

# **Milton Damerel Parish Council**

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 commencing at 8.30pm

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman) Richard Piper (Vice Chairman), Gareth Piper, Grace Millman, Rose Haynes, Jim Richardson and John Webb. Also present was Lorraine Buttery (Clerk). P.C.S.O Raquel Rowe and District Councillor Robin Julian, four members of the public remained after the Annual Parish Meeting

1) **Apologies:** None received

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**

A member of the public passed comments regarding large potholes and the state of the road surface in Derworthy Lane, also mentioned was the electronic sign at the top of Waldon Hill which is covered in green moss consequently it was not visible. The clerk was requested to report this to Highways Department.

Lesley Self asked whether the appearance of Japanese Knotweed had to be reported, Lesley was informed that the Highways department no longer had the resources to keep knotweed under control and it was up to the individual to deal with it if it was on or within the boundary of their property.

Councillor Robin Julian gave his report, his first subject was the state of the Highways and said that although there had been a 8 million pounds injection of cash for Devon's roads the cost to get 'back on track' would take an estimated 800 million. He went on to say that it needed representatives of the Highways Department to come down and walk to see the extent of repairs that are needed. There is a pilot scheme in operation getting Parishes to fill small potholes with cold tar.

Councillor Julian then talked about Wind Turbines and the prospect of there being a further 600-800 more in North Devon, with Parishes not having any say in the planning applications. Most Parishes are against the thought of this happening, but as Torridge get a large amount of money by allowing these wind turbines there is very little that can be done to prevent it. Councillor Gareth Piper asked how large the wind turbines would be and the answer was 400 feet. Gareth also asked what megawatt they would be and Robin said he did not know. Isobelle asked why we need these Turbines. The electricity they generate costs 28%, the grids are full and they spoil the Countryside. Councillor Julian agreed and said he would like the Parishes to have their say, and should not be bullied in to accepting decisions by those who do not live in Rural areas.

5) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 reported that she had phoned several times, and emailed Councillor Julian. There has been no reply from Julie Pepworth either by email or telephone .Councillor Julian said he had he had also contacted Highways department regarding the complaint but had had no reply either.
- 2) P3, Michael Jackson reported that he had had no reply to his correspondence regarding there-routing of footpath 15, as Ros Davis, the lady who deals with parish footpaths was away for two weeks.

7) **Planning Applications**

1) 1/0211/2016/FUL

Proposal: New extension and Carport

Location: St. Martins, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

2) 1/0089/2016/FUL

Proposal: Remove of rear utility and construction of extension forming kitchen, dining and utility facilities.

Location: Ireland Cottage, Milton Damerel, Gidcott, Holsworthy, Devon

*The Parish Councillors had studied the above applications on line and after discussion there were no objections raised, the Clerk will convey their comments to Torridge Planning*

Signed.....

Date.....

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8) **Planning Decisions**

1/0140/2016/FUL

Proposal: Steel framed agricultural building to house livestock

Location: Moorview Farm, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

*This application was granted permission*

**Planning Appeals**

1/1037/2015/AGMB

Proposal; Change of use of agricultural building to No. 1 dwelling under class Q (a) and Q (b)

Location: Land and buildings Little Cott, Milton Damerel ,Devon

9) **Financial Matters**

a) Three Councillors signed cheques for Clerks monthly salary £173.33, DALC subs £98.36 and DALC training session £30.00

b) The annual accounts were discussed and unanimously approved by Councillors present.

c) The Annual Governance Statement was read out by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse, all sections were read and approved by all Councillors Present

d) Although not on the Agenda the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had received notification of the VAT refund of £104.32, the application had been sent in December but the HM Revenue and Excise said that they had not received it.

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

i) Nigel Marshall ii) Mcti Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 iii) Phillip Hackett- Multi Use Games Area

iv) DALC Newsletter, DALC- Evensong at Exeter Cathedral 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

The above correspondence had been circulated by email and no further action is required

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

There were none

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.24pm.