

Milton Damerel Parish Council

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 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 one member of the public

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. *Councillors Grace Millman and Rose Hayne declared an interest in the Grant Application for MD Newsletter. Councillor Jim Richardson declared an interest in the grant application for the Gardening Club. Councillor John Webb declared an interest in item 7 planning.*

3) Chairman's Announcements

Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse welcomed all to the meeting.

4) Public Comments and District Councillors report

There was one member of the public present, who informed the Councillors that he was representing other residents, who were interested in receiving an up-date regarding Town Farm. Chairman Stephen Moyse stated that the Parish Council had received no further information. Councillor John Webb asked who owned the land to the right of the proposed site? Councillor Grace Millman replied that Drews had only purchased the farmland. English Heritage had put in a strong objection to the application. It came to light that there had been a new application for the site but it looked exactly like the original application. The Clerk was requested to contact Torridge Planning to discover further details.

- 5) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 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 a reply had been received from Julie Pepworth to inform the Parish Council that the purchase and erection of the Bus shelter had been approved and work would commence in the New Year.
- 2) **Development Milton Town**: discussed at item 4 on the agenda.
- 3) **Super-fast Broadband**: The Clerk has received no further updates, Councillor John Webb stated that his internet seemed much better at the moment.

7. Planning Applications

1/1037/2017/FUL

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

Location: Land at Old Stables Milton Damerel, Devon. Councillor John Webb declared an interest and took no part in the decision

The above application was discussed and although there were no objections to the development the following comments and concerns were raised by the Parish Councillors, the Clerk will pass these on to Torridge Planning:

- i) The position of the block is not in keeping with the area, and raise the question as to the siting within the Boundary.*
- ii) The shed will be visible from the lane and visible to neighboring properties.*
- ii) This being an agricultural building is it too close to residential properties?*

8. Planning Decisions

1/0554/2017/FUL (Should have been on Octobers Agenda)

Proposal: Reserved Matters application pursuant to 1/0212/2016/OUT for new Bungalow

Location: Land at Parkfields, Milton Damerel, Devon, EX22 7DQ

Application granted permission

Planning Appeals

There are none

Signed.....

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9. **Financial Matters**

- a) The Clerk reported that there was £5143.81 in the current account, this consisted of Ring fenced SBIT fund of £183.02, P3 funds of £244.57, Balance of defib grant £290.00, the remaining £4426.22 is Parish Council general funds.
- b) Three Councillors signed cheques for the Clerks Salary £205.83 and to Charles Brimacombe £80 – grass cutting
- c) The Clerk presented the proposed budget to the Councillors, Councillor Grace Millman said that it was different to the one issued last month, the Clerk and said the new lay out was recommended by DALC and apologised for the error in the percentage increase. The proposed 3% increase is due to increases in the cost of Insurance, DALC subs, increase in Parish Hall Hire and Clerks salary. The Proposed increase in the Precept request from £3855.00 to £3970.00 will be considered at the next meeting.
- d) Annual grant applications for financial year 2018/2019 were discussed and the following grants were unanimously decided:
 - i) Milton Damerel Parish Hall £150.00
 - ii) Milton Damerel and District Gardening Club £80.00
 - iii) Milton Damerel Newsletter £100.00
 - iv) Milton Damerel Parish Church £100.00
 - v) North Devon , Torridge and District C.A.B £50.00

Councillors Grace Millman and Rose Hayne declared an interest in the Grant Application for MD Newsletter. Councillor Jim Richardson declared an interest in the grant application for the Gardening Club and took no part in the decisions.

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyle informed the Councillors that he had had a request from Roger Lawes regarding a grant for the purchase of 'Emergency Plan Radios'? After a discussion when the councillors were informed that grants might be available from Torridge Council, Councillor Moyle said he would approach Roger regarding an application. If this was unsuccessful, the Parish Council would consider approaching Local and District Councillors for a grant to cover the cost.

Councillor Gareth piper inquired whether we should find out if Charles Brimacombe has adequate public liability insurance. The Clerk will firstly enquire with the Parish Council Insurance providers to find out what the position would be if there was an accident. Depending on the reply the Clerk would then contact Charles.

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

All correspondence has been sent by email.

- 1) Councillor Grace Millman inquired about an email regarding ' a patch plan', the Clerk will re-send to all Councillors as there was some doubt as to what the email was all about.

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

- 1) Councillor John Webb had noticed that the light in the defibrillator cabinet at Hoslworthy Beacon was not working. Councillor Gareth Piper said he would have a look at it.
- 2) Councillor Grace Millman commented that usually she would put in a Parish Plan update in the newsletter but as there is no more that can be said about affordable housing, thought it better to leave it out of the forthcoming edition..
- 3) Councillor Stephen Moyle asked the Parish Councillors if they would have any objections to the Parish Hall Committee erecting Black Boards on the Bus shelters at Venn Green and Crossways? This would be instead of the notice boards discussed at earlier meetings. The Parish Councillors raised no objections. Stephen will report back to the Parish Hall Committee.
- 4) Councillor Rose Haynes reported that it was suspected that the drain near Buttermoor Cross was broken and the road was flooding, the Clerk will report it to highways.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for attending and as there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm