Richard Piper, Councillor Robin Julian and PC John Noakes

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

3. **Public Comments**

Councillor Robin Julian sent his report by email to the Parish Clerk, he asked that the following information be passed on to the Parish Council

- a) **Highways** 'A' Road inspections will be undertaken monthly. 'B' Roads March and September
Minor roads highway inspections were undertaken in March and will be formally done again next March.
Any defects seen by parishioners can be reported by ringing 0845 1551004 or by emailing: csc.roads@devon.gov.uk
They can also report defects on line by visiting the Devon County Council website and using the 'report it' function.
this brings up an interactive map whereby each defect can be pinpointed accurately. These will be repaired within 7 days by our reactive team. Councillors voiced their concerns regarding the state of the highway from Gidcott Cross to Milton Damerel Boundary; they requested that the Parish Clerk inform Councillor Julian of their concerns.
- b) **Grass Cutting**
Rural grass cutting (areas outside of the 30mph limits) is progressing. This is cut by Devon County Councils maintenance contractor, South West Highways. The 'A' roads have been cut and they are now working on 'B' and 'C' Roads.
There are no other works of any significance planned at the moment for Milton Damerel. Please let us know though of any concerns that may arise and discussed at the meeting

P.C.S.O Racquel Rowe

Reported that two new P.C.s have been employed in the area who have been transferred from 'The Met', P.C. Mark Holmes P.C. Caroline Franklin. Who will be working alongside P.C. Andy Moakes in the Rural areas and working alongside the neighbourhood watch coordinators' along with their other duties.

Sgt. P Channings is off sick with a broken collarbone P.C. Mark Holms to cover for her. Crime figures are quite low with very few 'local' incidents. Councillors asked whether investigations were any further forward regarding the Stolen lead from the Chapel Roof, investigations are still 'on going'. Farm Watch has been started in Bradworthy and it is hoped that it will be set up in Milton Damerel, but it is difficult finding a willing volunteer to be the coordinator. Racquel informed the Parish Councillors that it was hoped to hold a crime prevention session at Milton Damerel, the Councillors agreed this was a good idea and the decision was made to support the intention of holding the session on a Saturday afternoon from 2pm -5pm

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2014. The minutes having been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting they were signed as being a true record of the meeting

5. **Matters Arising**

- a) Dangerous exit –Crossways, Holsworthy Beacon, the Parish Clerk informed the Councillors that she had had no further information from Tony Curtis from Devon Highways, the Chairman Cllr Stephen Moyse requested that the clerk contact Mr Curtis again.
- b) WW1 Fallen Heroes, Councillor Grace Millman had written a report for the newsletter requesting further Information- none has been forthcoming, Grace will continue her efforts and report back at the next meeting
- c) Village Hall Grants- The Parish Clerk informed the Councillors that the information has been forwarded to Leslie Self

6. **Planning Applications** (Received after the Agenda had been printed and emailed)

- i) 1/0224/2014/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling. Location: Pentreve, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
The above planning application was discussed fully and the plans studied, the unanimous decision Was to send the following comments to Torridge District Council:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application, Whilst we support replacing the existing building with a family sized house, the Councillors voiced their concern regarding the height of the house and the visual impact of replacing a bungalow with a house.

- ii) 1/0587/2014/AGRPD Proposed conversion of agricultural building to a residential use

Location: Brendon Fields, Woodacott Cross, Holsworthy, Devon.

The above planning application was discussed fully and the plans studied, the unanimous decision Was to send the following comments to Torridge District Council:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above planning application The application and plans were fully discussed and studied it was the unanimously agreed by the Parish Council that they have serious concerns regarding this application, specifically:

- a) *Has the said building actually been used for agricultural purposes as stated*
- b) *If there is to be a 'minimal change' to the existing building materials as stated, would the proposed application meet building regulations for a residential property?*

7. 1/0431/2014/FUL: Proposed New Silage Store. Location: Waldon Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

Application granted permission

Planning Appeals

There were none

8. **Financial Matters**

- a) The Parish Clerks salary cheque of £138.66 was signed by three councillors.
- b) The Parish clerk presented and up-to-date financial report and bank reconciliation, the clerk confirmed the balance of the current account is £2220.09, of which there is a balance of £85.78 from the TAP fund, £84.32 P3 funds and £183.02 step back in time fund , the balance of £1866.97 being Parish Council general funds.
- c) A cheque for £30 was signed by three councillors being the cost of hall hire for three parish council meetings

9. **Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting**

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| a) Japanese Knotweed | b) Where should Leader Funding be spent |
| c) Acknowledgement of Annual Return | d) Holsworthy Advisory Group |
| e) DALC June Newsletter | f) Youth Services review |
| g) Village Green Newsletter | h) Public Sector Executive Newsletter |
| i) Bradworthy Primary school New Hall opening 13 th June 2014 | |

The above correspondence was distributed before the meeting, no further action required except for:

- a) The Parish Clerk reported that she had contacted Devon Highways and they stated that they were fully aware of the Knotweed in the specific areas that had been reported. The person to contact in respect of sightings in verges and hedges on Devon highways is Mr Phil Bowater on 01392 382804. A letter from Leslie Self was read out and the clerk was requested to reply regarding Leslie's concern regarding knotweed.
- i) Councillor Grace Millman reported that she went to the opening of the new hall at Bradworthy Primary School and said that it was a very enjoyable evening with the concert being brilliant, the event was very well attended.

Correspondence received after the agenda was printed and emailed to councillors:

- i) Review of the Taxi Licensing Policy – No action. ii) request for funding for Bradworthy Running group from Stephanie Hulford- clerk to reply stating that we do not offer grants to organisation outside of the Parish
- ii) Governance and accountability – on going, the clerk to read fully and report back.
- iii) DCC Day services review –no action

10. **Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**

- i) Affordable Housing. Sue Southwell contacted Councillor Grace Millman regarding the subject. Drew's re-application could not be validated as there issues to resolve, Drews were given 21 days grace to supply the information but this was not forthcoming, the application is still on hold. Does the Parish Council want to look at other sites? Does the Council need to conduct housing needs survey? No decisions were made except to add the issue to the Agenda for the next meeting.
- ii) Councillor Grace Millman informed the Parish Council that there have been complaints regarding the premises at Strawberry Banks where it is thought that contrary to the original planning application buildings were being used to Breed dogs with the constant barking causing a nuisance to other residents. The Chairman requested that the Parish Clerk look back in the records to see original emails to the enforcement officer and see if in fact the planning Application is being adhered to, then report back to the next meeting.
- iii) The Parish Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she would be away for the next scheduled meeting on the 16th July, the decision was made to move the meeting to the 23rd with the Parish clerk checking that the hall will be free on that date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42