

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Harmer Hill Village Hall at 7.30pm on
Wednesday May 18th. 2016

Present:

Councillor Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman).

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams.

Ms. S. Thomas (Shropshire Council Enablement Officer).

Police Sergeant C. Greenaway (West Mercia Police).

Councillors: Messrs. J. Heath, R. Purslow, C. Ruck, G. Harding; R. Jones and R. Tiernan.

The Parish Clerk.

Seven members the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Hodge; Mr. S. Parker and Mr. P. Keyse.

2. Welcome by the Chairman:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that there was a full and interesting programme planned and he felt sure there would be plenty of valuable contributions.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 20th. 2015:

It was reported that the minutes had already been approved at the Council meeting held on June 24th. 2015. Copies were available for those in attendance.

4. Matters Arising:

The Chairman indicated that his report later in the meeting would deal with the main issues arising from last year's meeting. No issues were raised from the floor.

5. Police Matters:

The Chairman welcomed Sgt. Claire Greenaway to the meeting. She began by saying that she was pleased to be stationed back at Wem, having been seconded for several months to the Shrewsbury Division.

She was aware of the concerns of residents and the Council regarding speeding traffic and it was seen as a priority within the policing team with every effort taken to carry out speed checks and work closely with the Safer Road Partnership. Until now checks could not be carried out on some sections of road because there was space for the monitoring van to park safely. A new monitoring device has been developed which enables speed checks to be carried out from a cycle. As a result it will be possible to carry out additional checks.

Responding to a query about the problems at the The Wym on the Wem Road, she said that much work had been carried out at the site to improve the situation and further signs were planned. However, the last three serious accident had been the result of driver error and action was being taken against the drivers.

Other than that she noted that the area was relatively crime free and pointed out that all the incidents recorded on the web site were, for various reasons, not always genuine crimes.

The Chairman thanked Claire for attending the meeting and for the valuable service she and P.C. Dave Carpenter gave to the community.

6. Shropshire Council Finance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams gave a detailed and informative report of the current financial problems facing Shropshire Council. A reduction in Government grants and increasing costs in adult social care and school provision, which was essential, had left the Council with a large shortfall in available finance. The Council was not allowed to set a negative budget and to achieve the balance, cuts would have to be made in non-essential services or money raised by alternative measures. Wide ranging discussions were on-going within the Council and with members of the public.

The Chairman thanked him for the report.

Community Infrastructure Levy:

Ms. Sue Thomas (Shropshire Council's Local Re-generation Officer), gave a comprehensive and interesting resume of the regulations governing the Community Infrastructure Levy indicating how the levy was generated, collected from the land owner or developer and then divided up between the local parish and Shropshire Council.

Any money allocated to the Parish had to be spent on capital infrastructure projects which were identified in the Council's Place Plan. The Parish Council would not be advised on which developments had generated the income.

The Chairman thanked Sue for her presentation.

8. Parish Council Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reminded everyone that he had produced a detailed written report of Council activity during the past year, which had been given to all those attending (copy attached). He then outlined the major issues which the Council faced in relation to planning; road safety and maintenance and strict budgetary control. He realised that there was a need to meet the aspirations of the residents and to keep them advised of Council activity. This had always proven to be difficult but various efforts were being made to overcome this.

He acknowledged the support of the police in keeping crime under control and the assistance given by a number of contractors and stressed the importance of the many and varied voluntary organisations and individuals providing valuable support in the community. He concluded by thanking his fellow Members and the Clerk for their co-operation and support.

8. War Memorial Project:

The Chairman gave a detailed report on the progress of the project stating that voluntary contributions were now approaching £2,200, with a target figure of £4,000.00.

A stall showing the progress of the project would be mounted at Myddle Village Fete and a number of fund raising activities were being planned for the next year. Work was continuing with writing biographies of those killed in the war and these were being linked to the published War Diaries of the KSLI, the regiment of many of the men who died.

9. Public Forum:

During the meeting the following concerns/proposals had been raised and the Chairman stated that they would be considered in detail at the next Council meeting:

1. Continued concern about speeding traffic at a number of locations.
2. Dangers to children attending Myddle School and the need for a 20mph limit to be in place at that location.

3. Need for a footpath from Harmer Hill to the Pimhill junction.
4. Flooding close to the school after heavy rainfall.
5. Need for the footpath accessing the nursery to be better protected.
6. Extension of the 30mph limit on the A528 approaching Harmer Hill from the Shrewsbury direction.
7. The speed limit on the B5467 through Harmer Hill towards Wem, should be re-assigned to 30mph.
8. Modifications at the junction of The Hollow and A528.

10. Chairman's Closing Remarks:

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation and for the valuable and interesting reports.

Minutes approved as a true record.

Signed: *R. Jeffrey* **Chairman** **Date:** *June 29th. 2016*
