

**MYDDLE BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON 24th. JUNE 2026 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public session:

There were eight members of the public in attendance, and the following concerns were raised:

(a) The continued use of The Hollow, Harmer Hill by unsuitable large vehicles. In response, it was stated that continued efforts were being taken to get the Shropshire Council to resolve the problem.

(b) The application for 'Permission in Principle' for residential development on land south of Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

It was pointed out that the Parish Council and many residents had objected to the proposal before the closing date for comment. If the plans were turned down, there could be an appeal leading to further action by the Parish Council and those who had objected.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Mrs. S. Hammond (for part of the meeting).

Mr. G. Miller

Mr. H. Rook

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. M. Smith.

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor S. Marston

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

26/19 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Jackson, Mr. D. Evans and Mr. D. Smith

26/20 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor G. Miller declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(d)

26/21 Minutes from the meeting held on the 6th. May 2026.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

26/22 Matters Arising from that meeting:

(a) Harmer Hill Play Area:

The Chairman reported that there had not been any further information from the owners of the field where the Play Area was located. The Council continued to lease part of the field, and the Vice Chairman was overseeing the Play Area.

(b) Lower Road, Myddle – Traffic Concerns:

Mr. Graham Downes (Head of Shropshire Highways Dept.) had promised to forward maps indicating where action could be taken, but as yet these had not been received. Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston offered to contact Mr. Downes on behalf of the Council.

(c) Myddle Recreation Ground and Woodland Lease:

The Clerk had received a draft copy of the new 99-year lease, which had been studied by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor G. Miller.

There were some minor items which looked simple to resolve, but Councillor Miller had raised concerns about a major statement related to a break in the length of the lease which needed to be resolved. Shropshire Councillor S. Marston again promised to talk to senior Shropshire Council staff to try and get a favourable resolution.

(d) Myddle Church – request for financial support.

Councillor G. Miller outlined a range of actions which had been undertaken to resolve the current financial problems, and currently they would not be seeking a grant from the Council.

(e) Safer Road Partnership:

The possibility of setting up a new scheme for the Parish had been discussed with the appropriate officers, who had pointed out that the partnership team could not operate in Harmer Hill as regular official checks were already carried out, and since the installation of VAS units in Myddle, there seemed to be few incidents. The major problem seemed to be the road from Myddle to Myddlewood, but as it was an unrestricted road, the Partnership would not be able to carry out checks.

It was decided to withdraw the request for a scheme.

(f) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – VAS Unit and speed review.

Councillor M. Smith outlined the work he had taken to identify a suitable unit which could be used to check and record vehicle speeds, detailing how this would operate. Unfortunately, the Council was still awaiting permission from the Highways Team to install a unit on Wem Road. The Chairman thanked him for all the effort he had undertaken.

26/23 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 6th. May.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

26/24 Correspondence Received:

Members considered details of the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, and where appropriate, responses had been or would be made.

Councillor S. Hammond urged Members to study Shropshire Council's Email message 'Help Shape Shropshire's New Local Plan' and respond to the key questions before the closing date which is the 12th. July

26/25 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

H.M. Revenue & Customs	Income Tax & N.I. (May)	£342.23
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (May)	£441.44
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Dog Waste Bin	£240.90
Mr. M. Andrew	Paint for Play Area Work	£74.98
Mr. L. Foster	Painting Play Area Equipment	£97.50
Myddle Village Hall	Clickers (19 th . May)	£30.00
Printerbase	Printer cartridges	£42.00
Myddle Village Hall	Clickers (June 2 nd .)	£30.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£441.44
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (Feb – May Inc.)	£180.00
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Income Tax & N.I. (June)	£342.23
Shropshire Council	Energy Costs (Street Lights)	£1,870.30
Paperwrite	Stationery & Printing	£29.93

26/25(b) Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

26/26 Annual Audit

All the documents relating to the audit had been forwarded to Members before the meeting for consideration and review, and no issues or concerns had been raised. The Internal Auditor had approved the financial accounts and the overall management of the Council.

No issues were raised and the Chairman signed the necessary documents, which would

enable the Clerk to send them to the external Auditors in London for review and approval. Details of how Members of the public could obtain a copy of the documents would be published on notice boards and the Council's website.

26/27 Report from Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston.

A detailed report had been received and circulated to Members, and a copy is attached to these minutes. Sarah highlighted various aspects of the report, including the financial problems still facing the authority.

The Chairman thanked Sarah for the report and for her continued support of the Parish Council.

26/28 The Council's banking arrangements:

The Chairman stated that there was a need to move to an account which would enable invoices to be settled and paid electronically, but Council approval was needed before any action could be taken. The agreement to change was unanimously approved.

He then reported that Mr. Jack Wilson, the current Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, had advised him that he was going to retire at the end of September, and this would be an ideal time to make the necessary changes to coincide with the appointment of a new Clerk.

The Chairman then asked for volunteers to join him in the process of advertising, interviewing and appointing a new Clerk. Councillors M. Andrew; H. Rook, and S. Hammond volunteered to join and were all approved.

2629 Planning Applications:

The following had been received and responded to:

- (a) Sunnyside Harmer Hill – remedial work on protected trees to the read of the property (NS00048/94). *A 'No Comment response had been made.*
- (b) Hemlock House, Lower Road, Harmer Hill, removal of border fence and replacement with a fence up to 2m in height. (26/01308/FUL). *A No Comment response had been made.*
- (c) 3, Gough Court, Myddle – Certificate of Lawfulness for a single-storey extension.
- (d) Application for Permission in Principle for the residential development of 2 to 8 properties on land south of Lower Road, Harmer Hill (26/0210/PIP). *Objections raised.*
4. Mount Pleasant, Myddlewood – remodelling and extending existing outbuildings (26/02150/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response was made*
5. Glebelands, Myddle – replacement oil tank (26/02120/FUL). *Application supported.*

26/30 Police Reports:

Incidents recorded in:

March:

Harmer Hill – 2 (Bramblewood - Public Order: Wem Road – Burglary).

Myddle -1 (Eagle Farm Close – Other Theft).

Yorton – 1 (Church Road – Violence/Sexual).

April:

Harmer Hill – Burglary 3 (Wem Road - 2; Ellesmere Road -1).

26/31 Parish Plan

Councillor J. Jackson had withdrawn her request for the Council to produce a new Parish Plan, but suggested that a small group should regularly review the current plan and make any necessary changes. This was supported by Members, and it was decided it should be further developed at the next meeting when Councillor Jackson would be present.

26/32 Community Led Reports:

(a) Housing:

No further issues were raised.

(b) Traffic and Transport:

No further issues raised.

(c) Community Spirit:

(d) Business and Farming:

No issues raised.

26/33 Exchange of Additional Information:

Additional Agenda Items for the June meeting:

Issues needing urgent attention

Highways.

No further issues raised

2. Street Lighting:

No concerns raised.

3. Other:

The Chairman thanked Councillors M. Andrew and M. Smith for the excellent repair and re-painting work that had been carried out on both Play Areas.

26/34 Committee and Other Reports

No reports tabled.

26/35 Date and Time of next meeting.

Wednesday 2nd. September at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____ **2026:**