

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. 2018 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session.**

There were three members of the public present.

(a) Mrs. Harris reported an accident which had occurred earlier in the day close to the junction of Ellesmere Road and the road leading to Newton-on-the-Hill. It was only by good fortune that no one was killed and she outlined concerns about safety issues the community had regarding this particular section of road and the adjacent footpath, particularly as children used it to catch the school bus.

The Chairman explained that her concerns were shared by the Council who had for a long time brought this to the attention of Shropshire Council who indicated that there were insufficient resources to make improvements. This was confirmed by Shropshire Councillor B. Williams who gave a detailed report on the financial problems facing Shropshire Council. It was agreed that Shropshire Council would again be asked to carry out improvements to the footpath and that alternative options would be considered to improve the safety of residents.

(b) Mr. & Mrs. Atkins stated that they were relative newcomers to Harmer Hill and had attended to find out more about the workings of the Council. Having made some salient points they remained for the whole meeting.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman).

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. L. Foulsham

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

The Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public.

**18/37 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Purslow and Mrs. E. Hodge.

**18/38 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**18/39 Minutes of the meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. 2018**

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

**18/40 Matters Arising.**(a) Play Area Inspections, Signs and Maintenance.

Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been agreed with Shropshire Council who would be responsible for the oversight and inspections of both play areas.

It was agreed that a sign should be erected pointing out that parking in the gateway at Harmer Hill was for those bringing children to the play area. Clerk to arrange.

(b) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – speeding traffic.

The Clerk confirmed that:

- (i) Shropshire Council had refused to grant aid the project from the CIL Local Fund, stating that it did not meet the criteria as it was not ‘infrastructure’ development.
- (ii) The Safer Road Partnership had carried out a covert check on the speed of traffic and reported that very few were exceeding the limit required for prosecution, which is 40mph + 10% + 2. and therefore they would not be carrying out camera checks.

(c) Lower Road, Harmer Hill – house numbering.

Councillor R. Tiernan reported that he had discussed this with various residents and it would require a major re-think by those affected and the post office to introduce any meaningful change and suggested that individuals clearly identified their own property.

(d) Tesco Grant.

It was confirmed that a grant of £1,000 had been awarded to the Council towards play area expenses.

(e) Myddle Play Area:

Mr. Woolley had been advised of the termination of his contract and had thanked the Council for engaging him for a number of years as he had enjoyed doing the work.

It was agreed to have the condemned wooden unit removed from the Myddle site and replaced with a modern item using the grant obtained from Tesco. Councillor I. Anderson offered to remove the old unit and it was agreed that the Clerk should discuss the installation of a new unit with Mr. Ray Parry.

(f) Banking

Clerk reported that the banking situation caused by the closure of the Shrewsbury branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland had been resolved and the account would be held by the NatWest in Shrewsbury, which is part of the RBS.

**18/41 Payment of Accounts.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug/Sept. + back pay)		£554.26
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug)	£94.06	
	Office rent (April-Sept)	£200.00	£294.06

Inland Revenue	PAYE (Aug/Sept.)	£348.40	
	N.I. (Aug/Sept.)	£23.32	£460.67
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (April – Sept.)		£240.00
Eon	Annual contract (50%)		£287.20
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (31/03-30/06)		£169.97
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit (2017-18)		£235.00
Eon	VAS signals + erection		£8117.44
H.M. Government (S.0)	Loan repayment		£1587.98
Mr. C. Ruck	Parish paths expenses		£15.28
Mr. C. Ruck	IT support (08/18-08/19)		£120.00

### **18/42 Financial Statement.**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

### **18/43 Mid-Year Review of Accounts.**

A detailed report produced by the Clerk/RFO was considered and adopted and would be available on the web site.

### **18/44 Correspondence.**

Members considered the correspondence which had been forwarded to them since the last meeting and where necessary responded to varying items.

Major items considered included:

1. Shropshire Council's decision to suspend Community Led Safety measures for two years.
2. Recent burglaries – Clerk was asked to invite a representative from Smartwater to attend the January meeting.
3. Re-introduction of the Rural Youth Activity Fund.
4. Town and Parish Council Forum.

Full list of correspondence is attached.

### **18/45 Planning Applications.**

A. The following planning applications had been received:

1. Land East of Silver Briers – amendment of reserved matters related to proposed erection of a dwelling East of the property. No objections raised.
2. Burra Bank, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of single storey extension to rear of existing building. No objections raised.
3. Alva, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a detached garage. No objections raised.
4. Land north of Meadowland, Sleaf – proposed erection of an agricultural workers dwelling including siting of a mobile home during construction. No objections raised.

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

1. Glebelands, Myddle – erection of front porch
2. Greenways, Houlston Lane, Myddle – replacement of flat roofs; demolition of garage, etc.
3. 1, Bridgewater Place, Harmer Hill – erection of combined shed/greenhouse.
4. Hollins Farm, Merrington – creation of a new lake.
5. Burra Bank, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of single storey extension, etc.

C The following application has been refused:

5, Webscott, Myddle erection of a detached garage complex, etc.

**18/46 Local Plan Review.**

A report of the meeting held in Shirehall on August 9<sup>th</sup>. had already been forwarded to Members.

Those attending had queried the criteria for deciding that Myddle should be identified as a 'Hub' and pointed out that there were already severe problems with the sewerage system, which was being reviewed by Severn Trent.

It was noted that to date no decisions had been made and that the Parish Council would be consulted in detail over any future proposals.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams was asked to pass on thanks to Edward West for the professional way in which he had handled the meeting.

**18/47 Audit**

(a) The procedure for the Internal Audit was considered and approved and Mr. M. Sheehy was appointed as the Internal Auditor.

(b) External Auditors report.

Clerk reported that he had not received this and would forward details as soon as it arrived.

**18/48 Risk Assessment**

An up-dated Risk Assessment document was tabled and approved.

**18/49 Community Led Plan.**

(a)Traffic and Transport.

i. Road Safety Meeting.

(a)A detailed report of the meeting had already been forwarded to Members and general concern was expressed about the lack of action by Shropshire Council on issues that had been raised and of its decision to defer identified projects for at least two years.

(b)It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the re-location of the Harmer Hill sign on Lower Road when the exact location for it had been confirmed. A maximum sum of £500.00 was identified.

(c) The Clerk would raise with Shropshire Council the issue of safety at the junction of Ellesmere Road and the road leading to Newton-on-the-Hill, asking for the footpath to be cleared and for the other safety issues to be re-considered.

(b)Community Spirit.

No report tabled.

(c)Housing.

It was reported that an approach had been made to a land owner in Lower Road regarding the provision of land for affordable housing and he had agreed to discuss this with the Rural Housing Association.

(d)Business and Farming.

No report tabled.

**18/50 Police Report.**

Incidents recorded in May and June

Harmer Hill

The Hollow – Violence -3 (All under investigation).

Chapel Lane – Theft -1 (No suspect identified).

Myddle:

Hillside – Criminal Damage – 1 (No suspect identified).

Welcroft – Criminal damage -1 (No suspect identified).

**18/51 Committee/Meeting Reports.**

Road Safety and Local Plan Review meeting reports had already been tabled and there were no additional reports.

**18/52 Review of Policy Documents**

Clerk advised Members that he would be undertaking a review of the Council policy documents and would appreciate any comments/suggestions.

**18/53 Exchange of additional information.**

(A)Clerk to report the following issues:

1. Streetlight not working on Myddle Hill.
2. Blocked drains on Baschurch Road, Myddle close to The Old Rectory.
3. Warning sign leading to Harmer Hill Play Area not yet erected.

(B) It was noted that Ms. Pricilla Hilton Jones would be visiting the Harmer Hill Play area on October 11<sup>th</sup>. to view the items that her Trust had grant aided.

(C) It was noted that the Red Castle Public House had ceased selling alcohol.

**18/54 Date and time of Next meeting.**

Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>. 2018 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: G. Harding      Chairman**

**Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>. 2018**

## CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING (JUNE)

Shropshire Council – Planning briefing notes.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council consultation on Licensing.

Gavin Hogarth – Recovery Shropshire Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Power – ‘It all starts here’.

Charles Green CCPR re. housing development.

Ray Tiernan - burglary warning.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Discretionary Rate Relief.

Nikki Cheek – Temporary suspension of Community Led safety measures.

Julia Kear – Corbet News.

Gemma Davies (Head of Economic Growth) – use of CIL Local Funds.

Dianne Dorrell – Building Construction Grants.

Shropshire Council – road closure (Soulton Road, Wem).

Shropshire Council –Discretionary Non-domestic rate scheme.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin.

Nicola Fisher – Town and Parish Council forum.

Shropshire Council Highways – Risk based approach to repairs etc.

Julia Bevan – Tremflows Grant Scheme.

Linda Baker – WW1 remembrance Sunday

Shropshire Council – Forward Plan from August onwards.

Green Shropshire Exchange – draft strategy.

Safer Road Partnership – Wem Road speed check.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Community Enablement Team review.

Gail Power – Town and Parish Council Forum.

Dianne Dorrell – Rural Youth Activity Fund.

Dianne Dorrell – August Newsletter.

Police Commissioners Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – report of issues presented at the Forum meeting.