

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015 commencing at 7.30pm  
Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Grace Millman, Gareth Piper, Jim Richardson,  
Rose Haynes, John Webb and Lorraine Buttery (Clerk).

**1. Apologies:**

Councillors Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), P.C.S.O. Raquel Rowe

**2. Chairman's Announcements**

There were none

**3. Public Comments**

No members of the public were present but Councillor Robin Julian arrived at 8.15 pm he apologised for being late and explained that he had been to another Parish Meeting. He stated that there was not a lot to report but said that further Cut backs are inevitable in all areas, there is great concern over probable plans to reduce 'beds' from 70 to 40 at Bideford Hospital, the problem being that there is no infrastructure to support the Government preferred 'Care in the Home', with very lonely people waiting hours for someone to talk to and care for them. The suggestion is that G.P.s should attend Community hospitals to perform minor 'ops', Councillor Grace Millman pointed out that G.P.s already perform minor 'ops' but there are no facilities for this at some Community Hospitals.

Councillor Robin Julian went on to say that the Police Budget has been cut back by 45%, roads are still in very poor condition with little hope of any increase of budget.

Councillor Grace Millman asked why the planned road closure for repairs from Woodford Bridge, which should have taken place in March did not take place. The road is in a very poor state, Councillor Julian said he would look into it. He was also reminded about the state of the road between Gidcott Cross and Basin Cross.

Money is available from the budget for 'Areas of Outstanding Beauty', Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse asked why can't money be transferred from these available funds to pay for more pressing needs?

Councillor Julian explained that all departments have their own budgets and this money could not be utilised elsewhere. He went on further to say that his 'locality budget' has been reduced this year, he requested that the Parish Hall Grant application be re-submitted as there is a now a new form.

- 4.** To approve the minutes of the AGM and Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015.  
The minutes having been emailed to all councilors prior to the meeting, they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

**5. Matters Arising**

- 1) Evaluation of RHE work, the clerk reported that that the survey had been completed and emailed
- 2) Electoral review of Devon, the Councillors agreed that the new boundaries were what they applied for on line, Milton Damerel will now be within 'Holsworthy Rural. Area when the new plans are implemented. The clerk was requested to email to confirm the Parish Councils approval.
- 3) New notice board, the Clerk has obtained three quotes for the new notice board, the decision was for the clerk to order one that cost £91.20 inclusive of VAT

**6. Planning Applications**

There were none

**7. Planning Decisions**

There were none

**Planning Appeals**

There were none

**8. Financial Matters**

- a) Three Councillors signed a cheque for Clerks monthly salary £173.33
- b) An up-to-date financial report was presented to the Councillors. The Current account has a total of £3006.71 comprising of: Step Back in time fund £183.02, P3 funds £100, balance of TAP fund £85.78 and PC general funds £ 2637.91
- c) The clerk reported that the internal Audit was completed with no issues raised by the Auditors, a Cheque for the Auditors fees of £50 was signed by three Councillors
- d) A cheque for £17.42 (not on the agenda) was signed by three councilors being the cost of two memory sticks.

## 9. Correspondence

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| i) DCC Community News round-up                              | ii) Emergency Planning Newsletter                       |
| iii) Helping hands Home care                                | iv) Rural Isolation Conference (11 <sup>th</sup> June ) |
| v) G.Cox 'Surgery' dates                                    | vi) DALC Update   |
| vii) The Oakes – Strawberry Bank                            | viii) DALC Letter from NALC for all Councillors         |
| ix) Bulls in Field  | x) email from Mike Jackson re Speakers for computer     |
| xi) email from Roberta Jackson regarding 'locality funding' |   |

The above correspondence was distributed and no further action is required except for:

- ii) To check that Roger Lawes had a copy.
- vii) The 'Oakes' possible Planing Infringement. The Clerk to email the enforcement officer to ask for an update on the Parish Council's original enquiry of last year.
- ix) Bulls in field email from Michael Jackson P3 coordinator to Chairman Stephen Moyse, preempting any complaints from residents. The Parish Councillors requested that the whole of the email regarding this subject be minuted for all Parishioners information:

**Re: FP 15 - Whitebear Farm to Chapel View (Giffords)**

**FP 16 - Whitebear Cottage to Holy Trinity Church (Giffords)**

**FP 1 - Glovers Cottage as far as the bridge**

*Further to our conversation yesterday about bulls in fields which have footpaths across them, set out below is what is allowed:.*

*Breeds which MUST NOT be kept in fields which are crossed by the public are:*

*Ayreshire, British Friesian, British Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry.*

*Bulls of all other breeds are also banned UNLESS they are accompanied by cows or heifers.*

*Furthermore, if an animal is known to be aggressive it should also be kept away from fields with public access.*

*If bulls are obtained on lease, hire or loan the onus is on the farmer to check on the suitability of the animal to be in a field with public access.*

*The above may mean something to you and the other Councillors who are from a farming background but not a great deal to me I'm afraid. As far as our paths are concerned all the animals seem to be "youngsters" and have not caused any concern when I have walked across, apart from them being curious and following you.*

- x) email regarding a request to purchase 'speakers' for the Parish Computer, it was the Parish Councillors decision not to purchase speakers at this present time as the 'system' was not used enough to warrant the expense. The request would be reconsidered if circumstances changed.
- xi) email from Roberta Jackson regarding 'locality funding' to help with the refurbishment of the skittle alley this was dealt with by Robin Julian (3)

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

There were none.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.06pm