

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2nd. 2013 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

There were two members of the public present representing the applicant who was proposing to develop a broiler chicken enterprise at Sleaf. They stated that they were willing to clarify any issues Council Members had in relation to the application. They confirmed that any foul liquid would be transported from the farm and used as fertiliser. Clean water would initially be passed into a lagoon and chicken manure would be cleared seven times a year and offered to farmers within a ten mile radius.

Prior to the start of the meeting Members observed a period of silence in memory of Mr. Ken Millington who had been on the Parish Council for a number years and served as Chairman for six of those years

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)
Mrs. E. Hodge
Mr. J. Heath
Mr. R. Jones
Mr. R. Bowden
Mr. R. Jeffrey
Mr. I. Gunton

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).
Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

12/73 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr. C. Ruck

12/74 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

12/75 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period from November 1st. to December 31st. the following offenses had been recorded.

Myddle area - Assaults – 2; Burglary – 1. Harmer Hill – Malicious Communication -1.

12/76 Minutes of the meeting held on November 7th. 2012:

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

12/77 Matters arising from the meeting:1.Community Led Plan (12/62(1))

In the absence of Mr. Ruck a report was not tabled but it was reported that work was going ahead to classify the information received in the completed questionnaires.

2. Play Area on Myddle Recreation Field (12/62(2))

Clerk reported that four new swing seats had been purchased and Mr. Tiernan had fixed them after purchasing some new chains but because of the continuing rainfall, he had been unable to carry out the re-painting of play area equipment. The Clerk stated that he was still having discussions with RoSPA about a possible refund of part of the fee paid for the inspection.

3. Vehicle Operated Speed Control (12/62(4))

It was noted that despite promises, Shropshire Council had still not installed the unit. Clerk was asked to speak to Mr. Gradwell about this and also find out what was happening to the remaining money.

4. Hedge between Stoneycroft and Orchard House (12/62(3))

It was noted that the hedge had been lightly trimmed.

5. Possible removal of a Parish path (12/71(b))

Members considered a detailed response from Shropshire Council that indicated there had not been a registered footpath in the location as had been suggested by two members of the public.

After due consideration it was agreed to take no further action. Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to Mr. Ruck which could be passed to the residents who had raised the issue.

12/78 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts

J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec.)	£109.92
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec/Jan.)	£110.58
Various	Raffle prizes for Parish Plan	£60.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance – Nov.	£122.40
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance – Dec.	£151.80
Sutcliffe Play	New swing seats for play area	£401.28
Shropshire RCC	Expenses related to Community Plan	£135.09
Richmond Building Supplies	Replacing swing shackles	£37.00

12/79 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

12/80 Budget and Precept Proposals:

The Clerk had produced a budget based on the headings approved at the last meeting. After considering the information received from Mr. Williams about Government changes in Rate Support grants, which could increase the Parish Council element of the Council tax by 8%, it was decided to maintain the precept at the same level and the following proposed budgets were removed:- Section 137 grants to charitable organisations; possible grants to local organisations and the Myddle Trail

12/81 Parish Place Plan:

Members considered and approved a response compiled by the Clerk which would be forwarded to Shropshire Council for inclusion in the overall plan for the Wem area.

12/82 Applications for Grant Aid

After due consideration and the need for budget restraint, no grants were made.

12/83 Planning Applications:

The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting.

1. Meadowland, Sleaf – construction of broiler chicken building, etc.
2. Windyridge, Harmer Hill – erection of two detached dwellings following the demolition of the existing property.
3. Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – first floor extension etc

No objections had been raised to these applications and a ‘no response’ decision was made.

12/84 Correspondence.

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk, copies of which had already been circulated.

Phil Brough – New NHS 111 Service.

Deana Pennington – Shropshire Council Play Scheme.

Gareth Parry – County Wildlife Groups.

Maria Howell (Housing Enabler Officer) – requesting results of Parish Plan returns in respect of need for affordable housing.

Maria Howell - notification that Pamela Williams’ application has been successful.

Brian Williams – Parish Roads.

Bill Longmore (Police and Crime Commissioner). – additional staff.

12/85 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

12/86 Exchange of Additional Information:1. Bus Shelter:

Mr. Ruck had informed the Clerk that he had been approached by residents with a request for a bus shelter on land opposite the current shelter in Myddle. Children attending secondary school had to wait at this location, often in the rain. The Clerk and Mr. Williams confirmed that Shropshire Council no longer grant aided bus shelters and Members noted that there was insufficient money in the Parish Council budget for this type of development.

2. Affordable Housing

Chairman advised Members that as well as three bungalows, there were three houses in Harmer Hill that should be made available to local residents if they became vacant.

Members were asked to ensure that local residents were made aware of this.

3. HMRC – Tax Returns

Clerk reported that from April 1st there was a requirement to confirm each salary payment on a web site return. HMRC had indicated that there was a need to install two new programmes for this. Diane Malley, a Clerk from South Shropshire qualified in tax affairs, was offering to contract for this work at a cost of £55.00 per annum. Members agreed to the Clerk’s request for this service to be accepted.

12/87 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday March. 6th. 2013 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: Chairman

Date: _____