

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS UP-DATE

At the last Council meeting the following items were considered:

Co-option of new Member.

Following the resignation of Ian Gunton, Members have been seeking to co-opt a new Councillor for the Myddle ward. The vacancy has been well publicised and one application was received from Mr. Geoff Harding of 5, Quarry Close, Myddle, who attended the Council meeting and after giving a brief outline of his experience and interests was duly elected.

New name for the Council.

Members have been debating this issue for some time and have received responses from a number of residents. It has been decided that there is a need for Harmer Hill to be included in the name and this request has been forwarded to Shropshire Council. This request has been noted but it appears that no action can be taken until after the next General Election, when Shropshire Council will have to carry out a detailed consultation process that can take up to twelve months. As soon as this process begins the Council will pass on the information to residents.

Council Loan.

After detailed consideration, Members have decided to seek a fixed rate low interest Government loan to enable all the identified upgrading of the Parish street lights to be completed at the same time. Account was taken of this need during the last budget setting process and should not incur further increases in the required precept over the period of the loan.

Annual Income and Expenditure.

The Clerk presented a detailed statement of the accounts for 2013-2014, together with a full response from the Council's internal auditor. No discrepancies were identified in the finances or in the way the Council is managed and Members received a very complimentary report. All the information now has to be sent to the national external auditor.

A detailed statement of the accounts can be found listed on the Council's web site.