

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL
ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH. 2015 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

There were three members of the public in attendance and issues were raised about continuing problems with repairs to Lower Road, Harmer Hill; the excessive speed of traffic on Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill and fly tipping on private land.

In the absence of the Chairman Mrs. E. Hodge (Vice Chairman) chaired the meeting.

Present:

Mrs. E. Hodge
Mr. G. Harding
Mr. R. Jones
Mr. R. Purslow
Mr. P. Keyse
Mr. C. Ruck
Mr. J. Heath

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.
Parish Clerk.
Three members of the public.

14/91 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors: Mr. R. Jeffrey, Mr. R. Tiernan and Mr. S. Parker.

14/92 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

14/93 Police Report:

Reported offences:
December: Harmer Hill: Anti-Social Behaviour - 1 Yorton: Theft -1.
Myddle: Vehicle Crime - 1.

14/94 Minutes of the meeting held on January 7th. 2015:

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

(a) Lower Road, Harmer Hill (14/79(a)):

It was reported that the Chairman, accompanied by Councillor R. Tiernan and the Clerk had met on site with representatives of Mouchel and the Highways Department, when the outstanding issues had been discussed and remedial action agreed. It was noted that the road had been closed and a start had been made on the necessary work.

(b) Highway Issues (14/79(b)):

Mr. Purslow reported that additional signage had been placed at the Wem Road/Ellesmere Road junction by the Bridgewater Arms.

No other issues had been addressed.

The Chairman had written to Mr. Gradwell asking for a progress report.

Youth Provision (14/86):

It was noted that Energize had taken over responsibility for providing a youth service in Shropshire and the changes made would not affect Myddle Youth Club, which was provided with assisted transport by Shropshire Youth Association.

(d) Meeting area for elderly people (14/799 (d)):

It was reported that the committee had not met and that there were no tangible developments.

(e) Broadband Connection (14/79(e)):

It was reported that Myddle Village was now connected to faster broadband but that it was necessary for individuals to contact their supplier to arrange access to the service, which would be at an additional cost.

(f) Community Speed Watch (14/79(f)):

Clerk reported that there had been no further developments and no response from the police.

(g) War Memorial Committee (14/88):

Mr. Harding reported that there had been two meetings and following discussions between the Chairman and the Clerk it had been decided that with Members approval, this could be run under the umbrella of the Parish Council. It was intended to renovate the Memorial and up-date the Book of Remembrance. There would be a small initial cost of room hire and publicity which it was hoped the Parish Council would support but it was anticipated that public subscription would be sufficient to cover all the remaining costs.

Members supported the proposals.

(h) Harmer Hill Village Hall web site (14/85(2))

Clerk reported that a connection had been arranged to the Parish Council web site and organised by Mr. Ruck.

(i) Shotton Lane – loose telephone cable (14/89(3)):

Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to B.T who had stated that there was on-going work on the site.

(j) Speed check notices in Wem (14/79(f)):

Following discussions with the police and Wem Council it had been suggested that these signs were put in place by the Safer Road Partnership when they were carrying out checks. Mr. Keyse reported that these notices had appeared at other locations and it seemed to be a private initiative. He would seek further information.

(k) Red Castle – location of A board (14/89(2)):

Mr. Steve Oakley had agreed to take action but the board was still in place although for a short time it had been placed in a more appropriate place.

14/96 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February/March)	£471.03
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£276.40
Inland Revenue	Income Tax	£407.16
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (1 st . September – March 31 st .)	£240.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/09/15 - 31/12/15)	£171.86
Eon	Streetlight repair (Lower Road)	£58.69
Interactive Information	Web hosting and email provision etc. (12mths)	£175.20
Interactive Information	Registering web site for 2 years until March '17	£72.00
UK Debt Management	Loan Repayment (D/D)	£1,587.98
Interactive Information	'Log Me In' subscription	£60.00
Staples	Box Files	£9.99

14/97 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

14/98 Planning Applications:A. The following applications had been received and were responded to:

1. Sleaford – application from GWR to erect a single storey extension. *No objections.*
2. Land South of Bentley Farm, Loppington – removal of Condition No. 4.
Parish Council had objected but Councillor Williams informed the meeting that discussions were on-going with the farmer which would allow improvements to be made to the road rather than the creation of lay-byes. There was strong objection to this by some Parish Council Members.
3. Willow Tree Cottage, Marton – conversion of a cubicle shed into a cattery. *No objections.*
4. Marton Hall Stables – conversion of two dwellings and stables to three dwellings. *No objections.*
5. Jasmine Cottage, Myddlewood – extensions to the property. *No objections to the development but Highways Department had been asked to ensure access to the road was satisfactory.*
6. 1, Pimhill Lane, Harmer Hill – single storey extension.
A response was deferred until Mr. Purslow had arranged a site visit.

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

1. Barn N.E. of Well House Farm, Marton – change of use agriculture to residential.
2. Hayloft, Myddle – extension.
3. Marton House, Marton – removal of old buildings and erection of extension.
4. Meadowland, Sleaford – erection of a farm managers dwelling plus garage and annexe.

C. Other Issues

1. Local Needs Exception Site – Brewallen Farm:

Members had been asked to confirm that Mr. & Mrs. Allen had been resident in the Parish for a number of years. Members were unable to confirm this and suggested that the applicants should come to a meeting to discuss the application.

2. Roden Farm Barn

Members considered a request from Mr. Christopher Wright for support for an application he was making, to have a planning obligation to run a business from his home lifted. He had outlined the reasons in detail and there were no objections raised at this stage but further consideration would be given when the application was received.

3. Development on land NW of Harmer Hill Village Hall:

It was reported that there was concern that there had been no progress with this application and numerous attempts to get information had failed. Councillor Williams confirmed that he had also failed to get any information, stating that the planning department was in a state of turmoil, following many staff taking the redundancy offer and the remaining staff being well behind and unable to deal with an unprecedented number of applications.

4. Development Boundary:

Members considered an email received from Mrs. Horton which pointed out the she had found that the development boundary for the Parish had been changed to include an area of land N of Jubilee Cottage. This would affect the conditions placed on the planning application for this piece of land. Mr. Purslow pointed out that the new development boundary did not include areas where other planning applications had been approved.

Clerk was asked to try and identify who had authorised the changes and for what reason.

14/99 Community Led Plan:

There were no reports tabled.

14/100 Correspondence:

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

N.H.S. – Future Fit.

SALC – AGM and Conference details (January 16th).

Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust - Care Quality Commission report.

NHS Trust – Future Fit.

Shelly Davies – Minutes of Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

SALC – Newsletter (January 23rd).

Tom Llewellyn – Walking for Health.

SALC – Newsletter (January 29th).

Brian Williams – Council Tax payment.

Shropshire Playing Fields Assoc. – Workshops.

Patrick Cosgrove x 4 – Rural Broadband.

SALC – Local Government Finance Settlement.

It was noted that despite a strong local campaign and Government advice, Shropshire Council would cease paying rate support grant money to local councils.

Julia Kear – The Corbet News.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC Special Bulletin.

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Stan Parker – response to SALC Special Bulletin.

NHS – publicity events.

Karen Roper – questions for Shropshire Council.

SALC –Newsletter (February 27th.)

Shropshire Council – details of CIL calculations.

Wendy Horton – Development Boundary.

14/101 Shropshire Council’s Dog Control Orders:

Clerk briefly outlined the conditions of the order and advised that the full document was now available on the Shropshire Council web site. Copies of the orders had been placed in both Village Halls and outline details on the web site and in the Messenger.

It was agreed that notices needed to be placed at the entrances to both recreation grounds.

14/102 Local Council Award Scheme:

Following discussion about the value of the award, it was proposed that the Council should registers for the Award at a cost of £50.00 (+VAT) and then an additional £50.00 for each level of the Award. Clerk pointed out that initially it would be for the Foundation level. The proposal was carried by six votes to one.

Members then unanimously confirmed adoption of the following documents which had already been sent to them with the agenda.

Action Plan.

Training Policy.

Publication Scheme.

Health and Safety Policy.

Clerk confirmed that these would all be placed on the Council’s web site.

Members then confirmed by resolution that the Council already publishes on line the following documents:

1. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
2. A publication scheme.
3. The last annual return.
4. Transparent information about council payments.
5. Code of Conduct and link to Councillors register of interests.
6. Dates of all meetings.
7. Minutes of all meetings held in a full year.
8. Current agendas.

9. Budget and precept information.
10. Complaints policy
11. Council contact details and Councillor Information.
12. A current action plan.
13. Evidence of consulting the community.
14. Publicity advertising Council activities.
15. Evidence of participating in town and country planning.

and that the Council has:

1. A risk management scheme.
2. A register of assets
3. Contracts for members of staff.
4. Disciplinary and grievance procedures.
5. Policy for training Councillors.
6. A record of all training undertaken by staff and Councillors in the past year.
7. A Clerk who has achieved 12 CDP points in the past year.

14/103 Committee Reports:

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Mr. Keyse reported on the meeting held at RAF Shawbury on Marcy 3rd.

There had been no complaints received from residents of Myddle and Harmer Hill and despite increased flying hours, the number of received complaints was down.

The committee had been advised that there was a flight of Typhoons coming to the base for maintenance work but it was not expected to cause too much noise.

Concern had been raised by the RAF about the erection of wind turbines which could affect low flying helicopters and that there had been no warning red light fixed to the new incinerator in Shrewsbury. It was felt that the base should be consulted on all new applications.

Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Purslow stated that he had been unable to attend the committee meeting but would be attending the full meeting on March 24th. in Shawbury Village Hall. The future of the Youth Service and its relationship to the LJC would be discussed at that meeting.

14/104 Exchange of Additional Information:

North Shropshire Wheelers Voluntary Bus Service:

Mr. Purslow gave details of the service which was available in North Shropshire and provided access to a number of places and currently being used by one person to go to Wem on market day. There was a joining fee and a small charge for a door to door round trip. It was agreed to give the scheme more publicity.

Clive Surgery:

Mr. Heath raised concerns about accessing the surgery during the because of the number of cars parked in the road by the school.

The Clerk offered to discuss this with the Parish Clerk for Clive to see if Clive Parish Council had made any effort to resolve the problem.

14/105 Circulation of agendas and minutes:

Clerk advised Members that new Government regulations meant the agendas and minutes of meetings could now be sent by electronic means rather than by post but that Members had to agree to this. He pointed out that it would save some postage costs but put the cost of paper and printing onto individual Members, which he felt was unfair.

It was unanimously agreed to retain the current system,

14/106 Techy Tea Parties:

Mr. Ruck offered to arrange an information event to show local people how to access the faster broadband service. His offer was accepted with an agreement to pay out of pocket expenses.

14/107 Annual Parish Meeting:

It was noted that the meeting would be in Myddle Village Hall on May 20th. starting at 7.30pm.

Clerk reported that the Police Commissioner, Mr. Bill Longmore and his assistant had agreed to make a presentation and NHS Future Fit had also been invited.

14/106 Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4th. At 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____