

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

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

**1. Apologies:**

Councillor Rose Haynes, P.C.S.O. Raquel Rowe and Councillor Robin Julian

**2. Chairman's Announcements**

There were none

**3. Public Comments**

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the minutes having been emailed to all councilors prior to the meeting, were signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

**5. Matters Arising**

- 1) The Oaks, the clerk informed the Councillors that she had emailed Nigel Marshall the Planning Enforcement officer, but had had no further communication other than acknowledging the receipt of the email. No further information has been received.
- 2) Electoral review of Devon – the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had sent an email acknowledging the facts that the review body had taken notice of the Parish Council's suggestion that the Parish Boundary be within 'Holsworthy Rural'.
- 3) New Notice Board, the Clerk had brought the Board to the meeting and informed the Councillors That it would be fixed up as soon as possible. All Councillors offered their assistance if it was required.

**6. Planning Applications**

- 1) 1/0555/2015/FUL

Proposal: Insertion of retaining wall structure with associated handrails; new pond outlet construction and resurfacing of roadway.

Location: Woodford Bridge Hotel and Country Club, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

*The above Application was discussed and unanimously supported by the Parish Council, Councillors raised no objections*

- 2) 1/0562/2015/FUL

Proposal: Agricultural Workers dwelling

Location: Higher Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon.

**Councillor Grace Millman declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of the application**

*The application was discussed; the Councillors raised no objections and the plans were unanimously supported.*

**7. Planning Decisions**

- 1/0467/2015/CPE

Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic Garden

Location: Garden of Eagles, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above application was granted permission*

**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 £2765.96 comprising of: Step Back in time fund £183.02, P3 funds £100, balance of TAP fund £85.78 and PC general funds £ £2269.11
- c) The clerk reported that the internal Audit and Annual return is now completed and displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board
- e) A cheque for £98.95 was signed by three councilors, for the new notice board
- d) A cheque for £30.00 was signed by three councilors for the hire of the hall for three meetings.

## 9. Correspondence

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| i) Highways closure of road in December  | ii) Holsworthy Hospital from John Allen   |
| iii) Helping hands Home care             | iv) Press release from NDHCT              |
| v) Jim Bray- NDHCT                       | vi) Devon Communitys Together             |
| vii) Holsworthy Area Group Meeting 13/07 | viii) Nigel Marshall                      |
| ix) DCC Community News Roundup           | x) South Molton Recycling- administration |
| xi) Kerbside Recycling                   | xii) Parish Town Conference October 2015  |

Communications received after the Agenda was distributed.

- 1) DALC update 2) email from Ted Grainger: incorrect information on Devon County Website.

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

- ii) Holsworthy Hospital: the Parish Council voiced their concerns regarding the prospective 'bed reductions' and requested that the Parish Clerk send an email stating that the Parish Council would strongly oppose to any reduction in beds to below the economic number of 16 and look forward to being informed of the consultation progress
- vii) Holsworthy area Group meeting, not a very informative meeting, Chairman Mr Watson and Vice Chair John Allen elected.  
Questions asked: What do Parish Councils want from the meetings? The present format will be kept: 4 meetings a year. Milton Damerel Councillors suggested inviting Planning Enforcement officers to explain what their roles were. Also inviting someone from Devon Highways as planned cutting of verges and 'splays/corners had not taken place leading to poor visibility on many roads.
- x) Torridge district Council should be congratulated as to how quickly they re-instated the kerb-side recycling after South Molton Recycling company went in to administration.

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

- 1) Councillor John Webb had received complaints regarding 'Dog Walkers' who, although were Picking up their dogs waste using plastic bags but, instead of taking the bags home with them were throwing the bags on the roadside or over and in hedges. All Councillors agreed that this was very anti social behavior, the decision was to put an article in the next newsletter with the hope that the guilty residents would discontinue this very bad practice.
- 2) It was reported that branches of fir trees at the Property of Mr & Mrs Pickering, Wesr-Mere Were overhanging the road and causing obstruction. The Parish Clerk was requested to write a letter to the residents asking them to trim back the branches.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm