

Milton Damerel Parish Council
Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm
Present: Councillors Richard Piper, (Vice Chairman), Gareth Piper, Grace Millman, and Jim Richardson

- 1) **Apologies:** Councillors Steve Moyse, Rose Haynes, & John Webb, Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk, 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**

There were none
- 4) **Public Comments and District Councillors report**

Parishioner John Driver of Kites spoke about the very poor condition of the road outside his property and along the whole of the road from Crossways. He has counted at least 16 potholes and sought help from the Parish Council to report the problems to DCC Highways. There are occasional visits from Highways but probably not for the last 12 months and any repairs are not lasting – patching is quickly washed out again and there are always potholes along the road. Councillors undertook to report the matter to Highways, including online to www.new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem and also to report the complaint to Cllr Robin Julian. Details of the web-site were also given to Mr. Driver. The problem of excess speed by drivers along this road was also raised by Mr. Driver, serious danger for pets and children living along the road. Councillors thought it unlikely that any speed restrictions would be considered by Highways and any warning signs would probably be a financial cost to the Parish Council, however, this would be looked into.

Councillor Grace Millman reported that PCSO Rowe in giving her apologies for the meeting had asked that Councillors should be advised about an incident in Bridgerule when a cat was shot with an air rifle and injured. Also that the Holsworthy Station has 2 new PCs additional to the current Sergeant and PC.
- 5) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2017, these having been circulated and read by all Councillors, were signed by the Chairman Councillor Richard Piper as being a true record of the meeting.
- 6) **Matters Arising:**
 - 1) Superfast Broadband, the Parish Council had received a reply from Geoffrey Cox MP, dated 25th January.. BT had advised the MP that as one of BT's smaller exchanges, Milton Damerel wasn't included in their commercial fibre roll out programme, but has now been upgraded using Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) technology. The upgrade had been completed in previous two weeks and to access faster service depends on distance they live from the exchange. To find out more residents should go online to; www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx. If service is available then residents need to contact their Service Provider. Contact can also be made with www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk It was reported that residents are not advised when fibre is available, but need to regularly check the websites and to then contact their Service Provider.
 - 2) Locality Grant from Councillor Robin Julian, it was noted the grant was still outstanding and the clerk would contact Cllr Julian again.
 - 3) Blocked drains near Glover's Cottage, Councillors had noted Highways staff in the parish and from the reduction of flood water on the road thought the drain may have been cleared.
 - 4) Bus shelter –Julie Pepworth had e-mailed the clerk to advise a bid would be made for the next financial year, to include a basic cantilever shelter, provided the Parish Council confirms it will take on the maintenance of the shelter, including cleaning, minor repairs, vandalism damage, etc. This was agreed.
 - 5) Annual Parish Meeting – The clerk was still awaiting a response from Sgt Monkton. It was suggested if no reply is received within 2 weeks we should ask the clerk to do a short presentation on AED/CPR.

7. Planning Applications

1/1243/2016/FUL was received between meetings and required response before this meeting; Councillors had been contacted about the applications and no objections were raised and this was reported to TDC

No objections raised and application is supported.

8. Planning Decisions

There are none

Planning Appeals

There are none

9. Financial Matters

- a) Financial report to date, the report provided by the was circulated. The balance in the bank is £4262.10 this consists of ring fenced funds, step back in time £183.02, £107.01 P3 and balance of defibrillator grant £430, the balance of £3542.07 being Parish Council general funds
- b) Three Parish Councillors signed a cheque for the Clerks Salary £173.33
- c) VAT refund – the claim for £702.63 had been paid by HMRC.

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) Letter from Geoffery Cox MP – discussed under Matters Arising above.
- ii) E mail from Janet Fisher – whilst acknowledging the Milton Town site is unsightly the land is in the ownership of the developer and assumed pending submission of further planning application(s).
- iii) Torridge District Sports Facility Assessment questionnaire – Councillors having looked at the questions did not wish to respond, referring back to the Parish Plan which showed many interests but few willing to organize, and not being aware of any current interest from parishioners.
- iv) Electoral Review of Torridge Final recommendations – these were noted and supported and subject to legislation the Milton & Tamarside Ward would apply from May 2019.
- v) New Homes Bonus Community Grants 2016-2017 – Councillor Grace Millman has photos taken for the next edition of the Newsletter and it was agreed to offer James Jarroudi, Community Engagement Officer the opportunity to visit, and an invite to the next training session may be more appropriate than a visit to view 2 defibrillators locations.

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

There were none

There being no other business the Vice Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 20.25