

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

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

There were no members of the public present.

1) **Apologies:** P.C.S.O Racquel 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**

There were none

4) **Public Comments**

Councillor Robin Julian attended the meeting and apologised for arriving late, Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse asked him if he would kindly wait until item 6 had been completed before giving his report.

Councillor Julian said that he had been to various important meetings and reported the following:

NHS cutbacks it has already been agreed that Barnstaple Hospital will be treated as a 'special case' because of its location and the surrounding rural areas, it will keep its Emergency Services department. The community Hospital at Bideford will have more facilities, and services built up to take into account the increase of housing development in both Bideford and Barnstaple.

There is a shortage of funds for Doctors and Nurses in consequence there are not enough operations for medical staff to practice their skills therefore their skills diminish.

There is a public meeting regarding NHS Cuts to be held at Great Torrington bowling club on the 20th August
Devolution: John Hart has stated that this is not on the cards at present, as it is not a priority of the new Government. The new Police & Crime Commissioner wants the Police to be more visible on streets, Councillors are very doubtful that this will happen due to the financial cutbacks, it has been suggested that all P.C.S.Os will be trained in all emergency services therefore sharing the workload, with Police also being trained as 'first responders'.

Highways: There will in future be monthly meetings with Julie Pepworth, all relevant information will be passed on to the Parish Council. The A39 along the stretch of road including 'Fairy Cross' has been resurfaced, but it was noticed that there was no 'bitumen 'seal'? Councillor Julian was told that what had been done was a temporary surface and the whole stretch would be resurfaced as soon as money available. There are new government funds available that have yet to be released. The stretch of road with a temporary 20mph limit will be in force until December as the Bridge/Aqueduct has to have emergency repairs, this is due to the volume of heavy traffic going across the bridge causing vibration which has loosened the 'knuckles' underneath.

Councillor Richard Piper asked whether 'Japanese Knotweed' had to be reported and whether Devon County Council would spray it, Councillor Julian replied that, "No, DCC no longer routinely sprayed, but if it was a problem and the Parish Council could find someone who is licensed to spray they could apply for funds to pay for the chemical needed". The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse thanked Councillor Julian for his time.

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

6) **Matters Arising**

- 1) Venn Green Bus Stop, the Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had had an email (circulated) from Julie Pepworth informing the Parish Council that any decision regarding the bus stop hard standing had to be approved by cabinet which would not be until September, the Councillors requested that the clerk 'keep on top of the situation' and contact Julie if no communication by October.
- 2) Chapmans Green Lay-by, the majority of the rubbish had now been cleared.
- 3) Community Grants Scheme – Defibrillator, the grant application was discussed fully, no decision of where to site the defibrillator if the application was successful was made, because of the fact that Milton Damerel Parish is spread over a large area with no actual 'centre' the idea of obtaining enough funds to purchase two defibrillators was discussed, maybe one sited at the Parish Hall and one at Holsworthy Beacon, this was agreed as a good idea and the Clerk was requested to go ahead with the application. The Clerk was also asked to find out where other defibrillators are sited.

Signed.....

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- 4) Footpath 15/16 'Permissive Footpath Agreement' the Clerk reported that she had had an email from Michael Jackson the P3 coordinator which stated:
"With regard to FP15/16 there is no progress yet. Ros Davis from Devon County Council was not able to come up with a template for the 'Permissive Paths' agreement and so I put one together, including the things which she thought relevant and we are now waiting for the legal dept. to look over it and make any alterations which they feel appropriate."

Councillors Grace Millman and Richard Piper expressed their surprise that there was not a template for a 'permissive paths agreement' as one had been used before. Grace suggested that may DALC might have be able to help, the clerk will make enquiries.

- 5) Loan of IT equipment letter, the Clerk distributed the form to the Councillors who unanimously approved of its design.

7) Planning Applications

There were none

8) Planning Decisions

- 1) 1/0554/2016/FUL

Proposal: Relocation of 1.8metre high wooden close boarded fencing (re-submission of 1081/2015)

Location: The Oaks, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

- 2) 1/0588/2016/FUL

Proposal: Agricultural Workers Dwelling

Location: Moorview Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above applications were approved.

Planning Appeals

There were none

9) Financial Matters

- a) A cheque for Clerks monthly salary £173.33 was signed by three Councillors
- b) A Financial report to date was presented to the Councillors. There is £3,840.83 in the bank account £183.02 Step Back in time Funds, P3 funds £91.06, leaving a balance of £3550.80 being Parish Council general funds, the £91.06 balance of locality Grant was used to purchase a new screen as agreed at previous meeting.
- c) Although not on the Agenda as the invoice was received after it was printed the Chairman and Councillors agreed to sign a cheque for £450.00 for the cutting of hedges.

10) Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting

- i) Julie Pepworth- Venn Green Bus Shelter ii) Ted Grainger iii) NHS Public Meeting - Cuts
- iv) Holsworthy Mcti- One Holsworthy & Holsworthy Area Board
- v) Devon Highway & Parish & Town Council Conference - Survey
- vi) D.C.C. Highway Maintenance Community Resilience vii) Jamie Hollis – useful contacts
- viii) Mike Jackson- Stolen Timber ix) D. Thompson- Planning Committee Code of Conduct
- x) Torridge D.C. I.T system shut down 27th – 29th August xi) DALC Newsletter
- xii) D.C.C. Connect me newsletter xiii) Devon Count Council Minerals Plan – consultation

The above communications had been circulated and no further action is required.

Received after the Agenda was distributed from; Diane Thompson, Planning Performance Leader informing the Parish Council of the next 'Parish Council information sharing session', to be held on the 22nd September, the Clerk said she was unable to attend due to another commitment, Councillor Grace Millman said she would attend.

11) Urgent matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman.

There were none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm