

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY AUGUST 10TH. AT 7.30pm**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Tiernan

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. E. Hodge and Mr. L. Foulsham and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor Mr. Anderson declared a possible interest in Item 1 on the agenda

Reason for calling the meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that there was a need to respond quickly to the two items on the agenda and it had been decided that the planned Council meeting in September would be too late. The two items for information and discussion were:

1. Affordable Housing Needs in the Parish.

Councillor R. Purslow reminded Members that the Community Led Plan adopted by the Council, had identified the need to provide additional social housing within the Parish to meet a range of perceived needs.

He and Councillor R. Jones had agreed to oversee Housing Development and various efforts had been made to identify the actual need for affordable housing. The response had been minimal but their efforts were thwarted by an application from a Housing Association to build affordable housing on land adjacent to the Harmer Hill Village Hall.

After two years this development failed to gain approval and it was decided that the Parish Council should explore the need again.

Questionnaires were obtained from Shropshire Council and widely distributed and eventually Ms. Carol Clarke, Shropshire Council's Housing Officer, had confirmed that there was an identified need for three bungalows and two small houses in the Parish.

If suitable land could be identified, a Housing Association would be prepared to undertake the development. The properties would be for people who had a connection with the Parish and the Parish Council would be fully involved in all aspects of the development and allocation of the properties.

Councillor Purslow felt there was an urgent need to get the scheme under way and if approved by the Council, he and Councillor Jones would explore the availability of possible building sites.

The Chairman called for a vote and it was proposed and seconded that the Council should go ahead with the scheme and this was supported by seven Members, with one Member declaring an abstention.

2. Lamp Post Poppies.

Councillor Purslow referred to an email circulated by the area co-ordinator of the Royal British Legion, seeking support from local Parishes in a project designed to attach poppies to lamp posts as part of the commemoration of Armistice Day.

He had seen these in a village last year and was impressed and it seemed to be a project well worth supporting. The cost of each poppy was £3.00 and he felt that ten in each village would suffice.

There was general discussion about the scheme with a number of Councillors unsure of the ethics of this type of commemoration.

The Chairman called for a vote and Councillor Purslow proposed that the Parish Council should support the project. However he failed to get his proposal seconded, which meant the project would not go ahead.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Purslow for his contributions and Members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck **Chairman**

Date: September 13th. 2017