

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th May 2016 commencing at 7.40pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper, (Vice Chairman), Gareth Piper, Grace Millman, and Jim Richardson.

There were no members of the public present.

1) **Apologies:** Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk, Councillors Rose Haynes & John Webb; PCSO Raquel Rowe

2) **Declarations of Interest**

a) Register of Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. *None were declared*

b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

c) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

3) **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported Mrs Lorraine Buttery was recovering from a recent hip operation and it was unanimously agreed to send her greetings from the Parish Councillors.

4) **Public Comments**

There were none.

5) To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2016, these having been circulated and read by all Councillors, were signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse as being a true records of the meetings.

6) **Matters Arising**

1) Venn Green Bus Stop, Julie Pepworth, Technician Torrington NHT, had replied to the Parish Clerk, indicating there may be funding for bus shelters in this year's allocations, and suggested meeting at Venn Green on 24th May at 11am. Grace Millman agreed to meet with her, as all other Councillors present had previous commitments.

2) Projector Screen, Grace and Walter Millman had looked at the damage with Roberta Jackson and were prepared to have a go at mending broken support and broken handle, with no guarantees of success. If unsuccessful the Parish Council would need to consider purchasing a new one – the insurance excess negates making a claim. This was agreed.

7) **Planning Applications**

There were none at the time of compiling the agenda but an application had been received subsequently.

1) 1/0230/2016/FUL

Proposal: Retention of large shed and lean to. Re-submission of application 1/1139/2015/FUL(Amended Plans)

Location: The Oaks, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Parish Councillors had studied the above application online, noting the reduced size of the large shed and the comments of the Environment Protection Officer concerning the use of the development. The Councillors requested that the consultee comments previously submitted for this application and the preceeding application should be reiterated to Torridge Planning.

8) **Planning Decisions**

1/0212/2016/OUT

Proposal: New bungalow and garage

Location: Land at Parkfields, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

This application was granted permission

Planning Appeals

There were none.

- 9) **Financial Matters**
- a) Three Councillors signed cheques for Clerks monthly salary £173.33
 - b) The annual insurance quote of £189.33 was discussed and unanimously approved by Councillors present and three Councillors signed the cheque
 - c) Receipt of the first half of the precept was noted
 - d) Receipt of the VAT refund of £104.32 was noted
 - e) Financial report – The balance at bank was reported - £4,864.94.
 - f) Grass cutting quote – the quote received from Charles Brimacombe for 2016 was agreed.
- 10) **Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting**
- i) Torridge Strategic Plan Consultation ii) Elaine Lester- Community Emergency Planning
 - iii) D. Thompson- Parish & Planning engagement sessions iv) Harry Roper- Broadband Vouchers
 - v) Electoral Review of Torridge vi) North Devon Healthcare
 - vii) MCTI – date change to 14th June viii) D. Thompson- Parish & Planning engagement sessions(2)
- The above correspondence had been circulated by email; item iv) to be mentioned in the Newsletter, v) to be taken forward for the next (June) agenda; no other action required.
- 11) **Urgent Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**
- 1) Councillors commented on the recent works to the A388 and requested that a letter should be sent to Highways, congratulating them on the quality and extent of works completed. Additionally to offer advice on the adequacy of the road diversions signing and re-routing. Road closed signs were sometimes left in situ during the day when works were only completed at night. There was insufficient signage, particularly for large vehicles approaching from Holsworthy or Bideford, advising the diversion routes to be taken, in consequence some drivers had to park up and stay in their cabs until the next morning as unable to take an alternative route, or had much difficulty in continuing their journeys through the local byroads It was suggested there should have been better signing at the main towns, particularly Holsworthy, about the routes to take – the signing needs to cater for all types of vehicles. Road closed signs had been set up on the byroads leading to the A388, sometimes not at junctions and therefore required vehicles to turn around on the road or in private drives.
 - 2) The Chairman and Councillors had been contacted (by letter from Ms Martin left on noticeboard at Parish Hall) concerning problems on footpaths, specifically behind Field View, opposite Chapel View and opposite Whitebear Cottage, and implied the footpaths were closed/inaccessible due to electric fences. Mike Jackson, the Parish Footpaths Coordinator would be pleased to meet with the correspondent to discuss her comments.
 - 3) The Chairman brought forward the correspondence from TDC concerning details of the TDC Community Grants Scheme for 2016/2017 and it was agreed to include this in the Newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.