

# Milton Damerel Parish Council

## Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Also present was Bill Rabbetts and Janine Baker

1) **Apologies received from:** Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, P.C.S.O. Racquel 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 welcomed Bill Rabbetts and Janine Banks, as there were no members of the public present invited Bill to give his presentation before Parish Council business, this will enable them to leave when they had finished.

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

**There were none.**

4a **Bill Rabbetts – Reference Development Milton Town.**

Bill introduced his colleague Janine Baker who has recently been in charge of the planning application, he said that he was hoping that another colleague Ben Carlyle would be able to attend but was otherwise engaged.

Bill thanked the Parish Councillors for allowing him the chance to speak at such short notice. He went on to explain that for the past 24 months they had been working alongside English Heritage to ensure the future development would be sensitive to the Milton Damerel area. The original plans had been rescinded as too much time had elapsed, but the site was still recognised as a viable development.

Janine went on to explain that there would be two applications being presented to Torridge Planning department one for 10 units and the other for 18 units. It was hoped that the application for the 18 units would be successful as this was what they wanted. This would include 3 'affordable units'. The estate would be run by a 'Management Company'. Councillor Stephen Moyse asked "what would stop an outside organisation coming in and increasing costs to the residents"? Bill replied that the management company would be owned by the residents each having one share. It was hoped that Holsworthy Property Trust would be involved in the selection of the local people to have tenancy of the 'affordable housing'.

Councillor John Webb asked about the 'time scale', Bill replied that he "just wants to get on with it now", they were going for a full application as opposed to outline permission and the project would be completed over three years. Councillor Richard Piper asked about 'surface water' and the reply was that the surface water would go directly to the water course with perhaps tanks in the ground or soakaways.

Councillor Grace Millman suggested that a public meeting be held as soon as the application was validated.

This was agreed to by Bill and he said that he would be very pleased to attend with Janine and Ben Carlyle.

The Chairman thanked Bill and Janine for the information, and the very informative plans and paperwork, Janine supplied her contact details and said to let her know if any one has any questions and queries.

5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 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) Bus Shelter; the clerk informed the Councillors that she had written to Julie Pepworth twice but had not had a reply to either of the emails, the Chairman requested that the clerk chase it up

2) Notice Board – the clerk had written to the Parish Hall Committee, with the suggestions as per the minutes, the reply from the committee was that it would be discussed at the next meeting (14<sup>th</sup> August) the decision would be conveyed to the Clerk- to date no letter had been received.

3) The Clerk had written to Highways regarding the damaged warning poles, but to date these had not been replaced.

4) Superfast Broadband, the Clerk had written to Matthew but had not received a reply, the Chairman requested that the clerk chase it up

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7) Planning Applications

1) 1/0692/2017/FUL

Proposal: Erection of detached bungalow and creation of new access

Location: Tor View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

This application was received between meeting with the deadline for comments being the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Comments were requested by email and there were no objections raised, the application was approved by all Councillors, the Clerk conveyed the decision to Torridge Planning.

2) 1/0617/2017/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of Shed and erection of a building for storage and to garage vehicles

Location: Lower Buttermoor, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon.

This application was received between meeting with the deadline for comments being the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Comments were requested by email and there were no objections raised, although the remarks were that 'Normally a building of this structure and size would be out of character on a residential property, but in this case the neighbouring buildings are farm buildings of a similar construction.' The Clerk had conveyed the decision to the planning department.

3) 1/0777/2017/FUL (Received after the Agenda had been printed)

Proposal: Single Storey extension to provide guest bedroom

Location: The Oakes Annexe, Milton Damerel, Devon, EX22 7DQ

The Parish Councillors agreed to look at the plans and pass their comments on to the Clerk before the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Councillor Grace Millman commented that there was another application for a building at 'The Old Stable' which was on the weekly list but had not been circulated, the Clerk replied that she would look into the matter.

8) Planning Decisions

*There were none.*

Planning Appeals

*There were none*

9) Financial Matters

a) Financial report to date- the Clerk reported that there was ££4876.80 in the bank, this comprised of:

£4,159.21 PC General funds, £183.02 Step Back in Time Fund, £244.57 P3 funds and £290.00 balance of Defib Grant

b) The Clerks Salary cheque for £205.83 was signed by three Councillors.

c) Tap Fund, the Clerk reminded the Chairman that she is waiting for the quotes for the application process.

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

1) The Clerk requested to purchase some loose leaves for the minute book, this was unanimously agreed.

2) The Councillors were encouraged to look at the Torridge Local Plan of which there is a survey and then make their individual comments.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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