

Milton Damerel Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2014 commencing at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies, Councillor Grace Millman did not attend due to illness

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

3. **Public Comments**

a) Edgar Pett was in attendance and agreed to be the Snow Warden for another year, he requested that his details be put into the notice boards and that his new details to be sent to Torridge District council. He reported that there is about 4 tons of salt and plenty of bags available. The distribution of salt is the key to prevent dangerous situations arising. Chairman Stephen Moyse said his requests would be discussed later in the meeting and he would be informed of the Parish council's decisions.

b) Councillor Robin Julian stated that he had questioned Simon Phillips regarding the 'dangerous exit' at Crossways and as far as South West Roads are concerned there is not a problem. Questions have been asked as to what is expected from Parish Councils with regard to the recent communications 'Community Self Help Scheme' and 'Community Road Warded scheme', Does it cover, Cleaning Gullies, Grass /hedge cutting, cleaning signs and minor repairs to potholes? It would seem that these are not compulsory; Procedures for the work have not been clarified, but there are no guarantees that this work would be carried out by the Council, except for Major roads/junctions. Councillor Julian quoted that the work which was to be carried out at by the Community at Strotsworthy was stopped at the very last minute with no explanation. He also stated that next year's budget is to be cut further so the outlook for all is not good.

The good news was that he had spent his budget of over £35,000 across all parishes, helping football, cricket and boxing clubs, pensioners and other worthwhile projects. Councillor Richard Piper asked Councillor Julian if he had heard anything about Holsworthy Hospital, Councillor Julian apologised because he had no information regarding this as it was not within his 'boundary'.

4) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 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 clerk informed the Councillors that she had written to Simon Phillips on several occasions but to no avail, as there has been no further communication regarding this it was agreed to leave well alone until such time as there has been a positive response from South West Roads.

b) Standing Orders, this is still under review, with one suggestion given to Councillor Grace Millman for her views of the 'wording' found online. As the clerk did not have a copy of this to hand it was decided that she would email all Councillors with the details, which will then be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

c) Holsworthy Hospital, neither Councillors Grace Millman and John Webb were unable to attend the meeting, As soon as the report is to hand it will be circulated to all councillors.

d) Footpath 16; Broken Style opposite Whitebear cottage, this has been reported and a quote of £287 for the repair has been obtained, this will be funded by the balance of P3 funds £199.32, the balance will be paid by Devon County Council.

e) Councillor Julian- Locality Grant, Councillor Grace Millman made a suggestion (via email) that the Parish Council apply for a Grant of £100 towards the cost of a New Year Party for the young people of the Parish.

f) The clerk reported that she had written to the Committee of the Parish Hall requesting their input and permission regarding the type of notice board to purchase. The next meeting is being held early January 2015 so a reply should be available for the next Parish Council Meeting. Meanwhile a cost will be allowed in the final budget.

6 **Planning Applications**

1/0897/2014/FULM Proposal: New Industrial buildings for storage, MOT and SOCO bay

Location: W Sanders and Sons, Horrelsford Garage, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Plans for the above application were studied and discussed, the unanimous decision of the Parish Council was to fully support the application, the Clerk will inform Torridge Planning of the decision.

7. **Planning Decisions**

i) 1/0878/2014/AGMB Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to 1 dwelling under class MB (a)

Location: West Wonford (Corrected from Woodford on the Agenda) Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy

The Above Application was refused.

ii) 1/1069/2014/FUL Proposal: Retrospective single story extension

Location: Woodland View, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Above application was granted permission

Planning Appeals

There were none

8. Financial Matters

- a) To sign cheque for Clerks monthly salary £138.66
- b) Up-to-date financial report: Total in bank £2721.02, this includes £199.32 P3 funds, £183.02 Step Back in Time funds, £85.78 balance of TAP grant and £2252.90 in general funds.
- c) Minute book, the clerk had received a pro forma invoice for the purchase of the Minute book as agreed to in the 2014/2015 budget, although not on the agenda the Councillors were unanimous in their decision to sign a cheque for £100.68 for the purchase. Also to sign a cheque for £30 for the cost of the hall hire for three meetings. The clerk apologised for the omission from the Agenda..

9. Correspondence

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

- i) NHS Stakeholder: Urgent necessary measures ii) Torridge Standards Committee
- iii) Devon Communities together iv) DALC Update National Salaries v) Torridge Legal Briefing
- vi) Community Road Warden Scheme Guidance vii) Community Self Help Scheme guidance
- xi) Parish/Town Council conference feedback x) DALC Update xi) Blue Light Concert
- xii) Email from Mike Jackson regarding speeding traffic xiii) DALC Modernisation of Parish Poll
- xiv) Cosy Devon xv) DCC Emergency Planning

The above correspondence was distributed to Councillors and no further action to be taken except:

- v) Councillor Grace Millman did not think she had received this, the clerk will resend.
 - xii) The councillors agreed that obtaining a 'movable speed warning machine' was a very good idea, Councillor Grace Millman (by email) enquired as to whether it was possible to trace the old broken Sign and whether it would be viable to repair it. The unanimous decision of the Councillors present was to hold the subject over until it is established whether the TAP fund will be available in the future, in the consideration of applying with other Parishes to purchase a new sign. The clerk was requested to write to Michael Jackson with the decision.
 - xiii) To be held over, Parish Councillors to read contents and have remarks ready for next meeting.
- Not on Agenda: TDC Housing renewal Policy, Parish Councillors to read and have remarks ready for next meeting.

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

- i) Edgar Pett's requests were discussed and the Councillors were in agreement to ask the Clerk to prepare a suitable notice to be displayed in the notice boards. The Clerk was also requested to write to Torridge council to inform them of Edgar's new contact details.
- ii) Grant for the Garden Society, the Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had written to the secretary as requested but as yet had had no reply, if there was no reply the Clerk was asked to write a further letter. The final decision will be made at the January meeting.
- iii) email from Councillor Grace Millman contained the following:

Also under correspondence at last meeting I raised the question of submitting comment to the Electoral Review of Devon. I do think the inclusion of Milton Damerel under the DCC division of Bideford South & Hartland is a real mismatch. We are encouraged to give reasons for this, mine are:

- * the natural direction of travel and local centre for MD is Holsworthy*
- * the schools serving MD parish are all in the Holsworthy Rural division, thus Bradworthy has been the nominated primary school which was recently changed to Sutcombe, children in the south easterly part (Gidcott) are nominated to Bradford or possibly Shebbear schools, both again in the Holsworthy Rural area, secondary school for all is Holsworthy Community College. When trying to discuss primary school allocations we ended up trying to involve 2 county councillors!!*
- * Bradworthy and Shebbear are the major villages to which MD should look for services, both of these are in Holsworthy Rural*
- * MD is deemed to be one of the parishes for the MCTI based on Holsworthy, and is also part of the Ruby area*
- * reference to the divisional map for Devon shows MD to be an unnatural distortion of the boundaries with Bideford South & Hartland and with Holsworthy Rural - a more relevant boundary would be north of MD. Possibly the boundary change should also include Abbots Bickington, as it is incorporated in our Newsletter.*

The consultation ends before the next meeting - how do other councillors think we should respond? I'll work with Lorraine to do the response if there is support for this.

The Councillors discussed the email and wholeheartedly agreed with its contents, the clerk will liaise with Grace.

- iv) The problems of parking near Town Farm has arisen again at a recent funereal, with cars once again having hand written notices put on the windscreens. This will be discussed further at the January meeting. The Councillors all agreed that unless they know who actually owns 'the verges' there is little they can do.

There being no other business the Chairman Stephen Moyse wished everyone a Happy Christmas and the meeting closed at 9.04pm