

Milton Damerel Parish Council Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 commencing at 7.45pm
Present: Councillors Stephen Moyse, Chairperson, Richard Piper, Vice- Chairperson, Jim Richardson, and Gareth Piper. Also present were Councillor Kit Hepple, 2 members of the public and Lorraine Buttery Parish clerk

1) Apologies received from:

Apologies received from, Councillor Rose Haynes (holiday), PCSO Emma Tomkies, PFCSO Mark James, District Councillor Ken James and Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, both Councillors having other Parish Council Meetings to attend.

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. *None were declared*
- 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:

County Councillor Barry Parsons emailed a report which will be put on the website.

The 4 members of the public primarily attended to reiterate their concerns regarding the planning application at Town Farm. Although the developers had slightly altered the plans, the main issues and causes for concern from the original application had not been addressed. In brief these were:

- 1) In planning application there is 'soak-away drainage system', for the drainage of surface water, as the ground is predominately clay a soak-away system will not work.
- 2) It looks as if a Natural spring will be diverted or concreted over, springs will 'come up elsewhere which once again could cause flooding and erosion, if it moves into the Churchyard it could cause erosion to the foundation of the Church and damage graves. According to the 'Lead Flood Officer, the drainage issue was not clarified. The increased 'concrete cover' with the no provision for suitable drainage, the run off could cause flooding to neighbouring properties.
- 3) Roads are not suitable for the increase of traffic in the area.
- 4) All parishioners present agreed that 8 homes in addition to 2 in the Barn conversion is too many for this area, a more suitable number would be 6.
- 5) Are existing trees on the boundaries to remain, as this is not clear. Removal of trees could cause damage because of the deep roots, would this affect the Church Graves.
- 6) The tree survey is wrong as it states there are only 'soft wood' trees and scrub on the site, this is incorrect as there are hard wood trees, Oaks, elms and horse chestnut trees.
- 7) There are concerns regarding the 'Discharge Licence' for the existing private sewage treatment site as the number of additional premises would exceed the license, leading to foul water being discharged on local land, the new 'sewage plant' would be next to an existing property which is inappropriate and unacceptable.
- 8) The proposed entrance/exit from the development site is on a bend and would be very dangerous, it should be repositioned.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Councillors should make a vote on the application, the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse explained that the vote would be taken after the official discussion On planning.

Councillor Kit Hepple introduced himself to the Councillors and residents presents, he had no report to give, as only elected on the 6th May and is learning the ropes. Kit did inform the residents that he would look into the planning application and asked that the residents email their concerns and wishes.

- 5) The minutes_of_the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th April 2019 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; the Chairman has invited Toby Russell to the June meeting, it is hoped by the meeting the cost of the installation will be available, Councillor Stephen Moyse has an appointment with Western Power on the 28th May, to establish the cost of the power supply. It is hoped that the final cost to the Parish Council will be and what Air Ambulance will pay for. Councillor Moyse asked Councillor Hepple if grants would be available from him? Councillor Hepple replied that he would have to find out from DCC.

2) Elections: There were five applications to replace the two Councillors who retired from office this year. The Chairman Councillor Stephen Moyse read out the letters of application for all five candidates. It had been decided to hold ballots to elect the new Councillors. The result of the first ballot held was that Teresa Walters be elected. The result of second ballot held was that Peter Buckpitt be elected.

7. Planning Applications

1/0520/2018/FULM

Proposal: Creation of 8 dwellings and conversion of barn to 2 dwellings- Resubmission of 1/0732/2017/FULM (affecting right of way) Amended Plans

Location: Land at Town Farm, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above application was discussed in full. After a vote the Councillors unanimously agreed not to support the application. The issues that had been raised in the original application had not been addressed. The Clerk was requested to email Torrridge Planning reiterating the original comments

8. Planning decisions

1) 1/1203/2018/CPE

Proposal: Certificate of existing Lawful development for the uses of barns as residential dwellings (C3)

Location: 1 and 2 Woodland View Barns, Milton Damerel, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

The above application was approved

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Financial Matters

- a) The receipt of the first half of precept £1985.00 was acknowledged.
- b) Three Councillors signed cheques for:
 - i) Clerks salary £208.93.
 - ii) ITC annual web support and hosting £150.00
 - iii) Admin Expenses £32.59.
 - iv) Although not on the agenda it was unanimously agreed to sign the cheque to Dr J Foster for completing the internal audit - £50
- c) Annual Governance statement, the Chairperson Councillor Stephen Moyse read out the details of the statements, which were agreed and approved by all, they were duly signed by the Chairperson and Clerk.
- d) Annual Accountancy statements, were studied by the Councillors and agreed as true and correct, they were duly signed by the Chairperson and Clerk.
- e) To approve Annual return and annual accounts, the paperwork was studied by the Councillors and approved as true and correct, they were duly signed by the Chairperson and Clerk.
- f) Annual Audit Exemption certificate was signed by Councillor Moyse and the Clerk
- g) Financial report to date, the financial information had been sent to Councillors by email. the balance in the bank is £5,664.49 this comprises of Ring-fenced funds of £183.02 Step Back in Time fund, £508.57, P3 funds and £290.00 the balance of defibrillator grant. The balance of £4,682.90

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

All correspondence had been sent by email and forwarded to Councillors. No issues were raised.

Received by post:

None received

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

- 1) The Clerk reported that on inspection it was found that the defibrillators cabinets showed signs of Corrosion, the PVC covering on the doors was lifting due to rust. The cabinet at Holsworthy Beacon Being in the worst condition. The clerk had telephoned the supplier and was informed that the cabinets were only guaranteed for 2 years, so were out of warranty, the cost of replacement is about £800, the Clerk will enquire with District and County Councillors to see if grants might be available.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

