

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup>. 2017 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session.**

**1. Village Hall Sound Systems:**

A representative from SAAS outlined details and responded to questions regarding the sound system and units proposed for both Village Halls.

**2. Integrated Community Management:**

Sonja Kizito and Kelly Oldham gave an informative talk on an Integrated Community Management project that had been operating in Shrewsbury and how it was being piloted in Wem and the surrounding rural area. The objective was to have a united approach to dealing with low level crime and issues which affected the quality of life for residents. The scheme would include representatives from Shropshire Council, Town and Parish Councils the Police and private organisations.

A meeting was being held in Edinburgh House on January 24<sup>th</sup>. and the Council was invited to send a representative.

**3. The Hollow, Harmer Hill:**

Two members of the public stated that they had recently moved into ‘The Hollow’ and were concerned about the amount and speed of vehicles using this road as a ‘rabbit run’.

They were thanked for raising the issue and it was pointed out that this was an on-going problem that had been raised with Shropshire Council on numerous occasions. Councillor Brian Williams agreed to raise the issue again with Mr. David Gradwell.

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. S. Parker

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. B. Williams. (Shropshire Councillor).

**16/72 Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

**16/73 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

Councillors R. Purslow and G. Harding declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 – grants to Village Halls.

**16/74 Minutes of the meeting held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2016.**

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, following the amendment to item 16/59 (c) which should read Church *Yard* fund.

**16/75 Matters Arising.**

(a) Improved road safety by Myddle School (16/59(a)).

Chairman reported that Mr. Gradwell had confirmed that the project had been included for consideration by the Transport Planning Team headed by Victoria Merrill. This team had to prioritise projects across the County and still had to decide if the use of CIL money should give certain projects greater priority.

A decision would be made before March and if approved for inclusion, design work would be done in 2018/19 and the project should then be carried out in 2019/20.

(b) Footpath to Myddle Play Area (16/59(a)).

Councillor Ruck stated that five companies had been approached for a quotation to carry out this work but only two had responded. Of the two, the most effective was a quote from L.G. Roberts of £4,135.00 (+VAT). It was agreed to accept this quotation and to use money from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund for the project. This had been agreed as a priority issue at the public meeting held in October and at various Council meetings. Clerk to contact Mr. Roberts and the other contractor with details of the decision.

He would also advise Sue Thomas of the plan to use CIL money.

(c) War Memorial Project (16/59(c)).

The Chairman gave an up-date on the project, with consultation under way with the Diocese and approval expected by around the end of March. The Archdeacon had been asked to allow another name to be added to the Memorial. The book was in the early stages of production with two copies planned – one for public display backed by the obituary and the other for sale.

The second book covers the action on the Western Front of World War I and identifies where the soldiers lost their lives.

(d) Parking on access to Myddle Recreation Ground (16/59(d))

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Meres and Mosses stating that they were monitoring the situation and asked that the Council keep a record of instances when access could not be gained. Following discussion with the Chairman, he had replied stating that this was a public access with a right of way and should not be blocked at any time.

However it seems that the resident is still leaving her car there are certain times.

Councillor Williams reported that the resident had contacted him and it appeared to him that this was not a suitable property for her, as she always needs easy access to her vehicle. He offered to contact the Meres and Mosses C.E.O. to try and seek a resolution to this problem.

(e) Harmer Hill play area – extension of lease (16/59(e))

Clerk reported that there had been no response from the owners of the field. He was asked to contact them again.

(f) Play Area repairs (16/59(f)).

Quotations from Mr. Parry (£420.00) and Mr. Brown (£970.00) for repairs, replacement units and painting were approved.

(g) Road naming (16/59(h)).

There had been no further response from Mr. Chapman and the Clerk was asked to contact him again for either a suggestion or to accept an offer from the Council to provide a name.

(h) Village Hall Sound Systems:

Following on from the information given in the public session, Members felt that support should be given to the Village Hall Committees to install the systems, which would be advantageous to people who attended various activities in each of the Halls. A proposal to transfer money from the Projects budget into the Section 137 Grants budget was unanimously approved. This would enable grants to be made.

**16/76 Accounts for Payment.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)	£862.84
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec)	£96.00
Information Commissioner (S/O)		£35.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£17.00
SALC	Training – Clerk New audit regs	£22.00
Paper Write	Photo copier cartridge	£106.60
Mr. R. Tiernan	Hedge cutting/mole catching	£116.00

**16/77 Financial Statement.**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**16/78 Budget and Precept Setting.**

The proposed budget prepared by the Clerk was considered in detail.

Following a suggestion from Councillor R. Jones that there was a need for additional street lighting in parts of Harmer Hill, the budget was amended to include a money to meet some improvements.

It was then agreed to increase the precept by £4,900 which would lead to an increase of about £12.00 per annum in Council Tax payments.

**16/79 Correspondence.**

Members considered and where appropriate responded to the correspondence received since the last meeting.

### **16/80 Planning Applications.**

#### A. The following planning applications had been received:

Land south of Red Castle Public House, Harmer Hill – erection of semi-detached Properties.

*Supported but issues raised re. access to main road and location point for bins.*

Fresh Winds, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – amendments to proposed plan.

*A ‘No comment’ response.*

10, Myddlewood – Lawful Development Certificate for erection of a conservatory.

*Information only.*

‘Linkhill’ Myddle – first floor extension above the garage.

*Application supported.*

#### B. Amendments:

1. Land south of Red Castle Public House.

2. Newton House Farm – variation of 106 agreement.

*No further response to these amendments.*

#### C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Marion Hall Cottages and Stable Cottage - conversion to three dwellings.

7, Bridgewater Place, Harmer Hill – erection of a detached garage.

Fresh Winds, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – extensions + double garage.

### **16/81 Community Led Plan.**

#### (a) Traffic and Transport:

##### 1. Additional responses from the meeting with Mr. Gradwell.

The additional road signs that had been requested were on order and should be erected early in the New Year.

It was intended to finance the extension of the 30mph limit on Lower Road early in the next financial year.

Concerns about Wem Road and The Hollow in Harmer Hill had already been included for consideration by the Transport Planning Team.

##### 2. Voluntary Car Service

Chairman reported that together with Councillors Purslow and Tiernan they had continued to explore the roles of other providers including ‘Dial a Ride’ to ensure there was no conflict of interest.

However, with a possible decrease in local bus services, it was felt that a local voluntary car service was increasingly important to enable parishioners without transport to get to hospital and doctors’ appointments and make other essential visits.

A further meeting with ‘Dial a Ride’ was planned, after which there would be a need to develop a policy and advertise for drivers.

(b) Community Spirit:

Councillor Hodge reported on the imminent closure of the Village Shop in Myddle which would have a detrimental affect on some local people. Regrettably the owners were unable to compete with major supermarkets making home deliveries and the wholesale charges made for small quantities of goods and had decided to cease trading. This was consistent with trends in the area where it was noted that a number of local Village Shops had closed. Regrettably there was nothing the Council could do at this stage as this was a private business.

(c) Housing:

Councillor Purslow reported on a positive meeting with Ms. Carol Clarke, Shropshire Council's Housing Officer, who had supplied him with copies of the application forms used by the Council, which could be completed by interested parishioners.

It was agreed that he should place an advert in the Messenger inviting possible applicants to contact him.

(a) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

**16/82 Police Report.**Incidents recorded in September:

Wem Road, Harmer Hill – Anti Social Behaviour -1

Incidents recorded in October:

Myddle (Alford Gardens) – Criminal Damage -1 (under investigation).

Harmer Hill (Parking Area) – Theft -1 (No suspect identified).

Yorton – Criminal damage -1 (Under investigation).

Incidents recorded in November:

Myddle (Welcroft) – involving violence -1 (under investigation).

**16/83 Wem Road, Harmer Hill.**

There was unanimous agreement that Shropshire Council should be asked to use CIL money to fund the introduction of a 30mph limit for the full length of Wem road through Harmer Hill and to erect VAS signs at both ends of the Village. A proposal to provide a crossing close to its junction with The Hollow was considered and received some support.

**16/84 Myddle C of E Primary School.**

Members noted that detailed consultation was taking place regarding the proposal that Myddle CE Primary School should enter into a federation with Baschurch CE (A) Primary School. After due consideration Members supported the plan in principle but registered considerable concern over the make-up of the Governing Body, especially with regard to staff and parent numbers.

**16/85 Committee Reports.****SALC Committee and Town and Parish Council Forum:**

The Chairman reported that the main item at both meetings had been the briefing given by Mr. Adrian Cooper on the future of the Local Plan up to 2036. It appeared that SAMDev would hold until 2019, after which considerable change could be anticipated..

It was essential for parishes to have up to date data and there was a need to re-visit and freshen up the current CLP, to take account of the obvious change that was to take place.

**16/86 Improving Council Publicity (16/59(g)).**

Councillor Ruck reported that there was an urgent need for the Council to embrace modern means of communication to inform parishioners of Council activity, whilst taking note of advice from the Information Commissioner's Office. He was keen to build up a portfolio of email addresses to allow publicity to be circulated quickly, efficiently and without cost. It was agreed that he should place an article in the Messenger and on the Web site inviting parishioners to send their email addresses to 'contact@myddle.net', together with the approval to use it for Council news.

**16/87 Grants.**

After due consideration the following grants were made:

Myddle Village Hall £670.00 for installation of a sound system.

Harmer Hill Village Hall £670.00 for installation of a sound system.

Boreatton Explorers £100.00

Severn Hospice £50.00

Hope House £50.00

**16/88 Strategic Freight Study.**

Members provided the Clerk with responses to this document and he was asked to compile a Council response.

**16/89 Shropshire Council – future bus service provision.**

Member agreed to respond individually to this consultation document.

**16/90 Exchange of Additional Information.****Highways:**

Report of

(a) Substantial sized potholes in Godings Lane and the lower end of The Hollow.

(b) Direction sign for Yorton in Godings Lane – damaged.

(c) Ellesmere Road sign at entrance to Harmer Hill from direction of Myddle – missing.

*Clerk to report details to the Highways Department.*

**Seat:**

A request had been made to replace a metal seat round the Jubilee Tree in Harmer Hill.

To be considered at the next meeting.

Other:

The Chairman informed Members that after careful consideration, he had decided not to stand for election as a Councillor at the election being held in May.

**16/91 Dates of Meetings 2017.**

The programme of meeting dates for the coming year was approved.

**16/92 Date and time of Next meeting.**

Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman**

**Date: March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2017**

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

Shropshire Council – call for foster parents.\*

Shropshire Council – broadband up-date.\*

Dianne Dorrell - Shropshire Health & Well Being newsflash.\*

Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM

Red Kite – Open Space Needs review.\*

Electoral Service – register of electors and date of next year’s election.\*

Shropshire Housing Group – Annual Report.\*

Gail Power – Town and Parish Council Forum – Agenda and attachments.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Broadband update.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Open Letter from Chairman of Worthen Parish Council.\*

Matt Johnson – Bus shelter grants.\*

Gail Power – National Developments.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin November 22<sup>nd</sup>.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Managing planning enforcement.\*

Electoral Office – Election May 2017 (Update).\*

NALC – Bulletin December 5<sup>th</sup>.\*

Media Release on Future Fit.\*

Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Councils – Sustainability & Transformation,\*

Gail Power – consultation on Strategic Freight Study\*

Adrian Cooper – briefing on the Local Plan.\*

Dianne Dorrell – NALC Bulletin.\*

Gail Power – Pharmacy opening times.\*

Gail Power Town and Parish Council Forum – report and information.\*

Sonia Kizito – Integrated Community Management.\*

Corbett News Letter.\*

Shropshire Council – planned roadworks.\*

Andy Wilson – Road Scheme notification.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Great Outdoors.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Amended opening times for Pharmacies.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dianne Dorrell – No extension of referendums.\*

Diann Dorrell – Big conversation up-date.\*

Planning Department – Enforcement case.

Gail Power – BT payphone consultation.\*

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Dianne Dorrell – VCSA.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Heritage Crime.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Bus Strategy.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Police Commissioners report.\*

