

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH. 2015 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

1. Mrs. Paterson raised concerns about the traffic using The Hollow, Harmer Hill and asked if action could be taken to improve the situation.

The Chairman explained that the Council were aware of the problem and had endeavoured to get Shropshire Council to carry out work which would slow traffic entering the road. To date all that had been agreed by them was to paint white lines at the junction, which had not improved the situation. The Council would continue to put pressure on the Highways Department to provide a satisfactory solution.

2. Mr. Ian Richardson, Chief Executive Officer of Shropshire Rural Housing Alliance, was in attendance and gave an interesting and informative talk on the role of the Alliance and how it could work with rural communities to provide small units of high quality affordable housing. They would work closely with the Parish Council and members of the community but it would be necessary to identify a suitable site where the land owner was prepared to sell the land at a price which would allow this type of development to take place.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and promised that the Council would look closely at how it could proceed.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. P. Keyse

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams

The Parish Clerk.

15/58 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S. Parker

15/59 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

15/60 Minutes of the meeting held on September 2nd. 2015:

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

15/61 Matters Arising:

(a) Highways.

The Chairman outlined the range of road safety issues which had been raised with the Highways Department over the past twelve months and outlined his deep concern that many of these had not been acknowledged and very few had been acted upon. He felt that there was a need to have a face to face meeting with the officers concerned. He also felt that Shropshire Council's policy for reporting concerns was not appropriate.

In response, Councillor Williams outlined the responsibility he had as the local Shropshire Council Member and promised to look closely at the issues which had been raised and discuss them with the appropriate officers. He would also check on the current policy for reporting incidents of concern as he was unaware of its existence.

(b) Speed Watch (15/45(c)).

The need for additional volunteers had been published on the web site and in the Messenger but there had been no further response and with only three people listed it was not possible to proceed with the project. The Chairman thanked those who had volunteered.

(c) War Memorial Committee (15/45(g)).

The Chairman gave an outline of the progress of the committee and the funds held now totalled £548.00. A successful jazz evening had been held in Harmer Hill Village Hall and another event was planned in the spring.

It had been decided to expand the content of the Book of Remembrance which was being compiled, to include excerpts from the War Diaries to show what was going on at the time of the First World War.

(d) Change of Council name (15/45(h)).

It was recorded that Shropshire Council had given approval for the name of the Council to be changed to Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council. It was noted that changes would have to be made to a range of documents including the title of the web site.

(e) Mr. Ian Connolly – speed checks (15/45(b)).

Mr. Connolly had sent details of the checks carried out on roads in the Parish, which indicated that there were excessive speeding problems on several of them. Arrangements would be made to continue regular checks using the Speed Watch Van.

(f) Dog waste bin (15/56).

The need for an additional bin on the Recreation Ground had been raised with Shropshire Council but in response, the local officer had stated that the Parish Council would have to pay £300.00 for it and £300.00 per annum for it to be emptied. It had been decided not to proceed with the request.

(g)Preferred traders.

Members approved a policy document prepared by the Chairman, which stated:

The Parish Council will hold a list of preferred traders, who have a history of working for the Council and can be approached to carry out work within the Parish, without the need for an estimate trawl, where the likely cost of the work will not exceed £500(+VAT).

Members and the Clerk will nominate traders for the retained list and those placed on the list will need to be informed and lodge with the Clerk, a copy of their third party insurance policy.

Members will be able to nominate or recommend one of the preferred traders for a specific contract and with the approval of the Council, approach them with a request that they carry out the work. For audit trail purposes there will need to be an official order placed by the Clerk.

In the case of an emergency, approval for immediate action may be given by the Chairman or the Clerk.

15/62 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Oct/Nov.)	£683.40
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£130.73
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Oct. /Nov.)	£171.00
	National Insurance	£24.61
H.M. Govt.	Loan Repayment	£1,587.98
Richmond Building Solutions	Hedge Cutting (Myddle recreation ground)	£105.00
Mazars	External audit	£270.00
Shropshire Mole Control	Myddle Recreation Field	£200.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (13/08; 07/09; 01/10)	£457.92
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/06 – 30/09)	£171.86

15/63 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/64 External Auditor's Report:

Clerk reported that no issues had been raised over the administration or financial records.

15/65 Planning Applications:

A.The following planning applications had been received and were considered:

1. Construction of semi-detached affordable properties on land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Objected to for the same reasons the previous application on this site had been refused.

2. Barn - N.E. Well House Farm – change of use agriculture to residential.

Supported.

3. Rosewood, Myddle – variation of condition No.7 (size constraint).

Objected to on the grounds that the original application was granted for an ‘exemption site affordable dwelling’, with a maximum floor area. Allowing an extension of this nature would undermine the principle and policy and set a precedent.

4. Newton House Farm, Newton on the Hill – conversion of barns to two dwellings plus garaging.

Supported.

5. Land North of Jubilee Cottage – approval of reserved matters.

Objected to because the current proposal shows an extension of the land being used; no eight meter buffer zone on the south side and the height of the proposed houses is not in keeping with existing properties.

6. Wood Farm, Myddlewood – application for prior approval for a change of use from agriculture to residential.

No comment.

B. The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council:

The Buildings, Myddlewood - construction of three detached ‘open market’ dwellings.

15/66 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

The Chairman and Councillor Tiernan would carry out a review of local public transport facilities and see how Dial a Ride, North Shropshire Wheelers and a volunteer car service could be incorporated into the system, to assist those members of the community who did not have access to cars.

(b) Community Spirit and Amenities:

Councillor Mrs. Hodge reported that there were a range of events and activities available for local people and most were well supported. It was noted that the youth club had new leaders and appeared to be very successful, with between 30 and 50 young people attending.

(c) Housing:

It was agreed to seek a working relationship with the Rural Housing Alliance and to try and identify a suitable site for a small development of affordable houses in the Parish.

Councillor Purslow stated that he would arrange two further public meetings to determine need and liaise with Ms. Carol Clarke, Shropshire Council’s Enablement Officer for the area.

(d) Business and Farming:

Councillor Keyse reported that he now had a current list of all the farmers and businesses in the Parish and would be composing a letter to be sent to them asking how they felt the Parish Council could help and support them.

15/67 Police Report:Incident reports:

August 2015: Hillside, Myddle – motor vehicle offence (no suspect identified).

September 2015: Holly Bank and Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – reports of anti-social behaviour.

15/68 Parish Footpaths:1. Hollins Lane.

Councillor Ruck reported that the lane had been surveyed and there was a need for additional drainage in some areas. An attempt was being made to identify the owner of the adjacent land to get permission to gain access to carry out improvements.

2. Letter to land owners and farmers.

Members approved the content of a letter about the parish footpaths which had been written by Councillor Ruck and which would be sent to all farmers who had footpaths over their land.

15/69 Budget:

Clerk reported that he would be meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to prepare a draft budget for consideration at the January meeting. Members confirmed that they wished the same budget heads to be retained.

15/70 Correspondence:Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk:

Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter September 2nd.

Police – Newsletter September 4th.

EM North East – road closure (junction of A49 and B5063).

Michael Greer – Future Fit Briefing Notice.

Ray Tiernan – Mole problem on Myddle Recreation Ground.

Shropshire Council (Health and Wellbeing) – public toilets.

Dianne Dorrell - SALC AGM.

Alan Dawson – Moles.

Elections Officer – use of electoral roll details.

Ben Walker – broadband in Yorton.

NALC – congratulations on achieving award.

Mr. J. Newnham – Hollins Lane.

Councillor B. Williams – Hollins Lane.

Carol Clarke (Housing Development Officer) – re planning application.

Councillor B. Williams – response to planning application.

Gail Power – VSOS newsletter (September 18th).

Mr. D. Wise – report from SALC North Area Committee.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (Sept. 25th).

NALC – Newsletter (September 25th).

Gail Power – Police Commissioners Newsletter.

SALC – Annual Report and Audited Accounts.
 Sophie Millings – Shropshire Housing Group Annual Report.
 Councillor E. Hodge – Lloyds Transport travelling through Myddle.
 Gail Power – Health and Well Being strategy consultation.
 Gail Power – NALC elections of representatives.
 Gail Power – need for amendment of Hedgerow Act 1997.
 Dianne Dorrell – CiLCA 2015.
 Gail Power – Link to Shropshire Cabinet report.
 Police Commissioner – Newsletter.
 Shropshire Council – Children’s Trust Autumn Forums.
 Ben Walker – Broadband update.
 David Sandbach – Future Fit.
 Karen Townend – affordable housing definition.
 NALC – Newsletter.
 Gail Power – Health and Wellbeing Newsflash.
 Dianne Dorrell – SALC AGM.
 NALC – Newsletter.
 Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter (October 19th).
 SALC – Bulletin on national developments and meetings.
 Police Commissioner – weekly newsletter (October 19th).
 Karen Townend – planning application (affordable housing).
 EM Oswestry – temporary closure of the B5063.
 Gail Power – Shropshire Hate Crime research.
 Mr. & Mrs. Patterson – road safety concerns.

15/71 Committee Reports:

1. Local Joint Committee:

Councillor R. Purslow reported that Shropshire Councillor M. Pryce had given an enlightening talk on the problems faced by the Planning Department and the efforts being taken to address them.

2. SALC AGM:

The Chairman reported that it had been a positive event with interesting and informative reports from Shropshire Councillors and officers on Local Government Finance - Medium Term and a Local Planning Up-date.

There was also a report on NHS Future Fit from Mike Innes, Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

15/72 Myddle Recreation Ground:

The problem of moles on the recreation ground was discussed and Councillor Tiernan agreed to carry out a watching brief once the current problem had been controlled.

15/73 Exchange of Additional Information:

- (a) Councillor Tiernan said that Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee were holding a party on December 5th. for representatives of groups that use the hall. Council Members welcome.
- (b) Councillor Ruck reported that a Litter Pick was planned for March 2016.
- (c) Councillor Harding stated that he had received a complaint about a car being parked in Hollins Lane but he would try and get more information to see if there was a need for any action to be taken.
- (d) Councillor Mrs. Hodge complained about the state of the surface of the road from Myddle to Yorton and the lack of painted white lines at many road junctions. Councillor Williams agreed to investigate.
- (e) The Chairman felt that there was a need to improve the method of communicating with the community. Although The Messenger contributed much to the communication within the Parish, it was felt that there were important sections of the community, particularly younger people, who did not read it. He and the Vice-Chairman would like this discussed at the next meeting.

15/74 Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday January 6th. 2016 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Jeffrey **Chairman**

Date: January 6th. 2016