

**Milton Damerel Parish Council**  
**Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

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

1) **Apologies:** Councillor Robin Julian and P.C.S.O 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 disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

3) **Chairman's Announcements**

Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse informed those present that he would be away for the next two meetings and tendered his apologies in advance. Stephen thanked the Parish Clerk for organising and running the Community AED and life support evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017, it was well attended and those present thought it very informative.

4) **Public Comments and District Councillors report**

There were no members of the public present

5) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 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) Superfast Broadband, the Parish Council had not received any further information Geoffrey Cox MP, (apart from an acknowledgement to their petition) ) but he had replied to a letter from David Fisher, which informed him that Fibre optic for faster broadband, up to 300mb would be available to him 'very shortly'.
- 2) Locality Grant from Councillor Robin Julian, the clerk informed the Councillors that to date the grant had not been received, but had been assured by Councillor Julian that the grant had been approved.
- 3) Blocked drains near Glover's Cottage, the Clerk informed the Councillors that she had reported the problem to the Highways Department, Councillor John Webb said that as far as he could tell this had yet to be done, the Clerk will contact Highways department again.

7) **Planning Applications**

There are none

8) **Planning Decisions**

1/1006/2016/FUL: Proposal: Formation of hard standing for car parking area

Location: 2 Downs View, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above application was granted permission*

**Planning Appeals**

There are none

9) **Financial Matters**

a) Financial report to date, the Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had sent in a request for VAT refund of £702.63.

The Precept request of £3855.00 for the financial year of 2017/2018 has been sent to Torridge DC finance Department. The balance in the bank is £4050.80 this consists of ring fenced funds, step back in time £183.02, £107.01 P3 and balance of defibrillator grant £430, the balance of £3330.77 being Parish Council general funds

b) Three Parish Councillors signed a cheque for the Clerks Salary £173.33.

d) Three Parish Councillors signed a cheque for the installation of defibrillators £168.00 (£28.00 VAT refundable)

e) Defibrillator Insurance, the Clerk informed the Parish Councillors that she had made enquiries regarding insurance, the insurance company stated that the insurance for the year would add approximately £25 to the existing policy, there would be no extra cost until the policy is renewed in May

f) Although not on the agenda the Parish Councillors agreed to sign a cheque for £150 to pay for entertainment for the annual Children's party, this is being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, this is the sum of the approved grant from Councillor Robin Julian.

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

All correspondence received by email was circulated to Councillors as received.

- i) Michael Jackson P3 annual return, this was approved and will be signed by the Parish Clerk and returned to Ros Davis
- ii) Email from Laurie Cook regarding 'The Oaks', this had been previously circulated by email, the Parish Councillors discussed its content, the unanimous decision was to ask the Clerk to write to Nigel Marshall the planning enforcement officer to inform him the Parish Council was very concerned that they are still receiving complaints from residents regarding the continual barking of the dogs at the 'Oaks', they were also disappointed certain aspects and conditions of planning application 1/0230/2016 had not been adhered to. The clerk will also write to Laurie to inform him of the Parish Council Actions. A copy of the email to Nigel Marshall will be sent to Councillor Hicks.
- iii) Councillor Richard Piper had attended the Holsworthy Area Meeting, James Morrish from Torridge District Council attended. Also present was Councillor Barry Parsons who informed all present of serious cut-backs in the coming financial year in all departments.  
There were lots of complaints from all on various issues, one of the main ones was the problem of 'dog fouling' one complaint was of a black bin liner full of dog waste left in a hedge, this was obviously from Kennels, but without knowing who it was, there is little that the Councillors can do. All present were urged to report any person that they see who is flouting the by-laws on dog waste.  
Janet Alexander gave a report on the progress of 'Self Build' in the area, she requires names on lists and notification of any 'brown' site that could be used for this purpose.  
Sgt. Dave Monkton introduced himself as the new sergeant at Holsworthy, he is hoping to have two new Police officers at Holsworthy in the coming months.  
Councillor Piper also informed the meeting that there will be a new Planning Policy due out in September

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

- 1) Councillor Gareth Piper voiced his concern regarding parking at Holsworthy Beacon, on the road outside the Council Houses, vehicles are forced on to the wrong side of the road on a blind bend and there could be a nasty accident, the Clerk was requested to write to highways to see if anything can be done.
- 2) The Clerk was also requested to contact Julie Pepworth, for an up-date regarding the Bus shelter at Venn Green.
- 3) Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse asked for suggestions for a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting which is held in April. Of the suggestions made the Clerk was requested to write to the new Sergeant at Holsworthy to see if he was available to come along and give a short presentation and introduce himself to the Community.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 20.30