

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13th. 2017 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

P.C. D. Carpenter and P.C.S.O. L. Walmsley (West Mercia Police) were in attendance.

There were no members of the public present but the Chairman reported that the local Facebook site had indicated that there was concern being expressed by a number of people, that the Council were not actively involved in taking action over the disposal of dog faeces. He had produced a paper indicating the positive action taken by the Council over the past few years and a further document explaining what action individuals could take in reporting offending dog owners and would publish these on the Council web site.

P.C. Carpenter offered to try and get a large banner for placing outside the school.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman).

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. L. Foulsham

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

17/38 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

17/39 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Item 4(c) on the agenda.

17/40 Minutes of the meeting held on June 28th. 2017.

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

17/41 Matters Arising.**(a)Highways issues (17/34) (17/36(c) (17/36(e) :**

1. It was noted that the signs which had been promised at various locations had still not been erected.

2. The Clerk confirmed the details of a report he had received from the Safer Road Partnership which indicated that:

(i) There had been a continued improvement in lowering of the speed of traffic through Myddle with the average recorded speeds well below 30mph and further checks would not be carried out for the time being.

(ii) Checks on the Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill had resulted in numerous prosecutions for excessive speed and the checks would be continued.

(iii) Covert checks on the Wem Road through Harmer Hill had indicated that the majority of drivers were travelling within the 40mph limit but a further check would be carried out.

Because of the open nature of the road the introduction of a 30mph limit would have limited impact on speed unless major work is carried out to slow traffic. The introduction of VAS signs stating 'SLOW DOWN' could be advantageous.

iii. The introduction of a Community Speed Watch programme in Harmer Hill could be effective.

(b) Overhanging tree on footpath (17/24(c))

Shropshire Council had identified that the tree was in the property owned by Mr. T. Barber and it was noted that the tree had been removed.

(c) Harmer Hill Play Area Lease (17/24(d))

The lease had now been signed by all parties and was in the process of being registered with the Land Registry Office.

(d) Parking on Access road to Playing Field.

Meres and Mosses Housing Association had now agreed that the pathway was part of the land leased by the Parish Council and as such they could not take action against the car owner. They had also stated that they would no longer carry out any maintenance work on that section.

Members were reluctant to take Court action to get the vehicle removed and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Meres and Mosses to see if they were prepared to create a parking area for their tenant on land adjacent to her property.

(e) Wem Road – daffodils (17/24(b))

There had still not been any response from Mr. Jeremy Shingler and the Clerk was asked to write again asking him if he was prepared to carry out re-instatement of the daffodils.

17/42 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on August 10th. 2017.

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

17/43 Issue Arising.

Affordable Housing:

Councillor R. Purslow reported that he had held discussions with Carol Clarke (Shropshire Council) and Ian Richardson (Rural Housing Trust) regarding the provision of affordable housing to meet an identified need. They were both keen to go ahead with constructing three bungalows and two, two bedroomed houses in the Parish.

A suitable site was needed and a possible area would be part of the Glebe Land close to Myddle Church.

It was agreed that this should be explored and the Clerk agreed to contact representatives of the Diocese to see if they were prepared to sell any land.

If the project went ahead the Council could receive a £3,000 grant for each property.

17/44 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug/Sept)	£522.58
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)	£94.94
	Office rent. (April-Sept.)	£200.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE/N/I. (Aug/Sept.)	£374.75
Play Safety	Play Area Inspection (2017)	£96.60
Scottish Power	Electricity costs (31/03 -30/06)	£169.97
SALC	Training Fees (Councillors L. Foulsham & J. Bienek)	£50.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Parish paths expenses (loppers & secateurs)	£48.98
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (June 30 & July 12)	£305.28
H.M. Government	Loan Repayment	£1,587.98
Mr. F. A. Wooley	Salary (April-Sept. inclusive)	£240.00

17/45 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/46 Mid-Year Income & Expenditure Review.

The detailed report had been issued with the Agenda for the meeting. It was considered and approved.

17/47 Budget for Projects.

Two possible projects were considered in detail and the following two part resolution was proposed, seconded and approved:

1. That EON should be asked to provide a quotation for the erection of VAS signals on the Wem Road entering Harmer Hill from both directions. The signs would need to be solar powered and simply state SLOW DOWN. The cost of the signals would be funded from the Council's Project budget and Community Infrastructure money.
2. That quotations should be obtained for the creation of a Children's Play Area on Harmer Hill playing field and the Clerk was asked to approach Mr. Ray Parry to attend a site meeting to discuss this in more detail. It was agreed that efforts would be made to secure grant funding to finance the work. This would entail the Council getting three quotations.

17/48 External Audit Report.

Clerk reported that he had received the report from Mazars and no concerns had been raised over the management of the Council or the financial returns.

17/49 Risk Assessment Review.

The document was considered and adopted as Council policy.

17/50 Correspondence.

Details of correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded to Members, these were considered and responded to where necessary. Please see attached list.

17/51 Planning Applications.

A. The following planning applications had been received, were considered with no objections raised to any of them.

- (a) 1, The Glebelands, Myddle – consultation over revised plan.
- (b) The Old Granary, Wood Farm, Myddlewood- conversion of an agricultural building to residential use plus conversion of stables to form part of the new residence.
- (c) Hollins Farm, Merrington – conversion of a barn to one dwelling.
- (d) Newton House Farm, Newton of the Hill – (a) Variation of condition 2 and (b) Change of use of adjacent field from agriculture to domestic.
- (e) The Old Dairy, Wood Farm, Myddlewood – installation of a wall mounted steel flue.

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

- 1. Land south of the Red Castle Public House – erection of two semi-detached properties.
- 2. 1, The Glebelands – two storey extension.

C. The following application had been withdrawn:

Cryn Cottage, Lower Road, Myddle – alterations/extensions.

D. The following application had been refused

Well House Farm, Marton – extensions.

17/52 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Councillor R. Tiernan stated that the Road Safety Committee would be meeting again in December and plans were still going ahead to consult with residents over possible improvements to ‘The Hollow’, Harmer Hill.

Please see Minute 17/41 (a) for further details.

(b) Community Spirit:

Councillor Mrs. Hodge stated that the various clubs in Myddle were providing interesting activities for their members and all were well supported.

The Chairman reported that planned activities were published on the local Facebook page and this had been well received.

(c) Housing:

Dealt with under Minute 17/43

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

Other:

It was noted that Shropshire Council and SALC was holding an information session on the need to review Community Led Plans and how best this could be achieved. Councillors R. Purslow and R. Jones agreed to attend the event with the Clerk and report back at the next meeting.

17/53 Police Report.

May - no incidents recorded.

June – Myddle: Anti-Social-Behaviour -5 (Glebelands -3; Alford Grange -2).

The police officers in attendance had asked for comments from Members and in the main the concerns raised related to the excessive speed of road traffic.

17/54 Committee/Meeting Reports.Harmer Hill Village Hall:

Councillor L. Foulsham reported that he had attended a number of meetings and was pleased to report that the construction of the new porch had been completed and that some windows had been replaced. There was ongoing discussion regarding the need for a re-decoration programme.

Myddle Village Hall:

Councillor G. Harding stated that there were several events planned, including a Music Festival and the annual Harvest Lunch which was a combined Church and Village Hall event. Concern had been expressed at the state of the Village Pump Gate and after discussion he agreed to see if, with the help of the Chairman, suitable repairs could be carried out. If this was not possible, it was agreed that the Clerk should seek a quotation for the work from Mr. Henry Griffiths.

17/55 Exchange of additional information.1. Transport:

Concerns had been raised that several lorries were now coming through the Myddle rather than the alternative Burlton route, which was contrary to the informal agreement with the head of transport at Lloyds.

Clerk stated that he would discuss this with the company but would need details of the times this was happening and if possible the lorry's number plate details.

2. Harmer Hill Pump:

Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Linda Baker thanking her for re-painting the pump and regularly placing flowers on it. It was a credit to the Village and greatly appreciated.

3. Litter:

Councillor R. Jones raised concerns at the amount of the litter being left in the lay-by on the Ellesmere Road and asked whether a bin could be placed there. The Chairman pointed out that this had been discussed before and the Parish Council would have to purchase the bin and pay an annual fee for having it emptied and there was no evidence that this would improve matters. The most effective was to have volunteer litter picking carried out.

4. Appointment of Internal Auditor:

There was a unanimous decision to re-appoint Mr. Mike Sheehy as the internal auditor for the current year,

5. Play Area Inspection:

Clerk reported that he had received the inspection report from RoSPA and there were no serious problems with the equipment following the repairs which were carried out after the last inspection. The Chairman had been forwarded a copy and confirmed that no action was required.

17/57 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday November 1st. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck **Chairman** **Date:** November 1st. 2017

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING (JUNE)

Admin, Myddle School – Safer Schools Meeting.

Jean Jones – Footpath diversion – Wood Farm.

Gail Power – Shropshire Patients ‘Helping to Heal NHS.’

Dianne Dorrell – SALC meeting with the Police Commissioner.’

Gavin Hogarth – Shropshire Bid to Host UK Recovery Walk in Shrewsbury.

Dianne Dorrell - consultation regarding National Rural Survey.

Brian Williams – parking on access to Myddle playing field.

D. Wise minutes from recent North Shropshire area SALC meeting

Shropshire Council English Bridge, Shrewsbury re- surfacing.

Dianne Dorrell – 20mph Conference.

Gail Power – Conference on Negotiating a better outcome in planning.

NACL – Newsletter.

Shropshire Council - Broadband press release.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals – Newsletter.

Jenny Robey – Lamp post poppies.

Lin Foley – Care Counselling.

Dianne Dorrell – July bulletin.

Brian Williams – Local Plan Members group meeting.

Dianne Dorrell – report July 28th.

Dianne Dorrell – invitation from Councillor Mrs. Barrow.

Aon Insurance – notification that they are withdrawing from Local Council Insurance.

Chairman – Arran House Hedge.

Dianne Dorrell – Police Commissioners newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – report on meeting with local Members of Parliament.
Dianne Dorrell – Community Group Coordinator – vacancy.
Dianne Dorrell – Future Fit press release.
Dianne Dorrell – Community Led Plans.
Simon Wright (C.E.O Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust) – media statement.
Shropshire Council - consultation meeting on draft parking policy.
Michael Lewis – consultation on draft library strategy.
Chairman – Dog Fouling.
Gavin Hogarth – DAAT August Newsletter.
EM North East – road closure Yorton Station junction 15th. November.
Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter (August 17th).
SaHT – Academy Details.
Midwife Led Unit – service review.
Dianne Dorrell – Council Case studies.
VCSA - Assembly seeking new volunteer members.
NHS – choice of Health apps.
Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin 25th. August.
Gail Power – Neurology is a Hot Topic.
P.C. Dave Carpenter – Integrated Management Project.