

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

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

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

1) **Apologies received from:**

Councillors Grace Millman, John Webb, Rose Hayne and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons

2) **Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

3) **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. *Councilor Gareth Piper declared and interest in the planning application item 7.*
- c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*

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

No members of the public or County or District Councillors present.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th September 2018 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) Air Ambulance, an email had been received from Toby Russell, he apologised for the long delay in getting back to the Parish Council. He stated that he had been back to the area to check over potential sites and in brief his remarks were:
 - i) Land behind Sanders area is too small
 - ii) Land by Parish hall, big enough but problems with cattle grazing, and more importantly it is too far from main population
 - iii) Field on A388, large enough but no near electric, which would add to set up costs and ongoing Administration.
 - iv) Private Land, two fields would be suitable and near the main bulk of population.Toby suggested another meeting to further discuss the options. The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse will contact him.
- 2) Website, the clerk reported that all old newsletters were now on the website as was previous years minutes and agendas.
- 3) Roads/Highways, notices have recently been distributed to inform all that resurfacing is scheduled for the end of October and early November. Gidcott Mill had been looked and it was felt that there was no repairs necessary.
- 4) Holsworthy Beacon Crossroads visibility, the Clerk had reported the problem to Highways but as yet no solution had been forthcoming.

7) **Planning Applications**

1/023/2018/OUT

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved for 3 dwellings

Location: Land at Holsworthy Beacon

The above application was discussed, Councillor Gareth Piper took no part in the discussion

The unanimous decision by those present was that they could not support the application, the reason being, that it was felt that another development was not needed as there is already a

partially developed site in the same road. The Clerk will convey the comments to Torridge Planning.

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8) **Planning decisions**

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9) **Financial Matters**

- a) Financial report to date, the Clerk had emailed a spreadsheet before the meeting, no issues were raised, the bank statement was shown to support balances. There being £5,524.83 in the bank account, comprising of £183.02 'Step Back in Time' fund, £508.57 P3 funds, balance of defib grant £290.00, the balance of £4543.24 being Parish Council General Funds.
- b) Three Councillors signed a cheque for Clerks Salary £205.84.
- c) The Councillors acknowledged receipt of the 2nd half of precept £1985.00
- d) The Councillors acknowledged the signing of the cheque to the Gardening Club for £80, which was done between meetings as this was omitted at the last meeting
- e) Clerks Amended contract, the Chairman picked up an error, the Clerk apologised and will put it right and bring to the next meeting.

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

All correspondence received by email had been circulated to all Councillors and no further action was required.

Received in the Post and by hand:

Letters of thanks had been received from M.D. Newsletter, M.D. Parish Hall, and the CAB thanking the Parish Council for their annual grant cheques.

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

- 1) An email had been received from Janet Fisher, who is a member of 'Friends of Blake House Surgery', requesting a grant towards the appeal which is raising money for a lift to be installed at the Surgery at Black Torrington, which was being extended and renovated, the surgery rooms were being moved to the upper floor and a lift will be necessary to assist the more infirm patients
The matter was discussed and the unanimous decision was not to award a grant.
The Chairman requested that the clerk speak to Councillor Grace Millman and then convey the decision to Janet.
- 2) The Chairman asked if there had been any special events organised for the celebration of the Centenary of WW1? As far as all were concerned the answer was no. The Councillors will seek further information and communicate any news or decisions made.
- 3) No further news had been reported regarding the complaints regarding the issue surrounding the issue of the Dogs barking. Councillor Jim Richardson remarked that the noise had been pretty bad over the past week and 'logs' were being kept, to report back to the environment department.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending, there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm