

**MYDDLE BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL AGM HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON 6th. MAY 2026 AT 7.45 pm.**

Public Session:

There were twenty-two members of the public in attendance for part of the meeting, and the following issue was raised.

Loose chippings from the recently resurfaced Wem Road in Harmer Hill were blocking drains and gullies.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Mrs. S. Hammond

Mr. G. Miller

Mr. H. Rook

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. J. Jackson

Mr. D. Evans

Mr. M. Smith

Mr. D. Smith.

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Four members of the public for the full meeting.

26/01 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor S. Marston

26/02 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor J. Jackson declared an interest in Agenda Items 7(c); 14 and 15(b).

Councillor G. Miller declared an interest in Agenda Item 7(e)

26/03 (a) Election of Chair:

Councillor C. Ruck was re-elected as Chair of the Council.

26/03 (b) Election of Vice Chair:

Councillor M. Andrew was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Council.

The Chairman then proposed that Agenda Item 12 should be considered and this was approved by Members.

26/12 Planning Issues:

A. The following applications had been received and were considered:

1. Webscott, Myddle – Installation of 1MW Ground-mounted solar array plus associated works (26/01242/FUL).

Following consideration of the statements made by Mr. Collinson and Community Representatives at the earlier Parish Meeting, a proposal was made that the Council should object to the plan. This was seconded and approved by nine votes to nil with one abstention

2. Burlton Lane Farm – Erection of an additional free range egg unit with associated infrastructure (26/01243/FUL). *Application approved.*

B. It was reported that the following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council.

1. Bryn House, Myddle - Variation of Conditions 2, 3 & 4 (Approved drawings, (Archaeology and External Materials) attached to approved application (25/03632/FUL).
2. Proposed Residential Development to North of Godings Lane – outline application for the erection of two dwellings and associated work.
3. Proposed barn conversions at Hill Farm, Newton on the Hill (25/04284/FUL).
4. Churchfield Farm, Marton –Two-storey extension to existing property (26/00397/FUL).
5. Moss View, Lower Road, Harmer Hill –Extension and change of use of paddock land (26/00138/FUL).
6. 3, Wellcroft, Myddle – Loft Conversion (26/00552/FUL).
7. Woodlands, Lower Road, Myddle –variations of conditions 2 & 3 related to approved plans (24/04180/FUL).
8. Woodlands, Lower Road, Myddle – Variation of conditions No. 2 and No. 3 related to approved plans (24/04180/FUL).

At this point, most of the members of public left the meeting.

26/04 Appointment of Representatives:

The following appointments were confirmed:

SALC Area Committee - Councillor S. Hammond

Tree Officer – Councillor J. Jackson

Myddle Village Hall Committee – Councillor G. Miller

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee – Councillor S. Hammond.

Play Areas – Councillor M. Andrew and Councillor G. Miller.

26/05 Appointment of Members to oversee aspects of the Parish Plan:

The following appointments were confirmed:

Housing. – Councillor C. Ruck

Travel & Transport – Councillor D. Evans

Community Spirit – Councillor G. Miller

Business & Farming – Councillor H. Rook

26/06 Minutes from the meeting held on 4th. March 2026.

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

26/07 Matters Arising from that meeting:

(a) Affordable Housing Project

It was confirmed that Shropshire Council had decided not to support the proposed plans for affordable housing on land adjacent to Godings Lane. The land owners had been informed that the Council still wished to lease part of the land for the Children's Play Area, but would prefer a long lease to enable grants to be obtained for future development. To date, no response has been received.

(b) Mirror on the A528 at its junction with the road to Newton on the Hill:

The Chairman confirmed that permission had been given to erect a sign and that one had been put in place.

(c) Lower Road, Myddle – Traffic Concerns:

Mr. Graham Downes (Head of Shropshire Highways Dept.) had met with Councillors on site to identify the problems and had agreed that the installation of lay-bys would help to improve the situation. Further details were now awaited.

At the same time, he visited The Pines, Harmer Hill and agreed to the request for a warning sign at the exit onto Lower Road.

(d) Myddle Recreation Ground and Woodland Lease:

Shropshire Council had agreed to offer the Council a 99-year lease on the land, and this had been accepted, and the documents were now with Shropshire Council's legal department for completion. As soon as everything was signed, grants could be sought to improve the Children's Play Area and the Woodland.

(e) Myddle Church – request for financial support.

Councillor Miller had forwarded a written paper outlining the problems facing the local Church and gave further details to Members, which instigated detailed discussion. As no decision appeared to be possible, the Chairman suggested that Members should take time to consider whether and how grants could be made and discuss it again at the next meeting.

26/08 Urgent Issues raised in the Public Meeting held earlier:

The only issue raised had related to the planning application at Webscott, Myddle, and this had already been recorded.

26/09 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.

26/10 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Shropshire Council	Rent – Myddle Recreation Ground	£300.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Litter Pick expenses	£28.05
Myddle Village Hall Committee	Grant	£2,000.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee	Grant	£2,000.00
The Messenger	Grant	£1,000.00
Myddle & Broughton PCC	Grant (Maintenance of Church Grounds)	£1,000.00
Myddle Youth Centre	Grant	£1,000.00
DM Payroll Services	Administration of payroll (2026-27)	£144.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April)	£441.84
HMRC	Income Tax & N.I. (April)	£341.83
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work (March)	£387.00
Myddle Village Hall	Myddle Clickers	£30.00
Clear Insurance	Annual Insurance (June 2026 -27)	£921.69
SALC	Affiliation Fees 2026 -2027	£830.79
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (March/April)	£122.85
Myddle Village Hall	Rent (Clickers)	£30.00

26/10(b) Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

26/11 Report from Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston.

A detailed report had been received and circulated to Members, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

26/12 Police Reports:

Incidents recorded in

January:

Harmer Hill – 2

Violence/Sexual Offences (Shotton Lane and Cambridge Close).

Yorton – 1

Violence

Marion - 2

Theft.

February:

Harmer Hill – 2

Possession of a Weapon and Violence/Sexual Offence (Ellesmere Road).

Myddle - 2

Anti-Social Behaviour (Alford Grange).

Violence/Sexual Offence (Hillside).

Councillor R. Jones reported that recently there had been several burglaries in the area.

26/13 Parish Plan

It appeared that Councillor Jackson, who had proposed the compilation of a new plan, had not received the correspondence regarding Parish Plans which had been sent out by the Clerk. As a result, further discussion was deferred to a later meeting.

26/14 Project Up-dates:

(a) Myddle Play Area Upgrade:

Still awaiting confirmation of the new lease.

(b) Tree Planting:

This project was also on hold until the details of the lease were confirmed.

(c) Charging Points:

Councillor Miller, who had suggested the installation of one in the Parish, stated that it was not a feasible project.

26/15 Community Led Reports:

(a) Housing:

No further issues were raised

(b) Traffic and Transport:

Councillor Andrews stated that he was disappointed that there was no up-date of the request to reduce the speed limit on Wem Road to 30mph and asked that Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston should be asked to look into this when she returned from her leave.

There was further discussion about speeding traffic, and the following requests were made:

(a) Shropshire Highways Department to be contacted to see if they would approve the erection of a VAS Unit at an agreed location on the Wem Road.

(b) The Safer Road Partnership should be approached and asked to consider setting up a new Community Speed Watch Team with several Members stating they would like to get involved.

(c) Community Spirit:

The Chairman reported on the successful Litter pick when volunteers had given up their time to keep the Parish looking tidy, and also the support being given to residents who were keen to learn how best to use their computer and/or smartphone.

Councillors S. Hammond and G. Miller reported on a range of events being held in the Village Halls, including Harmer Hill Village Show, The Dog Show, and a new venture in Harmer Hill, where the Hall would be open to everyone on Thursday mornings, where there would be light refreshments available with access to games, puzzles and general discussion.

(d) Business and Farming:

No issues raised.

26/16 Exchange of Additional Information:

Additional Agenda Items for the June meeting:

Approval of Audit Documents.

Issues needing urgent attention

Highways.

No further issues raised

2. Street Lighting:

No concerns raised.

3. Other:

26/17 Committee and Other Reports

No reports were tabled, but Councillor S. Hammond stated that she intended to go to the next SALC Area Meeting, as the main topic on the agenda was planning.

26/18 Date and Time of next meeting.

Wednesday 24th. June at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

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