

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>. 2016 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

Representatives from Broughton Church and Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee were present to participate in Item 4 of the Agenda.

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**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  
Mr. J. Heath

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams  
The Parish Clerk.  
Three members of the public for part of the meeting.

**15/92 Apologies:**

There were no apologies tabled.

**15/93 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**15/94 Minutes of the meeting held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016:**

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

**15/95 Major Grants:**

Representatives from Myddle Village Hall; Harmer Hill Village Hall; The Messenger; Broughton Church and Myddle Church, all of which are normally provided with a grant, had been invited to the meeting and asked to provide the latest copy of the accounts of the organisation.

The Chairman invited comment on the state of each organisations finance and for an outline of developments and perceived future problems. Having received the reports, the Chairman congratulated each organisation on the contributions they were making to the well-being of the local communities and the efforts being undertaken to meet their financial obligations.

It was felt that continued grants were justified but it was pointed out that any grants made to the churches under this heading was in respect of burial ground maintenance and not for other Church activity.

**15/96 Shropshire Council Finance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams gave a detailed and informative report of the current financial problems facing Shropshire Council. A reduction in Government grants and increasing costs in adult social care and school provision, which was essential, had left the Council with a large shortfall in available finance. The Council was not allowed to set a negative budget and to achieve the balance, cuts would have to be made in non-essential services or money raised by alternative measures. Wide ranging discussions were on-going within the Council and with members of the public.

The Chairman thanked him for the very frank report and asked that he continued to update the Council on developments.

**15/97 Matters Arising:**

(a) Highways. (15/78(a)):

The Chairman stated that a positive meeting had been held with Mr. Gradwell, when responses to road safety issues had been discussed in detail. However he was disappointed with the response he had made when asked to suggest suitable speed calming measures through Myddle Village. He had made a tentative suggestion about the use of speed cushions and the introduction use of a 20mph, with a suggestion that the cost would be in the region of £20-25 thousand pounds. Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Gradwell and ask for a more detailed statement.

(b) CIL Project:

No decision could be made until a detailed report had been received on possible action that could be taken to improve the control of traffic speed by the school. Any possible projects had to be in accord with the stated Parish Place Plan.

(c) War Memorial Committee (15/78(b)):

Chairman reported that good progress was being made and interest generated on all fronts and that over £900.00 had now been banked. A fund raising concert was being held in Myddle Village Hall on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>. when he was hoping for a good response.

(d) Newcomers Information Pack (15/87):

Councillor Parker had produced an excellent information booklet for issue to new residents; an accompanying letter from the Chairman and an advert for publication in the Messenger. Members were asked to check these for any omissions/amendments before they were printed. Copies of the booklet would be held by the Clerk and Members.

Chairman thanked and congratulated Councillor Parker for all the work he had undertaken to produce the documents.

(e) Improving publication of Council information (15/90):

Councillor Ruck reported that he was working towards producing a Community News 'Facebook' or 'Twitter' site for the whole Parish, which would allow Council information to be included.

(f) Preferred Traders (15/61(g) :

Clerk reported that he had only received two responses from the traders he had written to.

(g) Meeting with Dog Warden (15/88(3))

The Chairman outlined the details of the meeting which had been attended by several Members, which had been called to try and address continued complaints about dog owners not picking up dog faeces. The warden had pointed out that all waste bins were now dual purpose and gave out some leaflets stating this, for placing on the bins. He promised to make more regular stops in the Parish as he was travelling to other areas but pointed out that he now had to cover all north Shropshire. Offending owners could be reported to him or the Council Clerk and he would arrange for warning letters to be sent from Shropshire Council. The person reporting the incident would not be identified.

A suggestion had been made to consider purchasing new notices produced by 'Keep Britain Tidy' but it was discovered that the minimum order accepted was for 25 at a cost of £250.00 and it was decided that this was too expensive.

(h) Speed Controls:

An email from Ian Connolly (Safer Roads Partnership) was noted stating that further checks had not been carried out in the Parish recently but were planned for a re-start in the near future

**15/97 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb/March.)	£683.53
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)	£295.86
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Feb/March)	£230.80
	National Insurance	£24.61
Myddle Heartbeat	S137 Grant	£300.00
Hope House	S137 Grant	£100.00
The Hospice	S137 Grant	£100.00
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary	£240.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply 30/09 – (31/12/15)	£122.55
Staples	Copy paper & envelopes	£35.43
Mr. C. Ruck	Litter pickers	£36.42
H.M. Government	Loan repayment	£1,587.98
Interactive Information	Hosting website	£175.20
Eon	Annual Maintenance Contract (50%)	£283.22

**5/98 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **15/99 Planning Applications:**

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

1. Holly Bank, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing building. *Objected to as it is outside the development boundary.*
2. The Grove, Myddlewood – erection of single storey side extension and two storey side and rear extension. *No objections raised.*
3. Wood Farm – erection of two open fronted garage buildings, etc. *No objections raised.*
4. Shropshire Aero Club, Sleaf – erection of a pre-fabricated garage. *No objections raised.*
5. Land N of Jubilee Cottage – amendments to approved plans. *It was noted that the fence had been constructed in the correct position but this was not as shown on the plans.*
6. Rosewood, Wood Terrace – two storey extension. *No objections raised.*

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

Burlton Lane Farm – erection of extensions to existing free range poultry units.

Land adj. to Orchard House – removal of lower branches on two beech trees.

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

The Grove, Myddlewood - extensions.

Land North of Robin Hill, Lower Road, Myddle – erection of 3 open market and 2 affordable properties.

Barn NE of Well House Farm – re-instatement of old field access.

#### C. The following applications have been refused by Shropshire Council.

Land at Woodlands Farm – outline application to construct a residential farmhouse.

Land west of Holly Bank – erection of a dwelling following the demolition of the existing building.

### **15/100 Community Led Plan.**

#### (a) Traffic and Transport:

Items had been discussed under Agenda Item 5(a) Minute 15/97(a)

#### (b) Community Spirit and Amenities:

Chairman stated that there was compelling evidence that a range of interesting and informative events were taking place throughout the Parish which well supported.

As examples he instanced ‘Clean for the Queen’; The War Memorial Restoration Project; the Welcome Letter and Parish Footpaths.

#### (c) Housing:

Councillor R. Purslow stated that he had decided that the best way of identifying people who needed social housing was to meet with the various organised groups in the community and ask for their support. He was also planning two further information events.

(d) Business and Farming:

Councillor Keyse reported that he would compile the letter for circulation to all farmers and businesses for approval at the next meeting. 36

**15/101 Police Report:**

Beat Officer P.C. Dave Carpenter made a brief visit and confirmed that the police were aware that the excessive speed of traffic was a major concern in the Parish and confirmed that efforts were being made by the local police and the Safer Road Partnership to take action against offending drivers.

Other than that, reports of criminal offences and anti-social behaviour were very low.

The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

Incident report – December:

Incidents recorded by the police in December:

Near Alford Gardens, Myddle – Burglary -1; Pickhill, Burlton – Anti-Social Behaviour -1.

**15/102 Correspondence:**

Members considered correspondence received by the Clerk, details of which had been forwarded to them throughout the period since the last meeting and where appropriate responses had already been made. The following were commented on

*Mr. A. Johnson, Chartland Development had declined an invitation to meet with Councillors to discuss the development work they were undertaking.*

*Shropshire Council's 'Big Conversation'.*

*Shropshire Council's offer to carry out Play Area Inspections. (This would be an agenda item for the next meeting).*

**15/103 Committee Reports:**LJC Meeting:

Councillor R. Purslow reported that he had been unable to attend the meeting but had details of possible grant aid which would be available to support healthy living.

**15/104 Exchange of Additional Information:**

1. Concern raised about the state of Birchwood Lane. Councillor Williams stated that Shropshire Council had received £20k from the developer for road improvements and he would get the repairs actioned.
2. Problems with sections of the Baschurch to Myddle road surface.  
*Clerk to report to Highways Department.*
3. Myddle Village Hall had a vacancy for a new caretaker.
4. It was recorded that the improvements to the junction by the Bridgewater Arms had made a considerable improvement.

**15/105 Date and time of Next meeting (AGM):**

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman**

**Date: May 4<sup>th</sup>. 2016**