

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 7th. 2014 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session;

One member of the public was present but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

Parish Clerk.

Community Support Officer Will Tyler.

14/01 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. C. Ruck.

14/02 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

14/03 Resignation of Councillor.

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Ian Gunton stating that he was unable to continue to serve because of work and family commitments.

He had written to Ian thanking him for his service to the Council over many years.

The Clerk was following the laid down procedure for electing a replacement Councillor and if there was no call for an election, attempts would be made to co-opt a Member.

14/04(a) Election of Chairman.

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

14/04(b) Election of Vice Chairman.

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

14/05 Appointment of representatives.

The following appointments were confirmed:

Shropshire Council Local Joint Committee.

Mr. R. Purslow

SALC Area Committee.

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Shropshire Council's Emergency Planning Committee.

Mr. R. Jones

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

Mr. P. Keyse

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee.

Mr. R. Tiernan

Tree Officer.

Mr. L. Roberts

The Clerk to contact Mr. Ruck to see if he will be the representative on the Myddle Village Hall Committee.

14/06 Police Report:

The Chairman welcomed CSO Tyler to the meeting and stated that it was encouraging to have a police representative in attendance. CSO Tyler outlined his role and said that he was part of a team based at Edinburgh House comprising an Inspector; a Sergeant; a beat officer; two full and one part time CSOs. His role was to work closely with the local community and he had been involved in carrying out speed checks in Myddle and Harmer Hill as requested by the Parish Council. A number of drivers had been stopped and cautioned.

He had checked the statistics but could find no reported crime during the past two months.

The Clerk stated that this was contrary to the police web site which showed that for February and March the following had been reported: Harmer Hill – one vehicular crime and Myddle – two incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Mr. Purslow raised concerns over the previous meeting's report which showed that there had been a crime of violence and sexual offence reported in both Myddle and Harmer Hill. He wondered if this was an error. Clerk reported that he had asked for clarification of the offences but had not received any feedback and CSO Tyler agreed to check all the details. The Chairman thanked him for his report and asked him to pass on thanks to the senior officers for arranging his attendance.

14/07 Minutes of the meeting held on March 5th. 2014:

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendment – '*Public Session (d) should read Ellesmere Road*'.

14/08 Matters arising from the meeting:

(a) Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (13/93(1)).

Although there had been an assurance that this would be erected in the previous financial year there was still no sign of it. Councillor Williams confirmed that Ringway were finding it difficult to keep up with all their commitments.

(b) The Hollow, Harmer Hill (13/93(3)).

The decision to request a re-alignment at the entrance to the Hollow had been sent to Mr. David Gradwell at Shropshire Council, who had confirmed that it had been added to the list of safety measures which needed addressing in the Parish.

(c) Broadband Development (13/93(5))

Clerk confirmed that Mr. Chris Taylor would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting and explaining the developments taking place in the Harmer Hill area.

(d) Myddle playing field – litter.

Clerk reported that he had advised Mr. Woolley of the concerns raised at the last meeting and the problem seemed to have been resolved.

(e) Tree Inspections (13/106).

The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr. Len Roberts to confirm that he was prepared to be the local tree officer, which would then enable Mr. Terry Merchant to proceed with the planned inspection of the trees. During the inspection he would point out to Mr. Roberts the areas that needed monitoring over the next four year period.

(f) Traffic control by Myddle School (13/93(10)).

Chairman reported that it was necessary to keep pressure on all agencies to try and get a crossing for the children. This was a dangerous and well used road and it was essential that action was taken before there was a serious accident. He had made contact with the officer at Shirehall with responsibility for the 'Safer to School' programme and the response had been quick and positive.

(g) Shropshire Council – offer of trees.

Clerk reminded Members that Shropshire Council would be offering free trees to the Parish in the autumn and there was a need to identify if any were needed.

(h) World War 1 Remembrance (13/107).

It was decided that if any event was organised it should be held in 2018 to remember the end of the war. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to see if there was a grant available from the War Memorial Trust to help finance the renovation of the war memorial in Myddle Church.

(i) Children's Play Area – footpath. (13/104).

Clerk reported that the local County Regeneration Officer had suggested that a grant might be available from Meres and Mosses to help provide the requested path. Discussions with one of their officers had been positive and an application was submitted, accompanied by a quotation for providing the path. Unfortunately the committee dealing with the grants felt that providing the path was the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to explore alternative sources of grant aid.

(j) Telegraph post – Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill (13/107).

Clerk reported that BT has visited the site but had informed him that the post belonged to the electricity board. They had placed some warning tape round the post and had suggested that the cost of relocating the post would be excessive.

(k) Play Area Inspection.

RoSPA would be carrying out the inspection in June and Mr. Tiernan agreed to accompany the inspector on the visit, providing he was not on holiday. Mr. Tiernan was thanked for the work he had done in painting the equipment and filling in the 'trip gaps'. It was agreed not to carry out any further repair work on the site until after the inspection.

(l) Meetings with representatives of Myddle School and Corbet School, Baschurch (13/103).

The Chairman reported that together with the Vice Chairman, he had met Sue Dawson, Head Teacher at Myddle School and the Head at Corbet School, Baschurch. Both meetings had been very positive and there was much to be gained by keeping close contact with both schools.

At Myddle School numbers were a problem, with only 60 registered and some of these were travelling from Shawbury. The pre-school group now numbered between sixteen and twenty-one and had become well integrated. The school was providing breakfast for six to nine children but was currently running at a loss and after school activities were available on most days. The recent Ofsted report had identified a continuing problem with mathematics teaching/learning. However the school was becoming involved with the local Federation of Schools for the sharing of information and ideas.

She had raised concerns about the amount of dog fouling on the path to the Church with many items of footwear needing to be washed when the children returned to school. The action taken by the Council is recorded under item 14/15 of these minutes. Sue also pointed out that parents and teachers were concerned about the lack of traffic calming measures on the road. She was assured that action to improve the situation was high on the agenda for Parish Council Members, who would continue discussions with Shropshire Council to find a solution.

At the Corbet School the discussion had been very cordial and positive. The Chairman felt that there was a need to develop a working relationship with the staff working there and the Head agreed that Council Members could learn a lot by and talking and listening to some of the young people.

Concern had been raised about the lack of a shelter in Myddle for children waiting for the school bus, which meant that at times they arrived in school with wet clothing. The Chairman had advised him that the Council were aware of the problem and would be seeking ways in which this could be financed.

(m) Collection of Waste (March13/public session).

Councillor Williams reported that he had discussed the problem with waste collection from the new properties in Lower Road, Harmer Hill. The problem had been resolved and the residents had been informed that collections from the properties would now take place.

14/09 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April/May)	£446.82
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)	£96.87
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Feb/March)	£111.60
Shropshire Council	Rent Myddle Recreation Ground (2014-2015)	£300.00
Scottish Power	Electricity costs (31/12/13-31/03/14)	£168.08
SALC	Delegate to AGM (Nov)	£20.00
AON	Insurance (2014- 2015)	£767.49
R. Mayall & Daughter	Rent Harmer Hill Playing Field (2014 – 2015)	£180.00
Broughton Church	Burial Ground Maintenance	£125.00
Myddle Church	Burial Ground Maintenance	£250.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Grant	£1,000.00
Myddle Village Hall	Grant	£1,000.00
Myddle Messenger	Grant	£500.00
Francis Care Associates	Dog Fouling Notices	£19.98
SJF Design and Print	Leaflets for 'Welcome evenings'	£5.00
Eon	Identified urgent repairs	£480.88
Eon	Repairs/replacement parts (4 lights)	£252.22
SALC	Membership fee (2014-2015)	£430.43
Richmond Building Solutions	Play Area painting, etc.	£129.60
Eon	1 st . half of annual maintenance fee	£279.86

14/10 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

14/11 Income and Expenditure 2013 -2014:

The Clerk tabled documents relating to the previous year's accounts, pointing out that as they had still to be audited they were only for information purposes.

The documents were noted.

14/12 Street Light Maintenance:

Members gave consideration to a paper produced by the Clerk relating to the upgrading of the parish lights and on a majority vote, the following decisions were made:

(a) Not to convert to low energy lighting.

Although these lights would be brighter and use less power, it would cost an additional £5,100.00 and take 14 years to recoup the cost by lower electricity charges. It also noted that there had been media coverage about complaints nationally regarding the brightness of this type of light in rural communities.

(b) Not to convert to part night time lighting.

Although this would produce a saving in energy costs it would take nine years to recoup the cost of conversion and there was concern about having no lighting after midnight in the Parish.

(c) Replacement of the lamp poles on the 27 identified lights.

This work had to go ahead and could be done in stages over five years or by seeking a Government loan which would enable all the lights to be replaced at the same time. The Clerk was asked to find out the interest rate on the loan and whether it was a fixed rate over the five year period needed. Once this information was available a final decision would be made at the next meeting.

14/13 Planning Applications:A. The following applications have been received and considered with no objections raised.

5, Myddlewood – conversion and extension to form ancillary accommodation.
Chapel adjacent to Heatherdale, Myddle – conversion to dwelling.
Top Farm, Marton – erecting and rebuilding overhead lines.
Harmer Hill Reservoir – conversion of redundant building to holiday let accommodation.

B. The following applications have been approved:

Erection of six properties on land adjacent to Jubilee Cottage.
Erection of six properties on land adjacent to Orchard House.

C. The following application had been withdrawn.

Land adjacent to Village Hall –outline application for 10 affordable houses.

14/14 Community Led Plan:(a)Community Spirit and Amenities:

Mrs. Hodge reported that she had produced a leaflet outlining all the groups, clubs and organisations in the Parish and these had been issues to a well-attended and successful 'Welcome to the Parish' evening held in Myddle Village Hall.

Harmer Hill Members were welcome to have the remaining leaflets if they ran a similar event

(b) Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety:

Members noted the decision about The Hollow and the continued efforts to improve the safety of children crossing the road by the Village Hall/School.

(c) Business and Farming:

Mr. Keyse reported that once the information on Broadband development in the Harmer Hill area had been confirmed at the Annual Parish Meeting, this project would be complete and he would look for another topic to review.

(d) Housing:Affordable Housing:

Mr. Purslow reported that additional meetings had been held in the Village Halls and three new people had been identified as seeking affordable housing. He felt that the Council should look at the possibility of procuring some development and to this end a representative of Meres and Mosses had been invited to the next meeting to outline their responsibilities and plans.

14/15 Correspondence:

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

Patrick Cosgrove – items about Broadband in Shropshire.

Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.

Mandy Beever (Shropshire Council) – Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles.

Sue Thomas – LJC Planning Meeting.

Customer First – Myddle War Memorial.

David\$ Gradwell – The Hollow, Harmer Hill.

CPRE – Countryside under threat.

Myddle School – problems with dog fouling on footpath, etc.

Clerk reported that he had arranged for the dog warden to visit the school and this had been carried out the same day and action taken over the offending dog owner. The school had expressed sincere thanks for the actions taken by both Councils.

Helen Tudor – road closure at Station Road, Yorton.

Shropshire Council – re-assessment of SAMDev.

Brian Williams – Planning Practice Guidance.

SALC – Shropshire Local Sustainability.

Daryl Gosmore – Local Support and Sustainability.

Francis Carne – dog fouling notices.

Clerk reported that the Chairman had agreed for a number of notices to be purchased for distribution round the Parish. The school had taken several but there were still some available.

Sue Thomas – Ageing Well Information Event.

Sue had reported that this meeting had been very successful and many people had attended.

SALC – Information Bulletin March 27th. And April 11th.

SALC - Future fit engagement events.

SALC - Post sixteen transport consultation.

North Shropshire Area Committee -Future of the LJs and Building a broadband future.

Patrick Cosgrove – Broadband news.

CAB – Shropshire Health and Poverty report.

Brian Williams – letters outlining details of Shropshire Councillors meeting with the Housing Minister.

Shropshire Council – Outdoor Recreation newsletter.

Secretary N.S. Area Committee (ALC) – Minutes of meeting held on April 8th.

14/16 Committee Reports:

Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Purslow reported that the format of the Committee had changed and unfortunately the planning meeting had clashed with this meeting. Clerk reminded Members that details of the new structure of the committee had been emailed to them in a report from the Secretary of the SALC area committee.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Mr. Keyse gave a report on the meeting held at RAF Shawbury. There had been no complaints registered and the Community Relations Officer had offered to come to a Council meeting and talk to Members about the work being carried out at the base.

Clerk was asked to arrange this for a future Council meeting.

14/17 Exchange of Additional Information:

(a) Litter picking:

The Chairman gave a report on the litter picking session which had been arranged by Mr. Colin Ruck. Twenty six people had taken part and many bags full of waste material had been collected and it was a very positive and interesting event.

(b) Annual Parish Meeting:

The Clerk had provided Members with a copy of the planned agenda for the meeting and this was approved.

(c) Parked Car:

Mr. Purslow reported that a vehicle was regularly parked on the pavement outside Sunnyside, Wem Road, Harmer Hill, restricting the view of other vehicles wanting to get onto Wem Road and causing pedestrians to walk on the road to pass it.

Clerk to inform the police.

(d) The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

Mr. Tiernan reported that a sign advising HGV drivers that there was no access was obscured by an overgrown tree. Clerk to contact the Highways Department and ask them to take action to clear the sign.

(e) Electoral Roll:

Mr. Jones reported that having studied his copy of the roll there were several mistakes in how residents were allocated to the varying wards.

(f) Harmer Hill Council Notice Board:

It was agreed that Mr. Purslow and Mr. Jones could carry out the necessary repairs to the board.

13/18 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday June May 25th. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ Chairman

Date: _____ \$\$