

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Myddle Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Wednesday May 17^h. 2017

Present:

Councillor Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman).

Councillors: Mrs. E. Hodge; Ms. J. Bienek; Messrs. L. Foulsham, J. Heath, G. Harding; R. Jones and R. Tiernan.

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. R. Jeffrey.

Representatives of the Boreatton Explorers.

Ms. L. Cox (Dial a Ride).

Two members the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. C. Ruck.

2. Welcome by the Chairman:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that there was a full and interesting programme planned and he felt sure there would be plenty of valuable contributions.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 18th. 2016:

It was reported that the minutes had already been approved at the Council meeting held on June 29th. 2016. Copies were available for those in attendance.

4. Matters Arising:

The Chairman indicated that the report being given by Mr. Bob Jeffrey later in the meeting would deal with the main issues arising from last year's meeting.

No items were raised from the floor.

5. Parish Council Report from Mr. Bob Jeffrey (retiring Council Chairman):

Mr. Jeffrey reminded everyone that he had produced a detailed written report of Council activity during the past year and in the four years since the Community Led Plan had been published. This document had been given to all those attending (copy attached).

He then highlighted a range of issues including measures to control the volume and speed of traffic; past and future housing development; the use of Community Infrastructure Levy money and the successful achievement of many of the Community Led Plan objectives.

He expressed sincere thanks to all the Council Members, Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams and the Clerk for their support and commitment.

He then highlighted the exceptional work carried out by the many volunteers throughout the Parish, who provided residents with the opportunity to participate in a range of clubs, societies and activities.

In conclusion he wished the new Council every success in the future.

He then invited Councillor Mr. R. Purslow to give an update on the situation regarding Social Housing in the Parish.

Mr. Purslow stated that the Community Led Plan had indicated that there was a need for additional social housing provision but before the Council could address this, a developer applied for planning permission to erect ten such properties on land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Having considered the application there was a unanimous vote from the Parish Council to oppose the plans on the grounds that the site was unsuitable because of its location and the scale of development. Shropshire Council also opposed the application but the developer appealed the decision. However refusal was later confirmed by the Government Inspector. The process took over two years and whilst this was being considered the Parish Council could not proceed with any other plans. Once the decision was confirmed, he had taken the opportunity to look at the possibility of the Council supporting the development of a small site.

Discussions have taken place with Shropshire Councils Housing Officer and social housing application forms and a stamped addressed envelope were delivered to various households for return to Shropshire Council.

Only four completed returns had been sent to Shropshire Council and the Housing Officer had indicated that there needed to be a minimum of six before an approach can be made to a Housing Association. Russell indicated that he was determined to continue with the project which has the full support of the Council.

6. Boreatton Explorers Expedition:

The Chairman welcomed members of the expedition and Mr. Alan Herbert, Miss Ruth Shaw and two other young members gave an interesting and entertaining report on their expedition to Tibet, which was highlighted by a range of excellent photographs.

During the three weeks they were there they had carried out voluntary work at an orphanage, been trekking in the mountains and visited towns and villages where they shared times with many local residents.

The Chairman thanked them for sharing their experiences and congratulated them on undertaking such an exciting and worthwhile project.

7. Dial a Ride:

Ms. Linda Cox gave an enthusiastic outline of the work of Dial a Ride and outlined plans of a proposed project to run a weekly service from the Parish to the supermarkets in the Harlescott area of Shrewsbury. Residents who wished to take advantage of the service would need to register with Dial a Ride and would be charged a fee of £2.00 for the return journey providing they had a bus pass. Membership of Dial a Ride was £15.00 per annum but the first fourteen people to sign up would have that fee paid by the Council.

She then outlined the desire to create a local Volunteer Car Scheme which would enable those without transport to undertake essential visits. This would be well publicised and it was hoped that volunteers would come forward.

Councillor Mr. Ray Tiernan thanked her contribution which clearly showed her commitment to the service.

8. War Memorial Project:

Bob Jeffrey reported on the progress of the project stating that voluntary contributions had exceeded the target figure of £4,000.00 and that work was planned to start on the War Memorial restoration before the end of the month. The Diocese had been approached to allow a plaque to be installed in the Church and work was continuing to finalise the two books which would be published. This should all be finalised before the end of the year.

9. Public Forum:

No questions were raised.

10. Chairman's Closing Remarks:

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and for the valuable and interesting reports that had been presented.

Minutes approved as a true record.

Signed: R. Purslow Chairman Date: June 28th, 2017