

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>. 2012 AT 7.30PM.**

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**Public Session:**

There were seven members of the public in attendance and the following issues were raised.

(a) Mr. Phil Keyse stated that he wished to talk on issues related to Agenda Item 14. He confirmed that he had telephoned the Clerk about a month ago to complain about the behaviour of a number of youngsters who were causing problems in Alford Gardens by riding skate boards on the road and pavement and entering gardens. He had spoken to these youngsters who had pointed out that there was nowhere to use their boards in the village without getting into trouble and asked if a hard surface area could be provided alongside the current play area. They had been polite and positive and had come up with some good suggestions. He and others were prepared to work together to provide such an area if the Parish Council would support it.

(b) Peter Richardson stated that he was representing the applicants wishing to develop a property at Top Farm, Marton. He realised that the Parish Council had supported the original application but now needed to consider amended plans. He went on to point out the reasons for the application but was aware that Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams would be speaking against it. Mr. Williams pointed out that he felt the Parish Council were not aware that they could oppose the application on the grounds that it was not adjacent to a recognised settlement and therefore did not qualify. Chairman pointed out that the application would be considered under agenda item 11.

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck

Mrs. L. Baker

Mr. R. Bowden

Mrs. T. Evans

**In Attendance:**

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

Seven Members of the public.

**12/01 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. R. Jeffrey and Mr. I. Gunton.

**12/02**

**(a) Election of Chairman:**

Mr. Purslow was proposed, seconded and elected on a unanimous vote.

**(b) Election of Vice Chairman:**

Mrs. Hodge was proposed, seconded and elected on a unanimous vote.

**12/03 Appointment of representatives:**

The following were appointed:

- (a) Myddle Village Hall Committee - Mrs. E. Hodge
- (b) Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee – Mrs. L. Baker
- (c) Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee – Mr. R. Bowden
- (d) Wem and Shawbury L.J.C. – Mr. R. Purslow.
- (e) ALC Area Committee – Mr. J. Heath
- (f) Shropshire Council Emergency Planning Committee – Mrs. L. Baker

**12/04 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**12/05 Police Report:**

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period from March 1<sup>st</sup>. to April 27<sup>th</sup>. the following offences had been recorded:

Assault – 1; Anti-social behaviour - 2; Theft – 1.

**12/06 Shropshire Council – planning applications (Public Access):**

Mr. Ian Kilby and Ms. Sarah Summers from Shropshire Council had sent their apologies for not being able to attend.

Clerk advised Members that they could all register with Shropshire Council by accessing Shropshire Planning on the web site and then completing the Public Access section. This would enable them to access all the relevant planning applications.

**12/07 Minutes of the meeting held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. 2012:**

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

**12/08 Matters arising from the meeting:**

1. Parish Plan (11/80(1)).

Mr. Ruck reported that the production of the plan was moving ahead quickly thanks to the efforts of the committee ably led by the Chairman. The questionnaires were almost ready for distribution and this was planned for the first week in September, for return by the autumn half term.

2. Old Reading Room, Myddle (11/80(2))

Mrs. Hodge produced a range of documents which appeared to show that the room could belong to the Church. However there was a need for further investigation and any decision was postponed until the next meeting.

3. Jubilee Mugs (11/86)).

Clerk reported that the mugs had been delivered and were being held by Mr. Jeffrey. The Chairman and Vice Chairman agreed to present them to the school children and suggested doing this on the afternoon of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to confirm this with the Head Teacher and also provide details of those children who had been nominated and were not attending the school. It was noted that there would be extra mugs which could be purchased and it was agreed to decide a price at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### 4. Highways (11/88(4)).

Clerk reported that he had been informed by Mr. Steve Oakley that he had inspected Lower Road and action would be taken to repair the potholes.

#### 5. Litter Collection (11/88(5)).

The Clerk reported that he had purchased the grippers and that Mr. D. Roberts had provided free gloves, bags and jackets. Mr. Ruck stated that several ladies had been out collecting rubbish from the roadsides.

#### 6. Annual Parish Meeting (11/88(7)).

Clerk reported that Shropshire Home Point was unable to provide a speaker and Mr. Williams offered to get a representative from Meres and Mosses to give a talk.

#### 7. Streetlight insurance claim January 2011 – recovery of uninsured loss.

Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a company in Manchester offering to try and recover the uninsured loss of £125.00. It appeared that if they were unsuccessful the Council could be responsible for a £500 fee. It was decided not to ask them to take action.

#### 8. Development in Lower Road, Harmer Hill

Concerns had been raised that the developers had not met all the conditions placed on them before commencing the building programme.

#### **12/09 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (April/May)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (March/April)	£137.43
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Feb/March)	£110.58
NWP Power Systems	Streetlight maintenance (March)	£122.40
ALC	Annual membership fee	£405.07
R. Mayall & daughter	Playing field rent (Harmer Hill)	£180.00
Shropshire Council	Playing field rent (Myddle)	£300.00
Myddle Village Hall	Grant	£2,000.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Grant	£2,000.00
Myddle Messenger	Grant	£500.00
Myddle Church	Grant	£500.00
Myddle Village Hall	CLP Team meeting	£15.00
AON	Insurance 2012 – 2013	£790.21
NWP	Streetlight Maintenance (April)	£151.80
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting	£296.40
Phoenix Direct	Photocopier cartridge	£59.99

#### **12/10 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

#### **12/10(b) Income and Expenditure Statement 2011-2012:**

An unaudited statement was tabled for consideration and accepted.

#### **12/11 Planning Applications:**

##### A. The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting.

1. Land at Top Farm, Marton – erection of a ‘Local Needs’ exception site property.
2. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a light aircraft hangar.
3. Shotton Farm, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill - overhead line diversion.

No objections raised to the applications.

**B. The following applications were considered at the meeting:**

- (a) 4, The Whym, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – extension to side elevation.
- (b) The Harris, Goddings Lane, Harmer Hill - erection of a single storey extension and a detached garage.

Both applications were supported.

- (c) Amended plans for the erection of a local needs exception site property on land at Top Farm, Marton. No objections were raised to the revised plan and no further comment was made on the location of the site. This decision was supported by Councillor Williams.

**C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council.**

- 1. Lilac Cottage, Chapel Lane, Yorton Heath – erection of a two storey extension.
- 2. Sleaf House Farm – erection of a 18.5m high wind turbine.
- 3. Haremere Cottage, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension to include Juliet balcony.

**12/12 Correspondence:**

The following correspondence received by the Clerk was considered.

- 1. Shropshire Council – SAMDev Plan Preferred Options.
- 2. Richard Mansfield – complaint about burglar alarm at pre-school building. The problem had been resolved and Mr. Mansfield had sent a letter of thanks for the actions taken.
- 3. Sue Thomas (Shropshire Council Development Officer) grant from JLC.
- 4. David Sandbach – Health Issues.
- 5. ALC – Rural Broadband Briefing.
- 6. ALC – Information Bulletin 23rd. March.
- 7. ALC – Information Bulletin 6<sup>th</sup>. April.
- 8. Councillor B. Williams – Members Bulletin 13<sup>th</sup>. April.
- 9. Shropshire Community Council – confirming grant of £1,500 for development of Parish Plan.
- 10. ALC – benefits of Membership.

**12/13 Committee Reports:**

**Harmer Hill Village Hall:**

Mr. Jones reported that things were going well and it was planned to hold a Jubilee Luncheon on May 27<sup>th</sup>. at a cost of £12.50 per person. A Jubilee tree was going to be planted.

**Myddle Village Hall:**

Mrs. Hodge reported that a recent fund raising event had been well supported and was excellent.

**12/14 Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Members considered the report made by Mr. Keyse; an email from Shropshire Councillor S. Jones and a petition from twenty young people. They were unanimous in supporting the suggestion to develop a hard surface area close to the play area but would need to get permission from Shropshire Council who owned the site. Once this was obtained they would support the efforts of volunteers to develop plans and raise the necessary finance for the project. They would be prepared to give advice and help but had limited funds available.

**12/15 Photocopier:**

Clerk had produced a document outlining the need to have a maintenance agreement on the photocopier recently purchased by Shawbury Parish and used by Myddle and Broughton. He had calculated that Myddle and Broughton Council's percentage of use was in the region of 20% and the maintenance agreement would cost them about £33.00 per year plus the purchase of one black cartridge at a cost of £60.00. After consideration Members agreed to the proposal.

**12/16 Harmer Hill Playing Field.**

Mr. Jones reported that the Village Hall Committee had suggested that the area of land behind the Village Hall could be developed as a Recreation Area, replacing the field in Goddings Lane, which was difficult for young people to access and little used. They had asked that Members of the Council be consulted about the proposal. It was agreed to give Members time to think about the suggestion and include the proposal as an agenda item at the next meeting.

**12/17 Exchange of Additional Information:**1. Highways:

The following issues were reported:

- (a) Potholes on the Harmer Hill to Myddle road with a particularly bad one near to the garage/road junction.
- (b) Several blocked drains – especially one at the junction of The Hollow and Ellesmere Road.
- (c) Need to check the verge grass cutting programme for the summer with particular reference to Broughton Cross Road.

Clerk to report to Mr. Steve Oakley (Highways Engineer).

2. Police:

Chairman reported that the police had been carrying out radar checks on speeding traffic on Wem Road, Harmer Hill and the Clerk was asked to see if they had been successful and ask for a check to be made on Ellesmere Road especially between 8.00 and 9.00am and 5.00 and 6.00pm.

3. Myddle Junior School – Ofsted Report:

Mr. Ruck reported that he and many other people had been surprised at the adverse report on the school, which had been carried under the new Ofsted procedure. The school had faced a number of staffing issues and the new Head was doing an excellent job and the school was held in high regard by parents and governors. Members supported the comments and it was agreed to write a letter of support to the Head and the staff at the school.

4. Vehicle Operated Speed Control:

Chairman reported that he had attended a site meeting with Mr. Wooten and Mr. Gradwell from Shropshire Council, to determine where the sign should be placed on

the Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill. Mr. Wooten had rejected his suggestion that it should be placed close to the Village Hall and wanted to place it nearer the entrance to

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Lower Road and connect it to a lamp post for power. A resident living adjacent to the site had rejected the suggestion and no decision had been made.

Members supported the Chairman's proposal and also pointed out that another development of several houses was planned between the Village Hall and Lower Road.

Clerk to write to Mr. Gradwell stating Member's views.

5. The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

Mrs. Baker raised concerns about the amount of traffic using The Hollow as a short cut onto Wem Road during the morning rush hour. Chairman pointed out that this had been raised before and the Council had suggested that the Hollow be converted into a one way road. Unfortunately at that time there had been resistance from the residents and no action had been taken. Councillor Williams suggested that there was a need for the residents to be consulted again, before an approach was made to Shropshire Council for action and this was agreed.

6. Parish Paths Partnership:

Mr. Ruck updated Members on the developments, which included discussions with farmers about blocked paths, most of whom were very supportive. There was a need to talk to the Church Authorities about a path which crossed land that the Diocese owned. The paths were being walked regularly each week.

Members of the group were to receive training from a Shropshire Council officer in the use of the strimmer.

**12/18 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>. 2012 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: R. Purslow Chairman**

**Date: June27th.2012**