

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse (Chairman), Richard Piper, (Vice Chairman), Jim Richardson, Grace Millman Rose Hayne, and Gareth Piper.

- 1) **Apologies received from:** Councillor John Webb (unwell); Lorraine Buttery, Parish Clerk (holiday) and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons
- 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 reported that the flooding problem by Glover's Cottage seems to have been resolved as a result of the work undertaken by himself and Cllr Richard Piper.
- 4) **Public Comments and District Councillors report**

There were none.
- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th August 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 had contacted Julie Pepworth again but had not had a reply.
 - 2) Notice Board – Grace Millman had received a reply from the Parish Hall Committee advising the Committee agree that community notice boards at both Venn Green and Strawberry Bank would be a good idea but the Committee did not feel it is their responsibility to contribute to the cost of providing them. Furthermore it was suggested the Parish Council should seek grant funding to cover the cost. Councillors decided to leave this matter until budget setting for 2018/19.
 - 3) Development at Milton Town – Grace Millman had contacted Torridge Planning after the presentation by Bill Rabbetts at the last meeting and had circulated the reply, advising an application had been submitted to TDC but further detail had been requested before the application could be validated.
 - 4) Superfast Broadband – no further update since the last meeting
- 7) **Planning Applications**

1/0777/2017/FUL
Proposal: Single Storey extension to provide guest bedroom
Location: The Oakes Annexe, Milton Damerel, Devon, EX22 7DQ
The Parish Councillors had submitted comments to the Clerk which had been forwarded to TDC. Although there were no objections by Councillors regarding this application, although councillors had remarked about no toilet facility in the annex and concerns about proximity of adjacent building for pigs, dogs and puppies. *Although formal notification still to be received, reference to TDC Planning web-site, letter dated 19th September had been issued stating the application had been refused.*
- 8) **Planning Decisions**
 - 1) 1/0692/2017/FUL
Proposal: Erection of detached bungalow and creation of new access
Location: Tor View, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon
The above application was granted approval
 - 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.
The above application was granted approval

Signed.....

Date.....

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3) 1/0805/2017/AGR

Proposal: Agricultural building

Location: The Old Stables, Milton Town

This application had appeared on TDC weekly list in August before the August meeting, but had not been forwarded to the Clerk. The clerk has been advised that TDC Planning do not notify the parish of Agricultural Determinations however they do still have to appear in the weekly list. There is no need for Councillors to comment on this application as they are not classified as a planning application.

Councillors noted this response but requested the clerk to make enquiries of TDC Planning on whether this was a change of policy as the Parish Council had been previously consulted on many agricultural buildings applications.

Planning Appeals

There were none

9) Financial Matters

- a) Financial report to date- the Clerk had provided copies of the Financial Report which showed that there was £4670.97 in the bank, this comprised of:
£3953.38 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) Cheques for Minute Book loose-leaf sheets £14.31, Parish Hall hire for meetings £30.00, 2017 Grants for Parish Hall £150, Gardening Club £80, Newsletter £100, Parish Church £100, and Citizens' Advice Bureau £50, were signed by three Councillors.
- d) Quotations for hedge-trimming of parish roads were received – Peter Hutchings – Contractors £31.50 per hour; M&S Plant Hire £33.50 per hour; Manning & Son £35.00 per hour. Peter Hutchings was awarded the contract.
- e) Councillors agreed to settle the invoice from Clements Hill Farms Ltd (Peter Hutchings Contractors). Cheque for £491.40 for was signed by three Councillors.

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

All correspondence has been sent by email – no further action required

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

- 1) Councillors enquired on progress with discussions about re-opening Holsworthy Hospital, but no further had been Received.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.