

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held of Wednesday 15th April 2015 commencing at 8.55pm
Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), Grace Millman, Jim Richardson, Rose Haynes, John Webb and Lorraine Buttery (Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Councillors Gareth Piper, 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 the 18th March 2015. The minutes having been emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting, they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

5. **Matters Arising**

6. **Review of Parish Plan**

Councillor Grace Millman gave her report at the Annual Parish Meeting, several items were discussed but it was agreed to wait a month or two to see if the Planning Application for Milton Town is approved before any decisions are made regarding public meetings etc.

The subject of affordable housing arose at the MCTi meeting which Councillor Grace Millman attended, The meeting was informed that if a development of over 11 houses were built 30% must be 'Social housing', if the development was between 6-10 units a financial contribution towards 'affordable housing' a figure of 30% would be acceptable which would still render the development viable.

The building of new houses at Holsworthy was also discussed with the comments that there has been no extra school places considered, the reply was that 'none had been asked for by the' Education Authority' children will be filtered to village schools.

David Green, Development Control Officer informed the meeting that there are new guidelines for Barn conversions from April, up to March 2015 there had been 55 applications for barn conversions of these 49 were refused; 9 by reason of sustainability and the remainder because one or more criteria had not been met. Sustainability is no longer a criteria, but will be judged on an "impracticable" basis, considering water, roads etc, and on "undesirable" guidelines, proximity to intensive farming, etc.

The Local Plan changes includes single dwellings in hamlets etc., for local needs and just one of the key items (Village Hall, School, post office, Church and convenience stores) being present in the hamlet

7. **Planning Applications**

1/0126/2015/AGMB (Received after agenda had been written and circulated)

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 2 No, dwellings under class MB (a) and MB(b)

Location: Barn at Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel, Devon

The above application was discussed via email and an email was sent to Torridge planning informing them that the Parish Council raised no objections to the application and to convey their approval.

8. **Planning Decisions**

1/0585/2014/FUL

Proposal: Proposed erection of Storage distribution building (Class B8)

Location: Land at Strawberry Bank, Milton Damerel, Devon

The above application was refused

9. Financial Matters

- a) Three Councillors signed a cheque for Clerks monthly salary £138.66
- b) An up-to-date financial report was presented to the Councillors this also being the end of the financial year the accounts were signed by the Chairman. The Current bank account has a total of £1824 comprising of: Step Back in time fund £183.02, P3 funds £1000, balance of TAP fund £85.78 and PC general funds £1455.20
- c) A Cheque for DALC Membership £96.30 as signed by three Councillors
- d) Request for purchase of memory stick was approved with the Councillors advising that the clerk should purchase two and to ensure that the 'sticks' had sufficient memory

10. Correspondence

- i) DCC Road Closures 1st/2nd April Nethercott/Woodford Bridge
- ii) North Devon Healthcare Trust Research.
- iii) Community News Round up
- iv) North Devon & Torridge Local Plan Public consultation 20/03 -01/05/2015
- v) DALC Update
- vi) P3 Update
- vii) Bill Wrighton
- viii) MCTI Meeting 14/04/2015
- xi) Pat Palmer

The above communication had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting, no further action Is necessary apart from:

- iv) The CD of the Plan was given to Councillor Richard Piper who will pass it on to any other Councillor who might want to look at it. All Councillors were asked to look at the 'Plan' and pass their comments on to Councillor Grace Millman who will then pass a reply to the relevant department.

11. Urgent Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman

Councillor Jim Richardson reported that a Caravan had been left in the middle of the Parish Hall car park which was towed there very late in the evening, driven from the area of Crossways. When the owners were asked by a member of the Parish Hall Committee why they were there, they replied that they had had permission from the Parish Council, this was not the case, the caravan was removed late in the afternoon.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Date

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