

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 2ND. AT 7.30PM.

Public Session

There was one member of the public present – Mrs. T. Evans - who was applying for co-option onto the Council to fill the vacant seat.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. I. Gunton

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mr. R. Bowden

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (County and District Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

One member of the public.

08/16 Apologies

There were no apologies.

08/17 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

08/18 Co-option of new Member

Mrs. T. Evans was co-opted on to the Council by a unanimous vote of the Members.

08/19 Police Report.

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period since the last meeting, the following offences had been recorded - all in Harmer Hill – theft of garden furniture, criminal damage to stone pillars and criminal damage to a vehicle.

08/20 Minutes of the meeting held on May 7th. 2008

The minutes for the meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

08/21 Matters Arising.

1.Highways:

The Highways Department had replied indicating that:

(a) Footpath in Harmer Hill:

Widening the footpath alongside the Chapel in Harmer Hill would require land and graves being removed and an expensive retaining wall. It is not possible to narrow the road because of its current width. Therefore it is not possible to consider the scheme.

(b) Myddle – Road Flooding:

The drainage system through Myddle is nearing its capacity and the cover appears to be the weakest point. They would consider upgrading the cover.

Members felt that this would only push the water up through the gullies. Clerk was asked to discuss this with Mr. Steve Oakley.

(c) Conifer Trees at the junction of Wem Road and Brookside:

The owners of the property had been contacted about the trees planted outside their boundary line.

2. Footpaths:

Shropshire County Council's Access Enforcement Officer had replied, indicating that action was being taken over footpath 5 but they were not in a position to assess all the Gough Walks. Individual problems would be tackled if reported. Vice Chairman agreed to monitor the situation.

It had also been suggested that the Council should enter into the Parish Path Partnership and Mr. Gunton agreed to follow up the suggestion.

3. Meres and Mosses:

(a) The asset management team were assessing the problems with the wall at the Glebelands and the state of the land at Hillside and would be reporting back in the next few weeks.

(b) Were arranging, with South Shropshire Housing, a house to house needs survey to identify any requests for affordable housing.

4. Uncovered transportation of chicken waste:

The Environment Officer at N.S.D.C. had replied stating that this was a police issue. However the Council has since produced a 'Proposed Code of Conduct', part of which covers the transportation of waste. Copies of the proposals were made available and Mr. Ruck agreed to read through the document.

5. Mr. Woolley's Contract:

The Clerk reported meeting with Mr. Woolley who had agreed to maintain records of the equipment on the Children's Play Area, reporting identified problems to the Clerk. It was unanimously agreed to increase his salary from £500.00 to £600.00 per annum.

08/22 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£422.91
J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£139.69
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June/July)	£105.72
N.W.P. Electrical	Streetlight maintenance	£119.85
Graphic Office	EP 27 Cartridge	£52.88
S.L.C.C.	Membership fee	£80.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (April-May)	£513.71
M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£120.00

08/23 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

08/24 Annual Statement of Accounts.

Members resolved to approve the following documents, which had been sent out with the agenda:

1. The internal audit of accounts.
2. The internal auditors report.

3. Statements for the external auditor.
4. The annual review of risk assessment.
5. The effectiveness of the system of internal audit control.

08/25 Planning Applications.

- A. No objections had been raised to the following applications, received and considered by the Chairman and/or Members since the previous meeting.
1. Springfield Farm, Marton – conversion of outbuildings to provide two dwellings.
 2. 12, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – alterations to approved single storey extension.
 3. Lyndale, Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of a single storey extension.
 4. Well House Farm, Weston Lullingfields – erection of an agricultural unit.
 5. The Old Barn, Myddle – erection of a stable block.
 6. The Archways, Brookside, Myddle - erection of three dwellings following the demolition of the current dwelling. Members did however raise concerns over the planned position of the dwellings in relation to the properties at the rear and the trees on the N.W. boundary and the proposed access.

This application has now been changed to an outline application and N.S.D.C. has deferred a decision on approval of the plans.

- B. The following applications were considered at the meeting and no objections raised:
1. Houlston Manor, Myddle – variation of condition number two attached to the planning permission.
 2. The Nest, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – renewal of planning consent to allow licensed marriage ceremonies.
- C. It was noted that the following applications had been approved:
1. 5, Broughton Cottages – two storey extension.
 2. 2, Chase End, The Whym – erection of a porch.
 3. Hillcrest Garage, Myddle – outline application for five houses (two affordable.)
 4. 15, Myddle – erection of a replacement double garage with storage unit above.
 5. 12, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – alterations to approved single storey extension.
 6. Land at the rear of Rosewood, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of two agricultural buildings.

08/26 Committee/Representative Reports.

1. Wem Local Area Committee:

The Chairman gave details of the meeting he had attended. Shropshire County Council was providing a budget of £40,000.00 for local projects.

It had been decided to devote £8,000.00 of this to youth projects and representatives had been asked to forward bids for consideration at the meeting to be held in October. He had already suggested grants towards Yorton Village signs, Myddle Village Hall kitchen and Harmer Hill Village Hall. Other suggestions would be welcomed. Bids would need to be costed with estimates where possible.

2. Police Consultative Committee:

Mr. Jeffrey asked if there had been any developments regarding the committee which was going to replace the Consultative Committee.

Clerk agreed to seek further information from the Chairman of that group.

08/27 Correspondence

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was considered by Members:

1. S.A.L.C. - details of a Health and Safety Course.
2. Shropshire County Council – Highways Maintenance Plan 2008/2009
3. Local Works – Guide to the Sustainable Communities Act. Members requested additional copies of the document.
4. The Wrekin Housing Trust – New Homes for rent in North Shropshire.
5. N.S.D.C. - Homelessness Strategy Action Plan.
6. N.S.D.C. – Code of Conduct Complaint Form.
7. Safer Shropshire Partnership – details of a one day conference on CCTV
8. Shropshire County Council – details of the closure of Merry Lane, Sansaw, to allow for bridge repairs for 10 days from July 7th.
9. S.A.L.C. – Update on the Quality Parish Council scheme.
10. Shropshire NHS Primary Care Trust – consultation documents on GP led Health Centres. Vice-Chairman agreed to review the papers.
11. Independent Policy Commission on Primary School Organisation – requesting responses from Parish Councils. Mr. Ruck and Mr. Jeffrey to prepare a response.
12. Shropshire County Council – Meeting re. Unitary Review of Shropshire – Chairman likely to attend.

08/28 Exchange of Additional Information:

Concerns were raised regarding:

1. Highways.
 - (a) The overhanging trees on Myddle Hill, which forced high sided vehicles and buses to move to the centre of the road.
 - (b) The state of the new footpath on Wem Road, Harmer Hill
 - (c) The state of Sleep Road from the main road through to Bilmarsh.All to be reported to the Highways Department.
2. Parish Plan.

It was felt that it was essential for the parish to develop a Parish Plan and it was agreed to include this on the next agenda.
3. Streetlight:

Not working in Goddings Close.
4. Bus Service
Chairman reported that there was now a bus service from Shrewsbury to Ellesmere passing through the villages every two hours.
5. Village Shops:

Mr. Ruck reported on the possibility of grants being available from N.S.D.C. for anyone wishing to set up a shop in Myddle on the Alford estate.
6. Computer:

Clerk advised Members that the County Council had provided the Council (and Shawbury) with a new Dell lap top computer with the latest programme. A technician had set up the computer and linked to Tiscalli broadband at £15.99 per month. Email

addresses had been set up for each Council. They were offering limited technical support but indications were that at times they could take up to 36 hours to respond. He reminded Members that at the March meeting, in the absence of Mr. Ruck, it had been decided to ask him to provide technical support to the Clerk. The Chairman proposed that this should be activated and it was unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Ruck to do this. It was agreed to pay a nominal fee of £10.00 per month. (Mr. Ruck took no part in the decision making)

Clerk advised Mr. Ruck that he would need to report this to the Monitoring Officer at N.S.D.C.

08/29 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday September 3rd. At 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting:

Signed R. Purslow Chairman

Date September 3rd. 2008