

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 7th. 2018 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

There were four members of the public in attendance and they raised concerns about the road signs and house numbering in Lower Road, Harmer Hill. Shropshire Councillor B. Williams accepted that this was a Shropshire Council issue and difficult to resolve but after some discussion, Councillor R. Tiernan offered to meet up with them on site and involve other residents to look at possible solutions.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman).

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. L. Foulsham

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. J. Heath

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

Representatives from Myddle Village Hall, Harmer Hill Village Hall, Myddle Church, Broughton Church, the Messenger and the Youth Club.

Mr. Richard Clay (Severn Trent).

17/93 Apologies.

An apology was received and accepted from Councillor R. Purslow.

17/94 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Item 9 (5) on the Agenda.

17/95 Myddle Sewerage System.

Mr. Richard Clay, a representative from Severn Trent, was in attendance at the request of the Council to respond to on-going problems with the Sewerage System in Myddle. He gave an informative talk on the causes of breakdowns and leakages over the past few years, stating that it was partly due to ageing underground pipes unable to cope with up-graded equipment at the pumping station.

Some changes and remedial work had taken place which it was hoped would solve the problem in the short term but plans were being developed to up-date sections of the network.

However, this would not be fully operational until late in 2019. He offered to keep in touch with the Clerk to discuss on-going issues and would arrange to come with an operational manager to a further meeting.

17/96 Minutes of the meeting held on January 3rd. 2018.

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

17/97 Matters Arising.

(a) Grants (17/80):

Representatives from Harmer Hill Village Hall, Myddle Village Hall, The Messenger, Myddle Church, Broughton Church and Myddle Youth Club were in attendance and outlined the need for possible grant aid.

The Chairman thanked them for attending, advised them that their request would be carefully assessed and a decision made towards the end of the meeting.

(b) Harmer Hill Play Area (17/83):

Clerk reported that bad weather since the start of the New Year had delayed the start but that the contractor had been planning to start this week.

Mrs. Ginny Mayall had agree to officially open the site and Mrs. Pricilla Hilton-Jones had agreed to attend too.

Councillor R. Tiernan raised concerns about the affect the Play Area would have on dog walkers and wondered if there should be some restrictions put in place. It was decided to discuss this in detail at the next Council meeting.

(c) VAS Signals (17/82):

Approaches had been made to the managers at the Bridgewater Hotel by Councillor Purslow and Garry Johnson from EON and it appeared they would not raise objections to one of the signs being erected in the corner of the car park.

Members agreed that the Clerk should meet up with the Hotel manager to discuss an agreed contract and offer an annual fee of £25.00. Councillor R. Tiernan agreed to accompany him.

(d) Affordable Housing (17/75).

The Chairman passed on details of a report from Mr. Ian Richardson, which highlighted a range of issues raised by the planning department regarding development on the identified site. It was apparent that without a high level of financial input the scheme would not be viable. There was therefore a need to try and identify an alternative site.

(e) Highways (17/90(3))

Myddle School Safety Project.

The Clerk reported that he had received information from Mr. Dave Gradwell, which indicated that consultants were working on the preliminary design for the safety scheme and the Council should soon be forwarded details for consideration and comment.

17/98 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb/March.)		£522.58
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)		£285.70
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Feb/March.)	£408.40	
	N.I. (Feb/March.)	£26.35	£434.75
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (Oct – March incl.)		£240.00
The Hospice	Grant		£100.00
Hope House	Grant		£100.00
McMillan Nursing	Grant		£100.00
Mind (Shropshire)	Grant		£100.00
Crane Counselling	Grant		£100.00
E-ON	Streetlight repair (Myddle Hill)		£87.40
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (30/09 -31/12)		£171.86
Book Binders (London)	Books of Remembrance (2) (War Mem. Fund)		£245.00
Regimental Museum	Documents (War Memorial Fund)		£30.00
Shropshire Trophy	Plaque (War Memorial Fund)		£170.00
Archer Signs & Panels	Road safety signs		£344.47
Interactive Information	Web site hosting (03/18-03/19)		£180.00
H.M. Government	Loan repayment		£1587.98
SIF Printing	War Memorial Books		£1,733.00
Rymans	Office supplies		£34.19
SALC	Training Fee (Clerk/Chairman)		£20.00
Office Outlet	Folders etc.		£16.45
Ray Parry	Children's Play Area construction		£22,564.80

17/99 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/100 Correspondence.

Members considered and where necessary responded to correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.

17/101 Planning Applications.

A. The following planning application has been received, with no objections raised:

1. Proposed dwelling to the west of Bridgewater Close (17/05911 FUL).
2. 17, Myddlewood – various extensions and internal refurbishment (18/00019/FUL).
3. 16, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – various extensions, a canopy and a porch (17/06167/FUL).
4. Burra Bank, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension following the demolition of the existing garage (18/00260/FUL). (Application now withdrawn).
5. Hollins Farm, Merrington Creation of a new lake, landscaping features, alteration to boundaries and a tennis court. Change of use agricultural to domestic residential.

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

1. Myddle - Land North of Robin Hill – erection of four dwellings and office accommodation, etc.
2. 16, Wem Road – erection of an extension, canopy and porch
3. 17, Myddlewood – erection of extensions, internal refurbishment and external modifications.

C. Other:

Councillor J. Heath pointed out that a collection point for waste bins had been created on the new estate on the Wem Road but that the promised screening of the area had not taken place.

Clerk agreed to raise the issue with the planning team.

17/102 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

No additional report tabled.

(b) Community Spirit

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

No additional report tabled

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

17/103 Police Report.

Incidents recorded by the police in:

December:

Myddle:

Glebelands – Anti-Social-Behaviour 1: A528 – Theft -1 (No suspect identified).

January:

Myddle:

Alford Gardens – Anti-Social-Behaviour -2:

Hillside -2 Violence -1; Other crime -1 (both under investigation).

17/104 Council – Clerk Protocol.

Members considered and adopted the amended document which had been circulated with the agenda.

17/105 Salt Bins.

Clerk reported that he had spoken to various officers at Shropshire Council and the indication was that many bins had been withdrawn because they were vandalised; emptied by local residents or used as litter bins.

There were a range of plastic bins available for purchase ranging from about £80.00 upwards but there would be a need to identify how many areas needed a bin, who would arrange the locking/unlocking process, the purchase of salt/grit and take responsibility for the use of the salt/grit.

There was no final decision on whether to proceed with any purchase until interested areas came forward with a firm proposal.

17/106 Committee/Meeting Reports.

Myddle Village Hall Committee:

Councillor G. Harding gave a report on activities which included plans for the Village Fete on July 7th. and a jumble sale.

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee:

Councillor L. Foulsham reported that the Committee were faced with a range of remedial projects to counteract on-going problems that had been identified.

17/107 Exchange of additional information.

A. Data Protection:

The Clerk had already forwarded details of a circular from the National Association of Local Councils, which stated that neither the Clerk nor a Council Member could act as the Data Protection Officer and that an independent officer should be appointed.

It was agreed to contract D. M. Payroll Service Ltd. to undertake the role. The annual cost of providing the service would be £335.00.

B. Change of Footpath Location.

Members considered a letter received from the owners of Burlton Lane Farm, indicating that they were considering making an application to extend their poultry farm. This would necessitate a minor diversion of the public footpath passing through the area and were seeking the views of the Parish Council regarding this action.

After consideration it was decided that a group of Councillors should arrange a site meeting to discuss the project in more detail.

C. War Memorial Project:

It was unanimously agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Bob Jeffrey and the organising committee for the excellent way in which they had carried out this project.

D. Applications for Grant Aid:

Members gave detailed consideration to the applications made at the start of the meeting and decided on the following grants:

Myddle Village Hall Committee - £1,000.00

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee - £1,000.00

The Messenger - £500.00

Myddle Youth Club - £500.00

Myddle Church Grounds Fund - £250.00

Broughton Church Grounds Fund - £250.00

Clerk to inform the groups and point out that the grants would be paid after the Council meeting in May.

17/108 Annual Parish Meeting.

This had been planned for Wednesday May 16th. but it was decided to hold the meeting in Myddle Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday May 2nd. followed immediately by The Parish Council AGM.

17/109 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday May 2nd. 2018 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck **Chairman** **Date:** May 2nd. 2018

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING (JANUARY.)

Gail Power – SALC Training Programme.*

Dianne Dorrell – Broadband update.*

Dianne Dorrell – January Bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell – Planning Services information.*

Ben Eardley – Community Energy Funding.*

Dianne Dorrell – NALC news.*

Ibbs Jones – Universal Credit.*

Shropshire Council – Affordable Housing.*

Dianne Dorrell – Meeting with M.Ps.*

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (Jan. 22nd).*

Dianne Dorrell – information re. SALC AGM.*

Shropshire Council – Broadband up-date.*

Royal British Legion – ‘The Silent Soldier’.*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council HR service.*

N. Shropshire Wheelers – Volunteer Drivers needed.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Cabinet Agenda and papers.*

Keep Britain Tidy.*

Sue Thomas – Youth Commissioning.*

Sue Thomas – Application for CIL money.

Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin 2 – February 23rd.*

Simon Thomas – Footpath diversion.*

Local Council Public Advisory Service – Review of Ethical Standards in Local Government.*

NALC – GDPR Toolkit.*

Police – Incidents in January.*