

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th August 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies:

Councillor Grace Millman and P.C.S.O. Raquel Rowe

2. Chairman's Announcements

There were none

3. Public Comments

Councillor Robin Julian arrive a little late for which he apologised he gave his report after the planning applications had been discussed he reported on the following:

Still more cuts in the pipeline. Ragwort on roadsides was not being controlled because of DCC cuts, Robin Julian believes that DCC has a 'Duty of Care' to do so because of Animal Welfare, the subject of how much better Cornwall's roads are and Ragwort is being cleared as is all grass verges being cut. It was explained that Cornwall has a smaller road system and had received 5 million pounds from the EU and more money is in the pipeline, they have also raised their Council Tax. Councillor John Webb commented that as the UK pays so much to the EU on a daily basis why can't Devon get a grant, how does one get at this money?

NHS is looking to save millions of pounds by getting rid of Cottage Hospitals, at present there are public meetings where Presentations and discussions are taking place, the consultation is due to finish in September, Councillor Robin Julian Does not support these cut backs as there is not the infrastructure to cope with the ongoing decision regarding

'Care in the home'. Councillor Richard Piper asked if there was any truth in the rumour that a new hospital was being built in Barnstaple and then closing all small ones? This is not known but one of the ideas on the consultation is to have beds available in Barnstaple hospital replacing beds in smaller hospitals or having 2 wards as a 'Cottage Hospital' the danger of having all beds in Barnstaple is that there is not the infrastructure to cope with patients/visitors getting there. Councillor Robin Julian has been very concerned regarding public toilets being closed down, especially on the A39 and other major routes, the resulting unhygienic use of laybys and wooded areas is unacceptable.

The only good news he can offer is that he still has some money left in his locality budget, please let him know if

The Parish Council would like to apply for a grant, the Parish Councillors was asked by the Chairman to give it some thought.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Julian for his information and attending the meeting

- 4.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th July 2015, the minutes having been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting, were signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- 1) New Notice Board the Clerk had informed the Councillors by email that one of the boards locks was damaged, the board was sent back to the supplier and a new one had been received, it will erected in a few days..
- 2) Holsworthy hospital an email had been sent to John Womersley regarding consultations about Community hospitals the reply was emailed to Councillors
- 3) Dog walkers; it has been decided to put a report in the September Newsletter regarding complaints
- 4) Over grown fir trees at Westmere- a letter as requested at the July meeting was sent to Mr & Mrs Pickering requesting that the fir trees overhanging the road be trimmed back, the clerk had received a reply which was read out by the Chairman, this implied that the Parish Council had said that a 'new' neighbor had made the original complaint, the Parish clerk was requested to send a reply stating that this was not the case, but the fact that deliveries were being restricted in the area.

6. Planning Applications

- 1) 1/0806/2015FUL

Proposal: Proposed first floor extension

Location: 1 Fore Street, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Parish Councillors agreed that this had already been discussed at an earlier meeting, but the date on this application was the 8th August and had a different reference number, the clerk said that she would look into the matter and report back to them by email.

- 2) 1/0222/2015/FUL (received after the Agenda had been printed and circulated)

Proposal: Erection of Agricultural shed for dry cow housing

Location: Moorview Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

As the Councillors had not had a chance to view the application the Chairman requested that all Councillors have a look at the plans and then convey their comments to the Parish Clerk. If no objections are received by the deadline date (8th September) the Parish Clerk will send the Council's comments that they have no objections and support the application.

7. Planning Decisions

- 1) 1/0562/2015/FUL

Proposal: Proposed agricultural workers dwelling

Location: Land at Higher Woodford Farm, Milton Damerel, Devon

- 2) 1/0555/2015 (received after the Agenda had been printed and circulated)

Proposed: Insertion of retaining wall structures with associated handrails; new pond outlet construction and resurfacing if roadway.

Location: Woodford Bridge Hotel and Country Club

The above applications were approved

Planning Appeals

1/1138/2013/FUL

Proposal: Single wind turbine 77m to tip with associated infrastructure, including crane hard standing, access road, substation and temporary meteorological mast, with a micro siting tolerance of 35m.

Location: Land near Badworthy Farm, Shebbear, Beaworthy, Devon

The Chairman and all councillors agreed for the Clerk to send an email stating that the Parish Council had no comments to make other than to be assured that any residents of Milton Damerel who might be affected by the proposal had been notified.

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 £2463.68 comprising of: Step Back in time fund £183.02, P3 funds £100, balance of TAP fund £85.78 and PC general funds £ £2094.88
- c) Three Councillors signed a cheque for £20.06 being for the purchase of wood and paint plus travelling expenses for the new notice board.

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

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| i) DALC War memorial course. | ii) Transparency Requirements for Parish Councils | iii) Legal Briefing |
| iv) MCTi Meeting Minutes /Agenda for 28 th July | v) North Devon Food bank Christmas Fund | |
| vi) DCC Community News roundup | vii) J. Womersley re: Care Closer to home. | |
| viii) M. Sanders Fire Service Community engagement | ix) Rural Social Enterprise network | |
| x) DALC Transparency code grant/survey | xi) TDC Public Consultation re. Single reception point at Bideford | |
| xii) A. Boyd: Area Board Model (MCTi Meeting) | xiii) Longhouse Hospice open evenings | |
| xiv) N.D. Healthcare Trust – Success Regime | xv) S.Squire Localities event – Merton | |
| xvi) MCTI Meeting 3 rd September – G.Cox | xvii) NDHC Public Consultation | |

Communications received after the Agenda was distributed.

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| 1) email from Terry Fairbrother enquiring as to how long minutes should stay on the Parish website | |
| 2) Devon Highways – Grass Cutting and Community self-help | 3) Torridge Bus Service changes |

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

- ii) The Parish clerk explained the significance of the new legislation which came into force in July
- v) North Devon Food Bank request for a donation, this was turned down as MD do not give donations to outside organisations
- x) DALC Transparency code survey/grant, the Parish clerk informed the PC that she had filled in the survey.
- xiii) Longhouse Hospice Open evening, details were passed on to Councillors and informed that they could either phone to book a place or inform the Parish Clerk when they are able to go
- 1) An enquiry by email had been sent to Lesley Smith at DALC regarding Terry's email, at present no reply had been received as Lesley is on holiday.

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

- 1) As Devon Highways had not cut grass verges for some time the Chairman and emailed all Parish Councillors with the idea of the Parish Council paying to have them done. With this in mind Councillors Stephen Moyse and Gareth Piper spent some time inspecting the roads. Councillor Stephen Moyse then contacted Devon Highways to give them the information. Devon Highways inspected the roads and came back to say that they did not think there was a problem!! All Parish Councillors were again contacted by email for their thoughts, the unanimous decision was to get three quotes to cut what was thought the most dangerous verges which restricted motorists vision as the Parish Council felt that to do all the roads was above what the Parish Council could afford. The most reasonable quote was from D.Hutchings and he was contracted to work for approximately 10 hours. The balance of the TAP fund grant would be set against the cost.
The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse asked all Councillors to give their constructive views as to the work that had been done, is it adequate? Should the cost for next year be put in the budget?
The clerk was requested to look into the viability of joining with another Parish to apply for a TAP fund grant with the idea of using it to enhance the Parishes and ensure the safety of all residents.
- 2) During the recent 'Pasty and Cider' walk it was noted that the stench of dogs waste coming from the Kennels at Strawberry bank was dreadful, residents there do not seem to want to complain so not much can be done.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm