

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

Present Cllr Stephen Moyse (Chairman)

Cllr Richard Piper (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Grace Millman

Cllr Rose Haynes

Cllr. Gareth Piper

Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from Councillors, Jim Richardson John Webb, Councillor Robin Julian , PC John Noakes and P.C.S.O Rachael Rowe

2. Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

3. Public Comments

Two members of the public were present who voiced their concern regarding the Planning Application to amend the Tree preservation order on the land known as Harpers Peace. They informed the Parish Council that all neighbours have objected or voiced their concern. The Chairman thanked them for their remarks but informed them that their comments would have no bearing on the decision of the Parish Council as all planning applications are considered on merit, considered and voted on by all members of the council.

P.C.S.O Racquel Rowe apologised for not attending but informed the Parish Council by email that the missing male had been apprehended.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th June 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, and the Parish Clerk informed the Councillors that she had had no further information from Tony Curtis from Devon Highways although she had emailed and telephoned. Mr Curtis promised to telephone on the 23rd July but failed to do so. The Clerk will phone again
- b) WW1 Fallen Heroes, Councillor Grace Millman had researched the names in the Chapel and forwarded this the clerk, who then passed the information on to Torridge district Council. Grace also informed the Parish Council that John Binns had had a communication from a relative in Canada of A. Jordan, she had read about the WW1 commemoration on the Milton Damerel Website.

6. Planning Applications

- i) 1/0675/2014TPO Amendment

Location: Harpers Peace, Land at NGR 239105 110575, Milton Damerel, Devon EX22 7DH

The above application was discussed fully and the following was comments were sent to Torridge Planning Dept:

Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above application to amend the tree Preservation order at Harpers Peace:

Milton Damerel Parish Councillors have studied the plans and looked at the area involved, after discussion the decision of the councillors was unanimous to object to this amended TPO with the following observations:

- 1) *Revoking the TPO is a retrograde action for an area that currently enhances the locality.*
- 2) *The objection that established native trees will be removed.*
- 3) *The significant effect the removal of the trees would have on wildlife*
- 4) *If as suspected this amendment to the TPO is being requested to enable a different planning application to be considered, would the Devon bank which is being included in the amended TPO remain untouched? Also in the event of this planning application being declined would the area have been cleared for no reason?* Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk

- ii) 1/0653/2014/FUL Proposed Conversion of barn to residential and extension

Location: West Wonford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed fully and the following comments were sent to Torridge Planning:

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

The plans were studied and thoroughly discussed, the outcome of the discussion was:

Although Milton Damerel Parish Council support the conversion of derelict barns to residential use, the Following concerns and observations were made:

- 1) *It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the design and materials for the extension were not in keeping with the Victorian design of the Barn*
- 2) *The whole development is neither in keeping nor sympathetic to the existing buildings and area*
- 3) *The conversion size is outside the curtilage of the barn area.*

Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk.

Signed

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- iii) Planning Application received after agenda printed and circulated to Councillors:
 1/0585/2014/FUL Proposed erection of agricultural building/storage distribution building (Class B8)
 Location: Land at Strawberry Bank, Milton Damerel.
 Milton Damerel Parish Councillors studied and discussed the above application, the following comments
 Were agreed upon to send to Torridge District Council Planning:
*The above planning application was fully discussed by the Milton Damerel Councillors at their Parish
 Council Meeting held on the 23rd July 2014. Milton Damerel Councillors, although not objecting to the
 Actual development and are sympathetic to Mr & Mrs Harper's plans, and assuming this application will
 be considered due to the issue of the 1/0675/2014/TPO amendment, raise the following concerns:*
- 1) *The viability of creating wider access to the site, due to the very narrow parish lane*
 - 2) *The removal of hedges and trees on the site*
 - 3) *Erecting a commercial building in a residential area*
 - 4) *If the workshop is to be used as a commercial/manufacturing unit, as the site is within a residential
 area there could be the prospect of 'noise pollution': will there be a limit on type of use and the hours
 of its use?*
 - 5) *Are the concerns of neighbours being duly considered*
 - 6) *Will there be a maximum screening? E.g. the replanting of trees and hedges removed.*

Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk

7. Planning Decisions There were none Planning Appeals There were none

8. Financial Matters

- a) A Cheque for the Clerks monthly salary of £138.66 was signed by three signatories
- b) Financial report to date, the clerk reported that the balance of the current account is £2051.43 comprising
 of £1698.31 general parish funds, P3 funds £84.32, Step back in time funds ££183.02 and balance of TAP
 Grant £85.78
- c) The clerk reported that she had received the Annual return back, there was one issue raised – No risk
 Assessment, the clerk will ensure that this in place before the next audit.

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

- i) Lyn Winters- Volunteers Meeting. ii) Torridge District Council Local Plan
- iii) Day services- Councillor Stuart Barker iv) DCC Residential Review. v) Connecting Devon & Somerset
- vi) Cancer Care Car Services vii) Road Closures

The above correspondence had been circulated to all councillors and no further action is required

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

- 1) Councillor Grace Millman reported to the council that an archaeological dig has been working for a couple
 of days on the site below the lane into Brayleys. In essence, not too much has been found. Evidence of a
 street? post Medieval times 1600s, probably the main thoroughfare of the settlement plus an off road. No
 evidence of buildings or pottery, etc., as suspected that earthworks when the silage pit area was excavated
 was dumped on this site and farming activities, ploughing etc has happened since. The Parish Clerk was
 requested to contact Mr Bill Roberts at Drews to ask for a copy of the report for the Parish Archives
- 2) The Chairman Stephen Moyse reported that he had been contacted by three Residents of Venn Green
 Regarding a Stable Block that has been erected in the grounds of Darland Bungalow, the residents voiced
 Their concern regarding the possibility of a potential manure pile, flies and vermin and the possibility
 of 'seepage' into their gardens, they also enquired as to whether planning application was necessary and
 that the owners of Darland Bungalow had given no Consideration to the other residents of Venn Green
 whose property has been affected by this construction. Councillor Grace Millman said that she had also
 been contacted by a resident concerning this.
 The outcome of the discussion was that the Parish Clerk was requested to write to the planning enforcement
 Officer after the Chairman had been to Darlands to inform the owners that 'on behalf of concerned
 Residents Milton Damerel Parish Council would be writing to the planning enforcement officer of Torridge
 District Planning Department regarding their concerns with the building of the Stable Block'
- 3) Councillor Gareth Piper commented on the erratic nature of the way the Highways Department
 Was cutting verges there seem to be neither 'rhyme nor reason' to which were being cut. The comments
 were that verges that were deemed to be a visual obstruction to motorists were being cut, and some were
 being left for the land owners to cut.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17 pm