

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>. 2024 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were three members of the public in attendance and the following items were considered:

- (1) Mr. Morgan raised concerns about the number of potholes along Shotton Lane which had caused serious damage to his car. It was noted that complaints had already been raised about the state of the road but he was advised to complete a 'Fix My Street' report and to take action to get recompence for repairs to his car.
  - (2) Mr. Purslow gave details of a response he had received from STAR Housing about the proposed housing development in Godings Lane.
  - (3) Mr. Jones stated that he was waiting to hear details of the issues being raised in the agenda.
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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)  
Mr. M. Andrew  
Mrs. J. Jackson  
Ms. J. Bienek  
Mr. G. Harding  
Mr. I. Anderson  
Mr. A. Harris  
Mr. G. Miller

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.  
The Parish Clerk.  
Three members of the public for part of the meeting.

**23/77 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Jones and Miss K. Row.

**23/78 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a).

**23/79 Minutes from the meeting held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**23/80 Matters Arising:**

**(a) Affordable Housing Project:**

Contact had been made with the Legal Officer representing Shropshire Council regarding the possibility of a fence being erected between the building site and the area planned for the Play Area facilities. Following discussions with her colleagues she had replied, stating that it was felt that the remaining area was not large enough for this and they would draw up plans for the play area when the housing development was completed. A dividing fence would be constructed when the development was complete. A further request had been made asking if the facilities could be used during the planning process and stopped when building started but as yet no reply had been received.

After further consideration the following proposal was made, seconded and unanimously approved:

‘The Council agrees to forfeit the lease on the land in Godings Lane, Harmer Hill, which houses the Children’s Play Area equipment, to allow Shropshire Council to purchase the land and use part of it for the construction of a small estate of affordable housing.

It is understood that the area of land not required for housing will be leased or sold to the Council when the housing project is complete, to enable the play area facilities to be re-instated. The Council had been informed that the play area facilities cannot be used whilst building work is being undertaken but have requested that they may be used whilst the planning of the development is being undertaken and cease the moment building work commences’.

Clerk to advise Mr. Harfitt of the decision.

(b) Highways Projects:

The following issues which had been raised by Councillors and residents had been discussed with Mr. D. Buchannan (Shropshire Council’s Engineering Manager) and his responses are indicated in italics:

i. Improved safety measures at Myddle School.

*On the list for a 20mph speed limit option but the schools travel team will be involved and will work with the school to see what further measures may be feasible.*

ii. Footpath - Pimhill to Bridgewater Arms.

*Construction options will be looked at by the Maintenance Team but will be subject to technical approval and funding. A meeting was held with the local highways officer who pointed out that as it was beside a main road it had to be constructed to the correct standard and be accessible to wheel chair and buggy users. The required width of the path would entail the removal of a hedge and the purchase part of the adjacent field. The estimated cost would exceed £30,000.00*

It was unanimously agreed that this project could not be undertaken

iii. Wem Road speed limit and VAS Unit.

*Will require police support which has currently not been positive and the introduction would require traffic calming measures before it could be installed.*

iv. The Hollow – one way road system.

*The proposal will be looked at in principle but will require support from the Police and local residents. If supported will be subject to funding being made available.*

v. Extension of current speed limits on The Hollow and Shotton Lane.

*Both added to the priority list although due to funding issues will have low priority and be subject to TRO consultation support from the Police.*

vi. Warning signs on A528 prior to Hillcrest View Housing and the junction with Brookside:

*Added to the priority list but with no history of accidents will be a low priority.*

vii. Buffer 40mph zone on Baschurch Road, Myddle.

*Will be added to the priority list but has low priority and be dependent of support from the police and community and subject to funding being available.*

(c) Entrance Signs for Villages.

Councillor A. Harris had obtained quotes for a number of signs that could be erected on the side of the main roads leading into Myddle and Harmer Hill, simply stating Welcome to Myddle or Harmer Hill plus ‘Please drive carefully’. The signs were of a standard approved by the Department of Transport. Before a decision could be finalised a check would be made to see if it could be funded from the Community Infrastructure budget.

(d) Myddle Church Clock:

Councillor G. Harding gave an interesting and informative report on the history of the current clock and the recurring problems which were preventing it from working. The clock had originally been purchased by public subscription and it was felt that the Council should support the Parochial Church Council in funding the necessary up-date to ensure it would continue to work efficiently.

A quotation for the work would be obtained before a final decision was made and in the meantime the Clerk would check if Community Infrastructure finance could be used.

**23/81 Correspondence.**

Members considered the details of the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and where appropriate, responses had been or were made.

**23/82 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (December)	£427.50
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (December)	£30.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE/NI (February)	£283.60
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (January)	£232.50
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (January)	£390.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting & Domain renewal	£240.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (January/February)	£87.10
Inland Revenue	PAYE/N.I. (March)	£283.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)	£425.15
Shropshire Council	Streetlight power (January – March)	£396.68
Glasdon (UK)	Dog waste bags	£303.84
Mr. J. Wilson	Office rent (Sept – March inclusive)	£250.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance	£866.10
M. Busi	EMG Project work (February)	£30.00
Shropshire Council	Play Area Inspections (2023-24)	£931.20

**23/82 (b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

**23/83 Planning Applications:**

Before the following items were considered the Chairman thanked Councillor Jackson for the work she had undertaken in producing a range of documents related to planning which Members had agreed to trial.

**A. The following application had been received for consideration:**

1. Charnwood Farm, Marton, Baschurch – erection of general purpose agricultural building and loose box building (24/00104/FUL). *No concerns raised.*

**B. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:**

5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – Lawful Development Certificate for existing double garage (23/05077/CPE).

**C. Other - Information Only:**

8, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood - Seeking Lawful Development Certificate for the erection of a replacement garage (24/00227/CPL).

**23/84 Community Led Plan Reports:****(a) Traffic and Transport:**

No additional items raised.

**(b) Community Spirit:**

The Annual Litter Pick was being held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. March.

Harmer Hill Village Hall were holding a Mad Hatters Tea Party later on the same date.

The Chairman congratulated Councillors G. Miller and J. Bienek who had, with the support of Mrs. M Markland, produced a Memorial Record of all the graves in Myddle and Broughton Church Yards and Harmer Hill Methodist Chapel.

**(c) Housing:**

No further items raised.

**(d) Business and Farming:**

No items raised.

**23/85 Police Reports:**

Incident figures for:

**(a) November:**

Myddle – 3.

Burglary – 1 (Alford Close): Drug related – 1 (Wellcroft): Other theft – 1 (Castle Farm).

Harmer Hill – 1.

Other Theft (Cambridge Close).

**(b) December:**

Harmer Hill:

Wem Road – Other Theft – (1); The Hollow – Drugs (1).

Yorton - Other Theft (1)

**(c) January:**

No incidents reported.

Councillor G. Miller asked that PCSO Oliver Morris be congratulated on producing and distributing an interesting and informative report on local police activity.

**23/86 Applications from Charities for a Section 137 Grant:**

Requests had been received from Severn Hospice, Hope House and Crane Counselling and after consideration a proposal was made to make a donation of £150.00 to each Charity and this was unanimously approved.

**23/87 Exchange of Additional Information:**

(a) Additional Agenda Items for the May meeting - the AGM:

No items suggested.

b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:

**1. Highways:**

No new issues were raised.

**2. Street Lighting:**

No issues raised.

**23/88 Kings Portrait:**

It was agreed to accept the offer of a free framed portrait of the King.

**23/89 Committee and Other Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**23/90 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2024 at 8.15 in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

This meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.15pm

Please note change of date caused by an election being held for the Police Commissioner.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. Ruck Chairman Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2024 2024:**

**Details of correspondence received since the January meeting.**

ALC - Carers Support Team's extended hours.

NALC – CEO's Newsletter,

David Buchannan – Highways Issues report.

Gail Power – Flood Grants.

Fix My Street – Signs replaced.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area Inspection reports.

Sarah Musgrove – Housing Development.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Planning – Lawful Development Certificate for garage at 8, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood.

ALC – Martyn's Law.

Helen Morgan – Red Castle fire.

NALC – Newsletter.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS – Newsletter.

Emma Green – Planning Enforcement.

NALC – CEO's Newsletter.

Brian Rapson – Health Watch review of GP appointments.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Councillor G. Miller – Traffic Lights.

Councillors G. Miller & A. Harris – Sale of woodland.

Andrea McWilliams – Place Plan Officer.

Lezley Picton – Leader Up-date.

Dianne Dorrell – Organic Gardening.

OPPC – News from West Mercia Police.

ALC – Road Focus Events.

Dianne Dorrell – Street Scene Exec. Manager Appointment.

Oliver Morris – Police Charter.

Brian Rapson (Health Watch) -Press report.  
ALC – Key Volunteering Opportunity.  
ALC – Make a Difference Awards.  
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.  
Health Watch – Government plan for dentistry.\*  
Victoria Doran – Meeting with Jon Blower  
ALC – Shrewsbury Riverside (Consultation.\*  
Helen Morgan MP – Quarterly Update.\*  
ALC – The Right to Grow.\*  
Sarah Musgrove – Housing Development/Play Area.  
Victoria Doran –Meeting with Jon Blower.  
Dianne Dorrell – Martyn’s Law.\*  
ALC – New funding for Green Space.\*  
PCSO Oliver Morris- Local police Newsletter.\*  
Works Team – Road closures for Myddle Muddle.\*  
Lesley Picton – Information about the need for savings in Shropshire Council’s budget.\*  
Dianne Dorrell – February Bulletin.\*  
Gail Power – Free portrait of the King.\*  
Works Team – Road closures in Wem on 27<sup>th</sup>. April for short periods.\*  
Cllr. K. Row – Reservoir Up-date.  
ALC – NALC Newsletter.\*  
John Campion – PCC Newsletter.\*  
Dianne Dorrell – Home Plus increasing rent charges.\*  
Dianne Dorrell – County Hospitals Transformation Programme.\*  
Dianne Dorrell - Research Grant for Hospital Trust Surgeon.\*  
Helen Morgan MP – Publicity Notices.