

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), Grace Millman, Rose Haynes, Jim Richardson and Lorraine Buttery (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Councillor John Webb and Gareth Piper

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none

3. **Public Comments**

Councillor Robin Julian apologised for being late, the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse agreed for him to give his report after the financial matters were discussed

Councillor Julian talked about the free training that was available re Chapter 8, this involves the appointment of Community Road Wardens to clean gully's, ditches, etc., road signs but not National speed limit signs.

He went on to explain that had used all his 'locality' grant funds of £35,000 but unfortunately he received the request from Milton Damerel Parish Hall committee to late, but would be considered next year provided the funds were made available to him. The Council budget day is the 19<sup>th</sup> February therefore he would have more details after this date.

Councillor Julian went on to talk about the possible cuts to rural bus services and was very much against them although he agreed that certain duplicated routes should be cut to allow the essential rural ones to remain.

Councillor Stephen Moyse asked if Councillor Julian knew anything about the bus service to Petroc being cut, as he had heard that it might be. The answer was that it is thought that the service in the middle of the day could be withdrawn but the early morning and end of college day ones would remain.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015. 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) **Minute Book**

The clerk brought the new Minute Book to the meeting and all Councillors were satisfied with the quality of the book.

- b) Notice Board, the clerk had obtained two quotes for a board but it was agreed to get another one as the purchase would not be made until the new financial year where the cost had been allocated in the 2015/2016n budget

- c) Planning application- reference Pentreve, the clerk informed the councillors that she had not had any additional comments from Councillors so the following was emailed to Torridge Planning Department:

1/1094/2014/FUL Proposal: Replacement Dwelling (resubmission of 1/0224/2014/FUL)

Part retrospective, change of use of agricultural land to south to incorporate into the garden

Location: Pentreve, Milton Damerel, Devon

*Thank you for consulting Milton Damerel Parish Council regarding the above application, at the Parish Council meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January the following comments were made:*

*Having been concerned about the non-compliance of this development, as the demolition and building of the new residence were not within the parameters of the original planning application.*

*The Parish Council are very pleased to see that the applicant is now seeking to regulate the actions he has taken.*

6. **Planning Applications**

**1/1335/2014/FUL**

**Proposal: Rear Extension**

**Location: Glovers Cottage, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon**

The above application was distributed to all Councillors as the deadline for comments was the 9<sup>th</sup> February, all Councillors had emailed the clerk to inform her that they had no objections to make and fully supported the application, The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had passed This onto Torridge Planning Department

7. **Planning Decisions**

- 1) 1/1083/2104/FUL, Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning permission 1/0942/FUL to provide A reduced height turbine of 42m and hub height 30m

Location: South Arscott, Holsworthy Beacon, Devon

The above application was granted permission

- 2) 1/1094/2014/FUL (not on agenda as received after distributed/printed)  
Proposal: Replacemet dwelling (resubmission of 1/0224/2014/FUL) part retrospective. Change of use of Agricultural land to south to incorporate into the garden  
Location: Pentreve, Milton Damerel, Devon  
The above application was granted permission

### **Planning Appeals**

1/0983/2013/FULM

Proposal: Single 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.

### **8. Financial Matters**

- a) A Cheque for the Clerks Salary £138.66 was signed by three Councillors.
- b) An up-to-date financial report was presented to the Councillors, there being a total of £2089.42 in the Bank account: Step back in time fund £183.02, P3 fund £199.32, balance of TAP fund £85.78, Leaving a balance of £1820.62 which is Parish Council General Funds
- c) A new cheque for £287 was signed by three councilors to replace the cheque that was incorrectly made out. The cheque was marked cancelled in front of all Councillors
- d) The cheque for DALC for the clerks training session 'preparing for elections' was signed by three councillors.

### **9. Correspondence**

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

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| i) email from Terry Fairbrother            | ii) Holsworthy Advisory Group: Business Rates – Wind Turbines |
| iii) Public Transport Review               | iv) Long House appeal final- figure                           |
| v) Community Road Warden/ Self Help Scheme | vi) Legal Briefing  |
| vii) DALC update                           | viii) DALC Update – Finance Settlement update                 |
| ix) Thank you email from Garden Society    | x) North Devon Nature Improvement Area project 03/03          |

The above correspondence was distributed to Councillors by email and no further action is required except for:-

- i) Terry Fairbrother's email was read out by the Chairman Stephen Moyse and it was the unanimous decision of the Councillors that the contents should be included in the minutes as it is of interest to all parishioners: Terry was referring to the minutes of the meeting in December 2014.  
*"Just reading the minutes, specifically the part about Town Farm and the verges. Basically the small patch of land (verge) is owned by the highways . The property's boundary stops as the wall (in my case) or the bottom edge of the Devon Bank facing the road or if there is a ditch, the ditch and verge are owned by the Highways. There is one exception however, on the corner between Methodist Chapel and Town farm there is an extended pull in area. This is still owned by John Elliot. I went through this when I built a wall outside my house a few years ago and highways/Council came out and clarified who owns what"*

- iii) Deadline date of consultation is 20<sup>th</sup> April
- v) The question was asked who would actually volunteer for these roles, and who would be responsible if the jobs were not done properly??  
Councillor Julian informed the Councillors that all Wardens and work would be insured by Devon County Council
- x) The parish clerk to be informed if any of the Councillors wish to attend, the cutoff date is 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- Items not on agenda: M.C.T.I meeting changed to 10<sup>th</sup> March please let them know if you wish to attend

### **10. Urgent Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**

- 1) The clerk gave a small resume of the course 'Preparing for Elections, and said she had found it very interesting and informative.
- 2) The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was set for April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Clerk to invite local Organisations to give a short report of their years activity. Also to contact Sallie from Bideford Fire station to invite her to be the guest speaker.
- 3) Devon County Council 'Scrutiny Task Group for Communities' questionnaire, as the deadline for this is the 27<sup>th</sup> March it was decided to leave it to the next meeting, but all Councillors were asked to have a look beforehand.
- 4) Complaints had been received by Councillor Grace Millman regarding the 'recycling people' where by broken glass had been left in the roads, Grace Millman reported that she had reported this to Torridge District Council.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm