

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper (Vice Chairman) Grace Millman, Rose Hayne, Gareth Piper and the Parish Clerk Lorraine Buttery,

1) **Apologies received from:**

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, District Councillor Ken Carroll, P.C.S.O. Racquel Rowe, Councillors Jim Richardson - on Holiday, and John Webb - unwell

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 wished those present a Happy New Year.

4) **Public Comments, County and District Councillors reports**

There were no members of the public or County/District Councillors present, Councillor Barry Parsons had sent his monthly report which had been circulated by email.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on, 20th December 2017 had been circulated by email and read by all Councillors, they were signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse as being a true record of the meeting.

6) **Matters Arising**

- 1) Community Governance review, this was discussed and the decision was that Councillors could make comment if they so wished. No collective reply was necessary.
- 2) Town Farm , although no official update or decision had been received , Councillor Grace Millman had looked at the plans and noted that there had been some amendments to the original plans, these were:
 - i) The three story development had been reduced to two stories.
 - ii) Sewage treatment plant had been re-sited
 - iii) A new soakaway had been put in placeIt was also noted that a letter had been received from Historic England who were unhappy with the general outlay of the development as it was thought it detracts from the listing of the Church, also the development was not in keeping with the area. They also voiced concern regarding the old stone wall as it was felt that the whole of the wall should be retained, they also recommended that the original 'finger posts' should be kept in situ.
- 3) Air Ambulance, the Clerk informed the Parish Councillors of an email that had been received from Richard Clerk the Chairman of Shebbear Parish Council, the information it contained was very useful. A discussion took place, the Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse said he would speak again to Roger Lawes, who originally made the suggestion that the Parish Council look into the prospect of a site being developed in Milton Damerel. The unanimous decision was that the Parish Clerk contact Tony Russell who is the Air Ambulance coordinator to enquire if a site was actually feasible or required in this area.

7) **Planning Applications**

There were none

8) **Planning Decisions**

Received after the Agenda had been distributed
1/1037/2017/FUL

Proposal: Agricultural shed for the housing of livestock and tractor/implement store

Location: Land at Old Stables, Milton Damerel, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was granted permission

Planning Appeals

There were none

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9) **Financial Matters**

- a) Financial report to date, the Clerk gave each Councillor a print out of the cash book and bank reconciliation, the bank shows a balance of £4992.97, £183.02 being Step Back In time fund, £244.57 P3 fund, £290 balance of defib. grant, the balance of £4275.38 being PC general funds.
- b) The budget for the financial Year 2018/2019 was discussed, the unanimous decision was to accept the budget proposals and set the precept at £3,970.00. This is an increase over last year of £115.00
- c) Three Councillors signed the cheque for Clerks Salary £205.83
- d) Receipt of Devon community grant £175.14 was acknowledged, this was for the emergency radios purchased by Roger Lawes, who had been reimbursed.

The Chairman Stephen Moyses informed the Councillors that he had had a request from Liz Vernon asking whether some of her costs for presents for the Toddlers Christmas party could be reimbursed. The sum in question was about £54, after discussion Councillor Grace Millman proposed donating a sum of £25 as a one off payment. It was stated that not all the Children attending the party were actually residents of Milton Damerel, so it was not appropriate to refund all the cost. The clerk was asked to write a letter to Liz enclosing the cheque and suggesting to her that it might be advantageous to apply for a grant to help with the cost of seasonal parties. Three Councillors signed the cheque.

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

All correspondence had been sent by email, there were no matters arising, and no mail was received by post.

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

- 1) Councillor Richard Piper had been approached by Mr. Pickering complaining about the terrible state of the Road from Strawberry Bank –Withypool –Berry Cross, although complaints had been made regarding this road in the past nothing has been done.
The Clerk will write to Simon Phillips and cc in Councillor Barry Parsons.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm