

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Present Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman) Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), Grace Millman, Rose Haynes
Gareth Piper, John Webb and Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. There were no apologies

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

3. **Public Comments**

P.S.C.O Raquel Rowe informed the Councillors that two new officers will be joining the Holsworthy Station, one officer from Bude who is temporary until April, another P.C. Neil Hellors from Launceston who will be permanent.

Holsworthy Station has been understaffed for some time so the new officers will be of great assistance.

Raquel reported that there have been several burglaries from sheds in the area during the first week in November, in one instance because the thieves could not drive away a 'Sit on Mower' it was extensively damaged. The perpetrators seem intent on causing the maximum damage to properties. A quad bike has also been stolen. Residents are urged to keep all valuable under lock and key and immediately report any suspicious incidents or strangers.

The Farm Watch organisation is growing and is now up and running in three areas with 35 members but they are still looking for a coordinator for 'Milton Damerel Area'. Raquel also talked about 'Smart Water' a method of marking machinery etc with a special code which is only visible under 'ultra violet light'. On the 3rd December at Holsworthy Market there will be a 'Surgery' regarding this product, a small bottle will cost approximately £10, this includes 'stickers' to put on items to deter theft. There will also be the opportunity of ordering larger bottles which will mark about 100 items. Councillor John Webb asked if the product would be available to purchase on the day, this is being looked into by Raquel.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 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 emailed Simon Philips twice but had had no reply except for an acknowledgement. The Chairman requested that the Clerk contact him again, Councillor Gareth Piper recorded that he would not object to his contact details being sent to Mr Phillips in the view of meeting up with him at the site
- b) Standing Orders, this is still under review, with one suggestion given to Councillor Grace Millman for her views of the 'wording' found online.
- c) Overgrown Hedge at 'Town Farm' this has now been cut back
- d) Holsworthy Hospital, Councillors John Webb and Grace Millman hope to attend the meeting on the 27th November which is being held in Holsworthy. The clerk will also put notices up in Notice Boards regarding the forthcoming events to discuss 'Care Closer to Home', there is a great danger that Holsworthy Community Hospital could be closed down or 'bed numbers' greatly reduced without the necessary 'Care in the Community' infrastructure set up.
- e) Footpath No 12 Halsepark, the clerk informed the Councillors that she had been in touch with Michael Jackson regarding the planned re-routing of footpath 12, it was agreed that the detour was actually the route that has been followed for some years and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Tim Freeman the Public Rights of Way to inform him that the Parish Council had no objections.
- f) Locality Grant: several ideas were mentioned but no decisions were made, Councillors were asked to email the Parish Clerk with any further ideas and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **Planning Applications**

- a) 1/0878/2014/AGMB Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to 1 dwelling under class MB (a)
Location: West Wonford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

This application was received between meetings; the Councillors were consulted by email, and the response that was sent to planning with the Chairman's agreement:

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

Milton Damerel Parish Council has no comments to make either to approve or object, as we do not have enough information on the design of the aforesaid application to make a considered observation.

- b) 1/1069/2014/FUL Proposal: Single Storey Extension

Location: Woodland View, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Parish Councillors voiced no objections to the above application and an email will be sent to Torridge Planning supporting the application.

- c) 1/1803/2014/FUL Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 1/0942/2013/2013/FUL to provide a reduced height turbine of 24m and hub height 30m.

Location: South Arscott, Holsworthy Beacon, Holsworthy, Devon

The Parish Councillors discussed the above application and the decision was made to send an email to Torridge Planning with the same remarks that were sent for the original application.

7. Planning Decisions

- i) 1/0983/2013/FULM Proposal: Ingle Wind Turbine 77m to tip with associated infrastructure, including crane hard standing, access road, substation and temporary metrological mast, with a micro-siting tolerance of 35m
Location: Land at Culsworthy Farm, Sutcombe, Devon
The Above Application was refused.
- ii) 1/0870/2014/AGMB Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to 3 dwelling class MB (a) +(b)
Location: Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
The Above Application was refused
- iii) 1/0809/2014/FUL Proposal: Extensions to existing dwelling including internal alterations
Location: Halse Park, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon
The Above application was granted permission

Planning Appeals

There are none

8. Financial Matters

- a) To sign cheque for Clerks monthly salary £138.66
- b) Up-to-date financial report. The clerk reported that she had made an error in the b/fw figure for the P3 account, which affected the Parish General fund: Total in bank £2678.28, this includes £199.32 P3 funds £183.02 Step Back In Time funds, £85.78 balance of TAP grant and £2210.16 in general funds.
- d) VAT Refund of £181.40 had been received.
- e) Draft Budget was distributed to each Councillor and then discussed, will be finalised ready for the precept application in January, it is envisaged to make a small increase of 2.5% on last year's precept. Councillor Gareth Piper enquired as to whether it was really necessary to purchase a new minute book, as minutes are kept electronically, and is it a legal requirement? The clerk believed this was so but would check with DALC
- f) Letter to HSBC Bank to request that statements be concluded on the last day of each month, this was signed by three councillors.
- g) New Notice Board – Parish Hall this was discussed and the Parish Clerk to write to the Committee of the Parish Hall to get their input as to what sort of Notice Board they would prefer and also get their permission if it was decided to replace the present notice board.
- h) Grant applications were discussed and the following grants were approved:
 - a) Milton Damerel Parish Hall: £150.00 Councillor Gareth Piper declared an interest and took no part in the decision.
 - b) Gardening Society. A letter had been received to inform the Councillors that the Garden Society would no longer be in existence after the 6th December. A grant application was requested to assist with the Annual Garden Show, after discussion the councillors decision was: The parish Clerk to write to the Society secretary to enquire if there were any funds left in the Society accounts that could be used for Next year's show, the reply received will be discussed at the next meeting and a final decision made as to whether a grant from the Parish Council would be given.
 - c) Holy Trinity Church: £100.00 Councillor John Webb declared an interest and took no part in the decision, The clerk was requested to write to the secretary and comment how much it was appreciated that the Church grounds are kept in such good conditions
 - d) Milton Damerel Newsletter (received after agenda distributed) £100.00 Councillors Grace Millman and Rose Haynes declared an interest and took no part in the decision.

9. Correspondence

- i) Long House Project –to date 15 parishes contributing a total of £7789
- ii) Electoral Review of Devon.
- iii) Police Crime Commissioner Public Questions 7/11/2014
- iv) A consultation of Draft Flood Risk
- v) Planning Meeting 14/11/2014
- vi) NHS Financial Letter
- vii) DALC Electoral review
- viii) Richard Hayce Emergency planning
- xi) DALC Salary Consultation
- x) Tough Choices Meeting 4/12/2014
- xi) CPRE Invite for seminar 28/11/2014

The above correspondence was forwarded to Councillors by email no further actions needed except:

- ii) To be put on agenda for next meeting and notices displayed.
- viii) The clerk to contact Edgar Pett to enquire as to whether he is willing to carry on as snow warden.

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

- i) Councillor Grace Millman informed the Parish Council that she had reported to South West Roads the problem of excessive water on the road new Whitebear Farm/Cottage.
- ii) Councillor Richard Piper informed the Parish Council that the steps of the Style near Whitebear Cottage were broken on one side. The parish Clerk was requested to inform Michael Jackson.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

