

# Milton Damerel Parish Council

## MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 7.30pm

Present Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman) Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), Grace Millman, Rose Haynes

Jim Richardson, John Webb and Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. Apologies received from Councillor Gareth Piper Councillor Robin Julian and P.C.S.O Raquel Rowe

2. Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

3. Public Comments

There were none

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 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. An email had been sent to Mr Simon Philips as suggested by Councillor Gareth Piper; the Parish Clerk reported that no reply had been received.
- b) Derworthy -the matter had been settled and hedges had been cut, Councillor Grace Millman had written to Ian Rawle who was informed that the original complainant Mr Carter was now happy that the problem had been resolved
- c) TAP Fund –Hospice Long House Project, after discussion it was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that Milton Damerel's TAP fund allocation of £406 should go to this very worthwhile cause. The Parish clerk to inform Holsworthy Town Council
- d) The Parish Clerk reported that she had sent the letter to Kate Little at Torridge Planning which had been composed by Councillor Grace Millman and herself, the letter had been circulated and was approved by all Councillors. A reply had not yet been received.
- e) Footpath 16. The question of possible future problems with the prospect of livestock in the field adjoining the eastern end of the boardwalk. The Parish Clerk had discussed this with Michael Jackson the footpath coordinator, he could not see a problem as either a moveable electric fence could be put in operation with an insulated handle for accessing the Boardwalk. The other option is to erect a fixed fence with a gate, of which there are various types, this could be either the type that is supplied to the landowner to install or the type which would be installed by DCC own contractors. We could probably get funding from the P3 if any charges were incurred.

6. Planning Applications

- a) 1/0870/2014/AGMB Proposed: Change of use of agricultural building to 3 Dwellings class MB (a) + b

Location: Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

Councillor Grace Millman declared an interest to the above and took no part in the decision.

The Plans were studied and discussed and the unanimous decision was to support the application the Parish Clerk to email Torridge planning with the following comments:

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

*At the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 21014 the plans were studied and discussed. The Parish Councillors raised no objections to the application and the decision was taken to support this development.*

- b) 1/0809/2014/FUL Proposed: Extensions to existing dwelling including internal alterations.

Location: Halse Park, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

The Plans were studied and discussed and the unanimous decision was to support the application, but the Parish Clerk was to delay her response to Torridge planning as there is no mention of footpath 12 which officially runs to the front of the property, for some considerable time the footpath has been diverted to the rear of the property but the new extension could be over the diversion. As soon as an answer has been received from Michael Jackson and before the deadline of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the comments will be sent to Torridge Planning

7. Planning Decisions

There are none.

Planning Appeals

There are 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 £1754.82 comprising of £1401.70 general parish funds, P3 funds £84.32, Step back in time funds ££183.02 and balance of TAP Grant £85.78. The Parish Clerk also informed the Parish Council that a VAT refund of £181.40 had been applied for.
  - c) A cheque for £30.00 was signed by three signatories for the hire of Parish Hall for three meetings
  - d) Cheques for annual grants were signed by three signatories as approved at the Parish Council meeting held in November 2013:
    - i) Holy Parochial Church Council £75.00
    - ii) Milton Damerel Gardening Society £80.00
    - iii) Milton Damerel Parish Hall £150.00
    - iv) Milton Damerel Newsletter £100.00

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

- i) Community News roundup
- ii) Road Closures
- iii) Parish Paths Partnerships Newsletter
- iv) Devon Highways Parish & Town Conference 17/09
- v) DALC Newsletter Standing Orders
- vi) Torridge Town & Parish Meeting 10/09
- vii) Village Green Newsletter
- viii) Torridge DC Safer North Devon
- viv) Parish & Town Website
- x) DALC Newsletter
- xi) Joint Area Advisory Group meeting 10/09
- xii) Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places
- xiii) Community Council of Devon – Rural renaissance

The above correspondence had all been circulated to all Councillors no further action required except for:

- v) DALC Newsletter ‘Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations which require the Standing Orders to be amended- the Parish Clerk will liaise with Councillor Grace Millman to amend Milton Damerel’s Standing Orders.
- xi) Joint Area Advisory Group meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Councillors Stephen Moyse and Richard Piper attended the meeting. They reported that the meeting was very well attended. There were three guest speakers:

- 1) David Whitton head of highways Devon County Council, who stated that the department only had a given amount to Catch up with road repairs the main priority was keeping main roads open with very little money to repair minor roads.
- 2) Andrew Leadbetter talked about Broadband and High speed connections, some villages are connected but some Villages had got together to get their own wi-fi. The New Cattle Market has been connected but the rest of The trading estate has not. Which seems very strange, considering the number of businesses on the estate that would benefit from High speed broadband.
- 3) “Kate Little head of Strategic Planning Development, who stated that she could not answer questions on specific Applications only answer questions in general terms. She discussed unapproved developments referred to the Enforcement Officer, if it was found that the development would have received permission retrospectively had it been applied for it would be highly unlikely that the enforcement officer would do anything through lack of funds. In answer to questions on the recent change for barn conversions Kate stated that provided access, flooding and drainage was considered application would be approved. Barn conversions must be proved to have been used as agricultural buildings up to April 2013”.
- xii) The Parish Clerk was requested to put the notifications up in the three notice boards.

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

- 1) Councillor Richard Piper raised the question regarding the Parish Hall Fence as it was in poor condition, could a Grant be requested to cover the cost of repair, he was informed that the fence is the responsibility of the Parish Hall.
- 2) The Parish Clerk requested if she could attend The Barnstaple Town Council Environment and Planning School to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, the cost is £15.00, Councillor John Webb said he might attend, the unanimous decision was yes, the Parish Clerk to pay for herself and reclaim with her expenses.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm