

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6TH. 2016 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. S. Parker

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams

The Parish Clerk.

15/75 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J. Heath.

15/76 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor P. Keyse declared an interest in Agenda Item 15.

15/77 Minutes of the meeting held on November 4th. 2015:

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

15/78 Matters Arising:

(a) Highways.

The Chairman presented a planned agenda for a meeting he was holding with Mr. Dave Gradwell, to discuss a range of road safety issues which were outstanding. The objective was to get clarity and answers to the problems which had been raised over the past year. The agenda was approved by Members, after the addition of a need for an extended 30mph limit entering Harmer Hill from the direction of Myddle.

(b) War Memorial Committee (15/61(c)):

Chairman reported that progress was being made with nearly £700.00 having been raised and it had been decided not to seek grant aid at this time.

A fund raising concert was being held in Myddle Village Hall on March 5th.

(c) Letter to Farmers/Land Owners (15/68(b)).

Councillor Ruck reported that a letter had been sent to all farmers, with one farmer seeking help to resolve a footpath problem. This had been dealt with by Shropshire Council Officers, as had issues relating to Hollins Way.

(d) Visit by Mr. Ian Richardson (public session).

Councillor Purslow confirmed that he was maintaining contact with Mr. Richardson about issues related to affordable housing.

15/79 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)	£683.53
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec.)	£103.54
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec/Jan.)	£170.80
	National Insurance	£24.61
Paper Write	Photocopier cartridge	£94.80
Information Commissioner	Renewal 2015 – 2016 (S/O)	£35.00

5/80 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/81 Budget and Precept Setting.

The documents relating to the budget and precept for 2016 - 2017 had been sent to Members with the agenda and after due consideration were adopted, with the precept being set at £21,100.00. This was a £1,400.00 increase on the previous year, necessitated by the loss of the rate support grant and the need for a larger reserve fund to take account of possible problems with ageing assets. It would result in an annual increase of £1.75 per household in the Council Tax payment.

15/82 Planning Applications:

A. The following planning applications had been received and were considered:

1. Burlton Lane Farm - extension of free range poultry buildings and erection of an Egg packing unit.

Application supported. Concern had been raised about the disposal of waste but the Chairman and the Vice Chairman had met with the farmer and were assured it would not be spread on land any closer to Myddle than was currently the case.

2. Land adjacent to Orchard House – to remove overhanging lower branches from two protected common beech trees growing on land at Stoneycroft.

It was agreed that this work would have to be carried out but the Clerk was asked to speak to the Tree Officer, asking her to ensure that it was done in a way which would not prevent the future growth of the trees.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the company developing properties at Orchard House to discuss any other outstanding issues.

3. Land north of Jubilee Cottage - amendment of approved drawings.

After due consideration it was agreed to make no further comments.

4. Land at Woodside Farm, Sleaf – outline application for a residential farmhouse.

Application supported.

5. The Pines, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – two storey extension.

Application supported.

6. Barn, Well House Farm, Marton – construction of one residence.

A 'No Comment' response was recorded.

7. Newton House Farm, Newton On The Hill - amendments to the plans for the conversion of barns and a cart shed to 3 dwellings.

Application supported.

B. The following application had been withdrawn:

Rosewood, Myddle, – variation of condition No.7.

C. The following applications had been refused by Shropshire Council:

1. Outline application for the erection of two properties North of Godings Lane.

2. Outline application for the erection of eight affordable dwellings on land north of Harmer Hill Village Hall.

15/83 Community Led Plan.

(a)Traffic and Transport:

Chairman stated that the issues had been covered earlier in the meeting but after the planned meeting with Mr. Gradwell, he and Councillor Tiernan would be looking in detail at a Volunteer Car Service.

(b) Community Spirit and Amenities:

See Minute 15/87.

(c) Housing:

Councillor Purslow stated that now the application to build affordable houses on land next to the Harmer Hill Village Hall has been refused, there was a need for the Parish Council to take pro-active action. In the first instance it was essential to define need in the Parish. The questionnaire used by Shropshire Council was lengthy and would be costly to print and circulate to all households. Councillor Ruck questioned the value of this and related it to the work involved with the CLP.

Councillor Purslow agreed to the suggestion that he should seek advice from the appropriate housing officer on the best way to proceed and in the meantime there would be a need to identify suitable sites for this type of housing development.

(d) Business and Farming:

Councillor Keyse reported that he was still working on a letter to be sent to all businesses and farmers.

15/84 Police Report:

Incident reports – October:

Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill – Burglary -1 (No suspect identified).

Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – Violent behaviour – 1 (Under investigation).

Hillside, Myddle – Anti-Social Behaviour -1.

Incident reports – November:

Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill – Theft -1(No suspect identified).

Hillside, Myddle – Criminal damage – 1 (Under investigation).

15/85 Correspondence:

Members considered correspondence received by the Clerk, details of which had been forwarded to them throughout the period since the last meeting.

Particular concern was raised about the action that the Head Teacher at the school had been forced to take, by having to write to dog owners who were guilty of allowing their dogs to continually foul on the verges and paths close to the school and on the route to the Church.

Council Members supported her action.

15/86 Committee Reports:1. SALC Area Committee:

Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting which had included talks from Shropshire Council representatives on Parish Paths Partnerships; Highways Issues and The Big Conversation.

He felt that SALC were making a determined effort to make these area meetings relevant to the needs of local Councils.

2. Shropshire Council Emergency Committee.

Councillor Jones stated that he was the Council's representative on this committee but could not recall receiving any information. Clerk agrees to investigate the reason.

3. Myddle Village Hall.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Harding on the work he was undertaking to improve the finances of the Committee.

15/87 Newcomers Information Pack:

Councillor Parker had circulated details of an information pack he had devised and following detailed consideration, it was agreed that he would meet with Councillor Mrs. Hodge and Councillor Ruck to refine and finalise the documents. The final version would be considered at the March meeting.

15/88 Exchange of Additional Information:1. Road Safety:

The Chairman gave details of conference being organised by Ruyton XI Towns and SALC. He had indicated an interest in attending providing the cost was no more than £25.00.

2. Litter Pick:

Councillor Ruck reminded Members that this had been arranged for Saturday, March 5th. and he hoped they would give it full support.

3. Dog Waste:

It was decided to invite the Dog Warden to meet with Members to see if he could give advice on the best way of tackling the problem.

4. Highways' Issues:

(a) A528 – Preston Gubballs Corner – several potholes causing problems.

(b) Footpath alongside the Ellesmere Road close to the Red Castle Public House was over grown with weeds and the hedges needed cutting back.

Clerk to advise the Highways Department.

5. Harmer Hill Playing Field:

Councillor Tiernan reported that the gate post leading on to Harmer Hill playing field had been broken off. He agreed to approach Mr. L. Roberts and get a quote for replacing it.

6. Myddle Primary School:

Members were pleased to note the high level of success achieved by children taking the recent National Tests and the Chairman stated that letters had been sent to Mrs. Dawson, the Head Teacher, congratulating all those concerned.

15/89 Section 137 Grants:

Following detailed consideration it was agreed to make the following grants:

Local Defibrillator Committee - £300.00

Hope House £100.00

The Hospice £100.00

15/90 Improving publicity and the distribution of Council news:

Chairman and Vice Chairman stated that they had discussed methods by which the Council could get information direct to members of the public. The Vice Chairman had an extensive list of email addresses and it was agreed that he should make contact to see if the addressees would like to receive Council information. Councillors Mrs. Hodge and Mr Keyse also had a data base of email addresses and would pass these on to the Vice Chairman.

A further review would be taken at the next meeting.

15/91 Date and time of Next meeting:

Wednesday March 2nd. 2016 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman

Date: March 2nd. 2016