

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>. 2014 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

There were eight members of the public present and concerns were raised about:

- (a) The proposal to change the name of the Council, which appeared to exclude Broughton from the suggested new one.

The Chairman had proposed that the Council name be changed to Myddle and Harmer Hill, thus dropping Broughton from the name. After receiving support from Council Members the proposal was published in the Messenger, the web and on notice boards. The feeling from the public was that whereas Harmer Hill should be included in the council name Broughton should nevertheless be retained. The Chairman assured them that their views would be considered when the item was discussed in the meeting.

- (b) The state of Lower Road in Harmer Hill resulting from the new building project.

*Members stated that these concerns had been identified and raised prior to the plans for the new houses being approved. There was a commitment on the developer to make good the road but Councillor Williams said that this could not be enforced until the developer asked for the completed project to be adopted. He would make an informal approach to the developer to see if he was prepared to carry out some improvements.*

- (c) The speed of traffic on Lower Road which was an ongoing problem.

- (d) Collection of waste from Lower Road by Veolia.

*There was a complaint that residents were having to take their bins to the junction of Lower Road and Ellesmere for them to be emptied by Veolia. Councillor Williams agreed to address this issue for them.*

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

Parish Clerk.

Eight members of the public.

**13/89 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr. I Gunton and Mrs. T. Evans

**13/90 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**13/91 Police Report:**

The following offences had been recorded for December and January:

Harmer Hill – Anti-social behaviour 1; Myddle (Hillside) – Violence and sexual offence -1; Harmer Hill (Cambridge Close) – Violence and sexual offence – 1.

**13/92 Minutes of the meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. 2013:**

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

**13/93 Matters arising from the meeting:**1. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (13/77(1)):

Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council) had given an assurance that the control would be erected before the end of the financial year. The delay had been caused because the Chairman had suggested installing a more effective control but after consideration of the cost it had been decided to revert to the original proposal.

2. Baschurch Fire Station (13/77(2)):

Members welcomed the news that the Fire Authority had decided against closing any of the local fire stations.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Keyse for the work he had done for the Council with regard to securing this decision.

3. The Hollow, Harmer Hill (13/77(3)):

Mr. Tiernan reported on a meeting held with Mr. David Gradwell (Shropshire Council Highways Engineer) about the traffic problems in The Hollow and possible remedial action that could be taken. A number of solutions had been suggested but the most effective would be to build out the pavement and curb at the entrance from Ellesmere Road, which would cause drivers to slow down before taking the turn. There were already white lines there but these tended to be ignored.

After consideration Members supported the proposal and the Clerk was asked to confirm this with Mr. Gradwell and have the project added to the list of road safety requirements for the Parish.

4. Streetlights (13/68):

Mr. Ruck reminded Members that there was a need for all the Parish streetlights to be upgraded to current safety standards. An agreement had been reached with Eon to erect, for a trial period, a LED light on a post at the junction of Hillside and Myddle Hill. The light would be white, brighter and more directed. If there was a positive response the plan would be to have all the lights replaced with this type of light. They would be more effective and more expensive but the running and maintenance costs would be lower.

5. Broadband Development (13/74):

Mr. Keyse reported that the 'roll out' programme of the improved system would reach the Parish on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The increased speed would not apply to all properties and would depend on which telephone exchange they were connected to.

6. Community Assets (13/87(b)):

Clerk reported that CAMRA had applied for the Red Lion Public House to be listed as a community asset and this had been confirmed by Shropshire Council. This meant that if the

property was put up for sale the local community would have the first option on purchasing it. This option would be in place for six months.

7. Old Reading Room, Myddle (13/77(5)):

Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr. & Mrs. Matthews thanking the Council for the agreement that had been reached regarding the property and had given an assurance that they would keep the area in a tidy condition.

8. Cheque Signatories (13/87(a2)):

It was noted that the three new signatories could not be added until all three had visited the bank and confirmed the details. Mr. Ruck had been to the bank, Mr. Keyse promised to attend in the next few days and the Clerk was asked to speak to Mrs. Evans.

9. Meeting with Councillor Mal Price and an officer (13/81(2)):

Chairman noted that no meeting had been arranged as had been promised by Mr. Price. Clerk suggested that Mr. Price probably felt that the planning meetings held at Shirehall had covered all the issues he had been asked to discuss and Mr. Williams confirmed that Councillor Price had been inundated with requests to meet with Parish Councils across the County and had insufficient time to deal with them all.

10. Speeding Traffic (13/70(2)):

Clerk confirmed that the police had agreed to carry out speed checks on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill and on Baschurch road between Myddle and Myddlewood. Chairman asked him to check if these had been carried out and to again ask Sgt. Greenaway to attend a Council meeting.

**13/94 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after the following amendment:

*3b Item 2 should read 'Parish' not 'Village'.*

**13/95 Matters Arising.**

There were no issues raised.

**13/96 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb/March)	£446.82
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)	£316.18
Inland Revenue	Income Tax	£171.60
Scottish Power	Power supply (30/09 to 31/12/13)	£163.68
Eon	Streetlight repairs	£63.73
Interactive Information	Web hosting and email provision	£175.20
Diane Malley	Tax management	£45.00
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary	£230.00
SJF	Printing CLP brochures	£107.50
SALC	Training Fees	£20.00

**13/97 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **13/98 Planning Applications:**

#### A. The following applications had been received and considered at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council:

1. Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill – outline application for three dwellings.
2. Land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall – outline application for the construction of ten affordable dwellings.

Detailed objections had been sent to Shropshire Council about both applications.

#### B. The following application was considered:

The erection of an affordable dwelling and double garage on land at Mayfield, Yorton Heath. There was a ‘no comment’ response.

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

Wellhouse Farm, Baschurch – erection of a two storey extension.

Windyridge, Harmer Hill – reserved matters, landscaping etc.

#### D. Shropshire Council’s response to:

##### 1. Erection of six detached dwellings on land north of Jubilee Cottage

##### 2. Outline planning for a residential development of six houses on land adjacent to Orchard House.

It was noted that Shropshire Council’s Planning Department were recommending that both applications should be approved and they would be considered by Members of the Northern Area Planning Committee on March 11<sup>th</sup>. at a meeting in Shirehall.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should represent the Parish Council at that meeting and speak against both the applications.

It was further agreed that the Chairman and Council representatives would attend the site meetings being held prior to the meeting.

### **13/99 Planning - Meetings at Shirehall on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

The Chairman, Councillor C. Ruck and the Clerk had attended the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. but because of the bad weather, Councillors R. Purslow, R. Jones and J. Heath had been unable to attend the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairman gave a brief overview of the event. Since Shropshire County Council had been unable to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites, applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development. This means that sites on the edge of villages which might previously have been unsuitable for development due to being located outside of any development boundary will be considered acceptable in principle.

The new government regulations allow Shropshire planners to ignore the development boundaries and recommendations outlined in Community Led Plans in order to enable Shropshire Council to meet the housing development targets set for them by government. In essence the balance of power has shifted from elected bodies into the hands of developers.

### **13/100 Community Infrastructure Levy (Cil).**

The Chairman outlined the new regulations for the Community Infrastructure Levy; how this money would be allocated; the likely percentage individual Councils would receive and how

it could be spent. There was unlikely to be vast sums of money available, with strict controls over the spending process.

### **13/101 Play Area in Harmer Hill.**

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Ms. Karen Roe, who was keen to see a children's play area developed in Harmer Hill and was seeking Council support. He had advised her of the possible cost of a play area and pointed out that the Council had insufficient resources for this type of development. The best way forward was to try to identify a suitable area of land and then canvas local support; form a committee which could seek grants which were not available to Parish Councils and carry out fund raising activities. He had invited her to the Council meeting and had promised that he and the Council would be available to give help and guidance.

### **13/102 Name of Council**

There had been a proposal from the Chairman that the name of the Council should be changed to include Harmer Hill and this was discussed in detail, with account taken of the issues raised by members of the public attending the meeting and the emails received by the Clerk. There was a consensus of opinion that the new name should include Myddle, Harmer Hill and Broughton but with no agreement on the order for the names.

This proposal had been made public for several weeks on notice boards, on the web site and in the latest edition of the Messenger but despite this, there was a feeling from the public that there had been a lack of consultation.

Based on the concerns that had been raised, it was decided that at this stage no binding decision should be made and that the proposal would be included on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Members would consider any proposed recommendations at the Parish Council meeting in June.

### **13/103 Community Led Plan:**

#### *Community Spirit and Amenities:*

1. *Chairman and Vice Chairman gave details of an event being held in Myddle Village Hall to welcome newcomers to the Village and Mr. Purslow confirmed that a similar event was being planned in Harmer Hill later in the year.  
It was agreed that information given at the meetings should be compiled into a leaflet which would be published on the Village web sites so that they could be regularly updated.*
2. *The Chairman and Vice Chairman were meeting with the Head Teacher of the primary school to discuss matters of mutual interest, including the safety of children crossing the road.*
3. *At the request of the Chairman of Governors at the Corbett School, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had agreed to a meeting to look at the relationship of the school with the community and the Council.*

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

*No additional issues had been discussed since the last meeting.*

Business and Farming:

*Mr. Keyse reported that now that his involvement with the Broadband provision had been successfully concluded he would be looking at other business issues.*

Housing:

*Mr. Purslow reported that it was intended to organise a further meeting to try and identify the possible need for affordable housing. After discussion it was decided to widen the format of the meeting and call it a 'Councillor's Surgery'.*

**13/104 Correspondence:**

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

ACL – Information Bulletins January 7<sup>th</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup>. February 7<sup>th</sup>. & March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Condover Parish Council – planning concerns.

Shropshire Council – Outdoor Recreation Service newsletter.

ALC – Community Infrastructure Levy.

ALC – Meetings re. changes to the planning process.

ALC – invite from Telford Council to Holocaust Memorial event.

Rospa – Play Area Inspections.

*Clerk reported that RoSPA would be carrying out the inspections in June and he had asked that he was advised of the date to enable someone to accompany the inspector on the visit.*

ALC – NALC Bulletin.

ALC – Health Matters.

Patrick Cosgrove – items about Broadband in Shropshire.

Pam Williams – request for minutes of January meeting and date of March meeting.

Karen Roe – request for children's play area for Harmer Hill

Mrs. Marshall (Secretary Myddle Village Hall) – re grant to Village Hall.

Sue Thomas – Local Area Youth Boards.

Carol Clarke (Shropshire Council) – request for information regarding need for affordable housing in Harmer Hill.

Jad Bienek – support for Council name change.

A .Howls – Baschurch Fire Station.

Patrick Cosgrove – Rural Broadband

Owen Booker – planning application response.

'Fresh Approach' – details of membership, etc.

Mrs. Bowd – re lack of footpaths to access the play area in Myddle.

*It was agreed to monitor the problem but currently there was insufficient money available to do the work.*

**13/105 Committee Reports:**Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Purslow reported:

- (a) It had been decided to recommend approval of the applications received for grants and this would use up all the money available.

- (b) In future the LJC would not receive any finance from Shropshire Council but the Committee would continue to operate with a different format, details of which still had to be finalised.
- (c) There had been an interesting talk by a representative of the Meres and Mosses Housing Association.

**13/106 Inspection of Trees.**

Clerk reminded Members that Mr. Terry Merchant would be carrying out the inspection of the trees before the next meeting and that he liked to be accompanied by the tree officer so that he could point out potential problems. Mr. Gunton was the tree officer but as he was currently working in London this would be difficult. Mr. Ruck offered to speak to Mr. Len Roberts to see if he would be interested in accompanying Terry.

**13/107 Exchange of Additional Information:**

Clive Medical Practice:

An invitation had been received for representatives to sit on the newly created Patient Representative Group. The Chairman and Mr. Ruck would be attending.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Mr. Keyse stated that he would be representing the Council at the next meeting of the committee.

World War 1 Remembrance:

Mr. Keyse asked whether there were any plans to hold an event and it was agreed to discuss possible options at the next meeting. Clerk to include it on the agenda.

Telegraph Pole:

Mr. Jones commented that improvements to a driveway on Ellesmere Road had resulted in a telegraph pole now being located in the middle of the footpath, where it represented a safety hazard. Clerk to contact BT and advise them of the situation and seek a possible remedy.

**13/108 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman**                      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_