

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7TH. 2009 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session

One Member of the public was present and raised concerns about a continuous water flow from an underground source outside No.4, Newton on the Hill.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mrs. L. Baker

Mrs. E. Hodge.

Mr. I. Gunton

Mr. R. Bowden

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (County and District Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Ms. J. Richards – (South Shropshire Housing Association).

08/58 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. C. Ruck and Mrs T. Evans.

08/59 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interests declared.

08/60 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period between the 1st November and the 31st. December, the following offences had been recorded: Fraud – 1 (detected) Criminal damage -1.

08/61 Minutes of the meeting held on November 12th. 2008

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

08/62 Matters Arising.

1. Highways (08/57(1)):

Mr. S. Oakley, Divisional Engineer, had informed the Clerk that:

1. Painting kerbs was an outdated procedure, so at the junction of the Wem and Ellesmere Roads, the white lines would be extended.
2. Metal B.T. covers on Lower Road had been re-instated
3. Households in Goddings Lane had been contacted about the stones on the verges of the road. It was confirmed that these had now been removed.
4. The request for a footpath extension on Baschurch Road, Myddle had been referred to the County Council's Improvement Section. County

Councillor B. Williams advised Members that there was every possibility of this being done, when finance was available.

The concerns raised regarding Hollins Lane had been referred to the Leisure and Culture Department as it was a Rights of Way issue.

2. Myddle – Changes to the speed limits (08/50(2))

The traffic department at the County Council had replied, stating that the signs would be removed but that road roundels were not part of the approved scheme.

3. Meres and Mosses: (08/50(3))

Housing Needs Survey:

Ms. Richards informed the meeting that the South Shropshire Housing Association had carried out the survey for Meres and Mosses. Over 400 letters had been sent out using information from the electoral roll. The response had been minimal but there were six responses indicating a need for housing. N.S.D.C. had 140 on a list from all north Shropshire and Meres and Mosses over a hundred. There was a need to analyse all these lists to determine the actual number for the area covered by the Parish Council. Once this was complete she would pass the results to the Clerk.

Members questioned the format of the circular which had been sent out and also pointed out that many people had not received a copy and wondered if the Broughton ward had been included.

4. Speed Limit Controls: (08/50(5))

Clerk reported that Inspector Wagstaff had indicated that speed checks had been carried out but there were very few vehicles exceeding the speed limit. She was asking S.C.C. Highways Department to carry out a data record on the roads. Members queried where the checks had been made, especially as the Inspector had stated that lorries were governed by different speed restrictions, whereas all vehicles were covered by the 30 and 40 mph regulations. Clerk to discuss this with Inspector Wagstaff.

5. Street Lights: (08/50(6))

Clerk reported that he had discussed possible changes with the contractors – NWP Electrical - who had strongly recommended that no changes should be made. Any savings on power would be minimal and the cost of changing and maintaining timed lights would be considerable. Switching out alternate lights could result in the Council being held responsible if any accidents occurred. Some Councils that had taken this action were already reversing their decision.

It was agreed to take no action.

6. Community Safety Partnership

Following the last meeting, the Vice-Chairman had suggested to the Clerk that it might be a good idea to invite a representative to speak to Members re. CCTV cameras, as there appeared to be a developing problem on the Village Hall car park. The Clerk had been advised that the request had been passed to the police, who were dealing with applications from a number of Councils..

08/63 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (Dec./Jan.)	£426.24
J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov./Dec.)	£109.47
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec./Jan.)	£107.07

NWP Electrical	Maintenance	£351.98
Broughton Church	Grant	£100.00

08/64 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

08/65 Annual Budget and Precept Setting.

A detailed budget for 2009-2010 had been prepared by the Clerk and forwarded to Members with the agenda. The budget was approved without any amendments and the precept was set at £14,875.00, the same as for the current year.

08/66 Clerk's Salary.

Members considered the nationally agreed interim pay award made to clerks and back dated to April 1st 2008. The award for the Clerk of £76.36 per annum was unanimously agreed.

08/67 Planning Applications.

A. Since the previous meeting the following applications had been received and considered:

1. Hanger Site at Sleaf Airfield – variation of condition attached to planning consent 03/1283/FUL to allow for continued use. No objections.
2. Lyndale, Houlston Road, Myddle – erection of single storey extension (amendment to previously approved) and change of use for the attached paddock from agricultural to domestic. No objection to the extension but objections raised to the change of use.

B. The following application had been approved:

Archways, Brookside, Myddle – outline application for the erection of three dwellings.

06/68 Freedom of Information – Publication Scheme:

The recommended scheme was approved unanimously.

It was recognised that there would be a need for the renewal and publication of various policy statements and for these to be available on a web site. Clerk to start the process and to discuss with Mr. Ruck the best way to develop a web site for the Council.

06/69 Committee/Representative Reports:

1. Shropshire County Council Area Committee:

Chairman reported that Myddle Village Hall had received a grant but that all the money had been allocated before the request for Yorton Village signs had been received. Discussions with the County Council had indicated that the cost of erecting three signs would be in the region of £450.00 and it was decided that the Parish Council should pay for this. The Council would also consider paying for two signs for Myddlewood if the County Council could determine the boundary points.

2. Harmer Hill Village Hall:

Mr. Jones reported that the renovation work had started and was on schedule, with a suggested completion date in June. Various clubs meeting in the hall had been relocated with the support of other organisations.

3. Northern Area Partnership:

Mrs. Hodge gave a report on the recent meeting held in Cockshut but felt that it had little relevance to the needs of local communities.

06/70 Parish Plan

Mr. Jeffrey informed the meeting that after due consideration, he felt that there was insufficient enthusiasm to develop a plan and was withdrawing his offer to undertake a lead role.

It was decided to take no action but to reconsider the development of a plan at a later meeting.

08/71 Correspondence

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was considered:

S.A.L.C. – invitation to attend an information evening on the new code of conduct.

Councillors R. Purslow, R. Jones, R. Jeffrey and I. Gunton agreed to attend.

Boundary Commission – recommendations of the review carried out for the new Unitary Council.

Mr. B. Williams – thanking Council Members for their support for a change to the original plan.

S.A.L.C. – Annual report.

S.A.L.C. – Notice of an increase in the annual membership fee.

Shropshire County Council – Your Countryside Magazine

West Mercia Police – Police Service 2009 and beyond.

08/72 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Mr. Jeffrey raised the following :

(i) The owner of the Village Shop had asked whether the Council was prepared to cover the cost of clearing the ice from the forecourt of the shop.

After consideration, Members decided that this would set a precedent and regretfully declined to make a grant.

(ii) Would it be possible to place a waste bin by the shop? Clerk to ask N.S.D.C. to action this.

2. Mr. Gunton asked if the County Council could be asked to create a 30mph speed restriction through Myddlewood.

Clerk to action.

3. Highways:

(i) Cat's eyes:

Mr. Jones reported that the cat's eyes between the Bridgewater Arms and the Red Castle had been removed again.

(ii) Loose drain cover:

Mrs. Hodge said that she had received a complaint about a loose cover on Myddle Hill close to the entrance to Hillside

Clerk to inform Highways Department and also the police about the cat's eyes.3

(iii) Water Leakage:

The Clerk was asked to contact Severn Water Authority regarding the problem raised in the public session.

08/73 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday March 4th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting:

Signed *R. Purslow* Chairman

Date *March 4th. 2009*