

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>. 2014 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

There were three members of the public present and the following issues were raised:

1. Continued concern about the state of Lower Road and also the overgrown grass verges, large stones and pegs being placed on the verges in front of the bungalows and blocked drains and ditches. (See items 14/27 and 14/37).
  2. Delay by B.T. in connecting telephones to new properties being constructed in the Parish. Clerk agreed to send a letter of complaint to B.T.
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In the absence of the Council Chairman, Mrs E. Hodge chaired the meeting.

**Present:**

Mrs. E. Hodge (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

Parish Clerk.

Mr. G. Harding (applicant for the vacant seat on the Council).

Three members of the public.

**14/19 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor R. Jeffrey and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

**14/20 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**14/21 Affordable Housing:**

This meeting had been cancelled because of time constraints and Mr. Purslow felt that the best approach would be for him to meet with Mr. Hill and discuss the help needed.

Clerk to arrange.

**14/22 Co-option of new Member:**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Geoff Harding who was the only applicant for the advertised vacant seat on the Council. Mr. Harding gave a brief outline of his experience and his reasons for applying and it was unanimously resolved to co-opt him onto the Council.

**14/23 Police Report:**

The Clerk reported that the police web site indicated that there had been no reported crimes in April.

### **14/24 Minutes of the meeting held on May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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

### **14/25 Matters arising from the meeting:**

#### 1. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (14/08(a))

Despite repeated assurances this had still not been put in place.

#### 2. Sign at the entrance to The Hollow, Harmer Hill (14/17(d)).

It was reported that the problem with the overhanging branches had been resolved.

#### 3. Tree Inspections (14/08(e))

Clerk reported that Mr. Roberts had agreed to act as tree warden and it had been planned to carry out the inspections in early June but this had been delayed.

#### 4. Shropshire Council – offer of trees (14/08(g)).

It was decided not to apply for any trees.

#### 5. Myddle War Memorial (14/08(f)).

Clerk reported that the War Memorial Trust would not make funds available to carry out maintenance work. Mr. Ruck reported that a Myddle Medal from World War 1 had been discovered and it was decided to link this with the War Memorial and to see if the Corbet School were willing to undertake a project. Mr. Keyse to action.

#### 6. Children's Play Area – footpath (14/08(i)).

Clerk had been unable to identify any other sources of grant aid. A number of suggestions were made, including a self-help project but it was decided to see if alternative funding could be identified at a later date.

#### 7. Play Area Inspection (14/08(k)).

Clerk reported that the inspection had been postponed until early July.

#### 8. Grant to Myddle Church for Grave Yard maintenance (14/09).

Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Mr. Greg Miller stating that there was no shortage of money in the budget for the Grave Yard maintenance and would the Council re-allocate the money as a grant towards the repair of the Church clock. The Clerk stated that this would be possible under the LGA Section 137 but that the Council had decided two years ago to discontinue using this to make grants and various organisations had been advised of this. Therefore there would be a need for a change of Council policy.

After detailed discussion it was decided not to agree to the change and as there was no shortage of money in the grave yard budget at the Church to ask for the return of the cheque, which could be used for other Council activity.

#### 9. Myddle Village Hall Representative (14/05).

Mr. Harding agreed to be the representative.

#### 10. Visit by Liaison Officer, RAF Shawbury (14/16).

Clerk reported that he had invited a representative to a Council meeting but to date had not received a reply. He would repeat the invite.

#### 11. Visit by Police Inspector (14/06)

Clerk reported that he had invited the Inspector to come to the Annual Parish Council meeting but there had been no response. When he raised this issue with the Inspector he had replied stating that staff shortage and pressure of work restricted attendance at meetings.

**14/26 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:**

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

**14/27 Matters Arising:**Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

The Clerk reported the action that had been taken to identify who was responsible for the repairs to Lower Road. He had been advised by the planning officer that the Section 106 money had been paid in full by the developer but that it did not relate to road maintenance.

Two weeks previously Mr. Mark Wooton (Shropshire Council) had agreed to carry out a site visit and look up the terms of the 106 agreement but so far the Clerk had not received any more information from him. Mr. Tiernan stated that there should be a 'Construction Plan' in place, which should be available for inspection and was required under 'Health and Safety Regulations'. It was decided that a meeting was needed between representatives of Shropshire Council, the Parish Council and residents.

Clerk was asked to forward all the details to Councillor Brian Williams and ask him for advice and action.

**14/28 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£446.82
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£107.41
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June/July)	£111.60
Nobridge	Grass cutting April 14 <sup>th</sup> . 28 <sup>th</sup> . May15 <sup>th</sup> .	£457.92
Nobridge	Grass cutting June 9 <sup>th</sup> .	£152.64
Society of Council Clerks	Annual fee	£116.00
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal audit	£195.00

**14/29 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**14/30 Internal Auditors report:**

The Clerk had provided Members with copies of documents from the internal auditor and those for sending to the external auditor. No concerns were identified and all the documents were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

**14/31 Change of Council name:**

There was a full debate about the proposal which had been made by the Council Chairman.

The following decisions were made:

1. There was a need for a new name – approved by a unanimous decision.
2. Harmer Hill should be included in the name – approved by a unanimous decision.
3. Broughton should be included in the revised name – after a vote this was approved by a majority decision.\*

4. After much debate and various suggestions it was proposed that the new name of the Council should be Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council. This was put to the vote and approved by a majority decision.\*

\*Mr. Jones asked that the minutes recorded that he had voted against these decisions. Clerk advised Members that he would pass on the request to Shropshire Council's Elections Officer for forwarding to the appropriate Government Department. If the request was approved the new name would probably not come into being until the next Council elections in 2017.

#### **14/32 Streetlight Maintenance –Replacement Lights:**

Clerk reminded Members that this issue had been discussed in detail at the last Council meeting when a decision had been deferred until confirmation of the rate of interest and whether the loan interest was at a fixed rate for the length of the loan. This had been done and details sent to them by email. The issue had also been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting when the consensus of opinion had been that the Council should seek a loan.

It was then unanimously resolved to apply for a Public Works fixed rate loan of £15,000.00 over a period of five years, to enable all the necessary upgrading of the lights to take place at the same time.

Clerk to complete the application forms and notify Eon of the decision.

#### **14/33 Planning Applications:**

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

- 1 Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill:  
Variation of condition 2 – substitution of house type (plot 12). No objections.
- 2 Red Lion Public House, Myddle:  
Variation of condition 2 – to allow for the installation of a house lift. No objections.
3. Marton Grange Caravan – to construct site for a residential caravan. No objections.
4. Land off B4379, Burlton – construction of a solar farm.  
Objected to because of concerns regarding the use of agricultural land. Clerk to action,

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

- Top Farm, Marton – erection of overhead lines.  
Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of three properties, subject to completion of a 106 legal agreement.  
Land adjacent to Red Lion Public House, Myddle – erection of five dwellings.  
Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill – substitution of house type (plot 12)

#### **14/34 Community Led Plan:**

##### Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety:

1. *There had been a meeting between the Chairman, Vice Chairman, school staff and representatives of Shropshire Council's 'Safe Travel to School committee', regarding the need for a school crossing by the Village Hall.*

2. *Following a report that, during the last year there had been seven road accidents on the Bachurch Road at Myddle Wood, the Chairman had called on Shropshire Council and the police to take urgent action.*

*Business and Farming:*

*Mr. Keyse reported that public meetings were being planned in September to advise people how to access the new faster broadband. Discussions had taken place with representatives of Connecting Shropshire who were willing to give their full support.*

**14/35 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk, most of which had already been circulated to them.

Patrick Cosgrove – items about Broadband in Shropshire.

ALC – Information Bulletin May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Julia Kerr – May edition of the Corbett News.

Brian Williams – The Planning Service.

ALC – copy of Chief Fire Officers Risk Management.

Shropshire Together – Newsletter about dementia.

Candi Price – Friends of Wem swimming pool.

Highways – notice of road closure in Baschurch.

ALC – copy of response from Nick Boles (Planning Minister).

ALC – Shropshire Health Age launch.

ALC – NHS Trust Women and Child Centre.

Elizabeth Thain – Fuel buying scheme.

Owen Paterson MP and Eric Pickles MP – please see copy of letters enclosed.

Mrs. L Foley – thanks for Myddle Village Hall grant.

Mrs. Narburgh – thanks for grant for Broughton Church.

Shropshire Council – Emergency Planning Newsletter.

*Mr. Jones agreed to attend the next meeting of the Committee and report back to Council.*

Elections Officer – suitability of polling stations.

*It was agreed that the current stations were suitable.*

ALC – Information Bulletin June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Shropshire Council – road name for development at the Red Lion Public House.

*Members agreed to the name of ‘Gough Court’.*

*Clerk was asked to query the lack of consultation on the name of the Lower Road Development – currently called ‘The Firs’.*

**14/36 Committee Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**14/37 Exchange of Additional Information:**

1. Highway Issues:

The following issues to be reported to the Highways Department.

(a) Overgrown hedge on Alderton Road.

(b) Speed of traffic on Ellesmere Road by the bus stop close to the garage at the junction with Myddle Hill.

- (c) Lower Road, Harmer Hill – state of the road; overgrown verges; blocked drainage ditches; large stones and stakes being placed in the verges to protect frontage of bungalows at the top end of the road.
- (d) State of the footpath by the Village Hall in Harmer Hill.
- 2. State of tree at entrance to Myddle School:  
Clerk advised that the school should report any concerns to Shropshire's Tree Officer.
- 3. Parish Footpaths:  
Mr. Ruck reported that much work was being carried out to keep them well maintained,

**14/38 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed:** R. Jeffrey **Chairman**

**Date:** September 3<sup>rd</sup>.2014