

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Councillor Rose Haynes, P.C.S.O. Racquel Rowe, District Councillor Robin Julian

2. **Declarations of Interest**

- a) Register of Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature..
 - c) To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse declared an interest in item 7) 2

3. **Chairman's Announcements**

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse, congratulated Councillor Gareth Piper and his wife Sally on the birth of their son Henry Lloyd

4. **Public Comments**

No members of the public were present. The Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had received an emailed crime report from P.C.S.O Rowe, the Chairman read the report to the Councillors. Councillor Grace Millman remarked that this report will be printed in the current newsletter.

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

6. **Matters Arising**

- 1) Notice Board: The clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had delivered the key to Arthur Daniel, Councillor Grace Millman reported that the board had been wired up to make it safe and it will be repaired in the very near future. The clerk asked whether it would be prudent to get the lock replaced whilst it was being repaired as there was only one key, Councillor John Webb asked whether a replacement key could be obtained, the Clerk will find out. Councillor Jim Richardson apologised for not being able to repair the board himself but had family problems which prevented him from doing so.
- 2) Footpath 15: Councillor Richard Piper informed the Council that he had not heard from Michael Jackson but believed that he is waiting for dryer conditions.
- 3) Dog fouling notices: The clerk informed the Parish Council that she had got permission from John Binns to display the notice in the Church notice board and had also put one in the Chapel notice board.
- 4) Sutcombe School Proposed Closure: The clerk had forwarded the emails from Councillor Julian, Councillor Grace Millman informed the Parish Council that the subject is due to be discussed at the County Council Meeting to be held on the 9th March

7. **Planning Applications**

- 1) 1/0089/2016/FUL
Proposal: Removal of rear utility and construction of extension forming Kitchen, dining and utility facilities.
Location: Ireland Cottage, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon
The above application was discussed, all Councillors had studied the plans on line, and there were no objections, the Clerk was instructed to inform Torridge Planning that the Parish Council unanimously supported the application.
- 2) 1 /0140/2016/FUL. Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse had declared an interest in this application,
Vice Chairman Councillor Richard Piper took the Chair for the discussion and decision.
Proposal: Proposed steel framed agricultural building to house livestock
Location: Moorview Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon
The above application was discussed, all Councillors had studied the plans on line, and there were no objections, the Clerk will inform Torridge Planning that the Parish Council unanimously supported the application.

8. **Planning Decisions**

There were none

Planning Appeals

1/0996/2015/OUT Proposal: Single Dwelling (with all matters observed)

Location: Millrose, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The Councillors stated that they had no reasons to change comments made when the original application was discussed

9. **Financial Matters**

- a) Three Councillors signed the Clerk’s monthly salary cheque for £173.33
- b) Three Councillors signed the cheques for the ‘Monster Club’ party – Lizzy’s Larder £30 and K.P. Isaac £70
- c) Three Councillors signed a cheque for £20.00 for chairs purchased for the Toddler Group, although not on the agenda the Councillors agreed to sign a cheque for £53.94 for the purchase of a ‘Playhouse’ for the Toddler Group
b & c cheques financed from Locality Grant received through Councillor Julian
- d) The Clerk presented a copy of the Financial report to all Councillors, there being a total of £3728.36 in the current account, this is Ring Fenced amounts of £183.02 Step Back in Time Fund, £84.21 P3 fund, £414 .00 TAP grant and £300.00 locality grant. The balance of £2,747.13 being Parish Council General Funds
- e) Request from Parish Clerk to attend DALC Training Session- Risk Assessment and Insurance, unanimously agreed.
- f) Although not on the agenda the Parish Council discussed the prospect of awarding an ex-gratia payment from the ‘Transparency grant’ to Terry Fairbrother, for his extra work on the website due to the new legislation, this was originally discussed at the December meeting, the sum of £100 was unanimously agreed and three Councillors signed a cheque for this amount.

10. **Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting**

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| i) Robin Julian email – Sutcombe School | ii) Devon Highways emails/Torridge District Council |
| iii) Electoral Review of Devon | iv) C.A.B Newsletter |
| v) Will Austen -North Devon Records Office. | vi) DALC Newsletter |
| vii) Lorraine Inch- Digital Workshop | viii) Riverfly Volunteers |
| ix) J.Allen –MCTI Meeting 16 th February | x) Local Plan Briefing note |

The above correspondence was distributed by email no further action necessary apart from decisions made or discussed concerning:

- ii) Although the clerk had notified TDC regarding the rubbish in the layby near Chapmans Green, it had not been removed, the clerk was requested to email TDC again.
- v) It was agreed that no funds could be granted to the North Devon Records Office request, as it is the Parish Council’s policy not to grant funds to organisations outside of the Parish.
- viii) River fly volunteers, It was noted that the ‘flyer’ received with a course advertised was dated March 2015, the Clerk was requested to check to see if there is more up-to-date information available.
- ix) MCTi meeting was attended by Councillor Grace Millman who reported that District Councillor Barry Parsons was present and talked about the loneliness of Devon Residents, it was stated that half the households in Devon consisted of only one person, more volunteers were needed to visit lonely and vulnerable people, even just a telephone call can help people to feel less isolated.
Victor Goff was also in attendance and talked about the ‘Road Warden Scheme’, he stated that only 76 Parishes had joined the scheme and he wondered why others had not done so. Various reasons have been given, One of the main reasons are that people are not prepared to give up their time to attend training courses, worries regarding health and safety and that there is little confidence in Devon County Council or the Highways department. The majority of Parishes are not against a ‘task force’ to perhaps clean signs, but for safety reason there is a real need for the ‘lengthsman’ to continue to clean out ditches etc..
Holsworthy Town Clerk has written to DCC and TDC to demand a list of the services which are going to be withdrawn.
There has been the suggestion that the MCTi is replaced with an ‘Area Board’, where anything can be reported, District Councillor Barry Parsons is in favour of this, as at present only about 7 parishes attend the MCTi meetings in its current format.
Email received from Michael Jackson, who is concerned regarding the lack of ‘waiting area’ at the bus shelter in Venn Green, and asked whether, in the light of forthcoming highway repairs in the area, the Highways dept. could do something about making the area larger. The area is so small at present that it poses a danger to those waiting for public transport, and there is little protection from water sprays from passing vehicles. The clerk was requested to make enquiries with the Highways department.

11. **Urgent Matters brought forward with the permission of the Chairman**

- 1) Councillor John Webb reported that he had had a telephone call regarding ‘The Oaks’ and in particular the dog kennels and pig pens, as the resident of ‘The Oaks’ as appealed against the refusal of planning permission for this, there is little that the Parish Council can do.
- 2) Councillor Grace Millman has received complaints regarding tractors damaging verges at Holsworthy Beacon It was the general consensus of opinion that in this day and age there is little care by drivers and no respect for people property, the other factor is that machines are getting bigger and highways are just not wide enough.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.07pm.