

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST. 2009 AT 7.30PM.

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mrs. L. Baker

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. R. Bowden

Mr. C. Ruck

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

09/16 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. E. Hodge, Mr. I Gunton, Mr. R. Jones and Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

09/17 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. C. Ruck declared an interest in Items 6 and 10 of the agenda.

09/18 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period since the last meeting, the following crimes had been recorded;

Assault - 1; Burglary (dwelling) - 1; Criminal Damage - 1; Theft - 1.

09/19 Minutes of the meeting held on May 4th. 2009

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

09/20 Matters Arising:

1. Highways (09/13(3,4,5,6)):

The following responses had been received from various sections of the Highways Department:

- (a) Pothole on Myddle Hill had been repaired.
- (b) It is not possible to have a speed limit control in Myddlewood as the number of residences does not meet the national criteria.
- (c) Overgrown hedges will be dealt with at the end of the bird nesting season.
- (d) Plans are in hand to extend the footpath on the Baschurch Road, Myddle.

2. Remedial work on trees (09/06(4))

Clerk advised Members that Mr. James had agreed to provide a quotation and Mr. Gunton had offered to liaise with him regarding the necessary work.

3. Myddle Recreation Ground – Gate (09/06(5)):

Clerk reported that the work had been completed.

4. Archways, Brookside (09/13(2)):

Environmental Department at Shropshire Council had been advised of the problem and had agreed to investigate. No reports of further concerns.

5. Possible encroachment into woodland area (09/13(1b)):

Mr. Ruck reported that he had visited the site and that there was no evidence of encroachment onto Council land.

6. Meadow Rise, Wem Road, Harmer Hill 09/10(1a):

Members viewed with concern, Shropshire Council's decision to grant planning permission for the erection of a 2.1m high fence outside the existing hedge, on the road side of the property. It appeared that, despite numerous objections, the interim planning committee had given approval, even though the fence appeared to be on Council owned land.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Head of Development Control pointing out that a precedent had been set and it would prove difficult to object to similar developments in the future.

7. Glebelands, Myddle (09/06(2a)):

Clerk reported that Councillor Brian Williams was pressing Meres and Mosses to carry out effective repairs to the wall.

8. Hillside, Myddle (09/06(2b)):

Mr. Ruck reported on a meeting held with the Highways Department, when it had been agreed to carryout modifications to the area of land outside the properties. The changes would result in a hard standing area for vehicles and divide that from the grassed area with 1m high posts.

09/21 Accounts for Payment:

J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£435.40
J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June).	£109.91
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June/July)	£108.85
Interactive Informatic	Web site fees	£431.25
T. H. Griffiths	Myddle Recreation Ground Gateway	£322.00
M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£140.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting March 25 th - May 11 th .	£517.96
Society of Council Clerks	Membership fee 2009 -2010	£105.00
Graphic Office	Photocopier cartridge	£56.34

09/22 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/23 Review of Internal and External Audit Documentation for 2008 – 2009

The Clerk tabled the accounts and associated documents and after consideration these were all unanimously approved by Members.

09/24 Planning Applications:

A. Since the previous meeting the following applications had been received and considered . No objection had been raised;

1. Branwood Farm – outline application for erection of one agricultural worker's dwelling.
2. 4, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill- erection of a two storey extension.

B. The following applications were tabled and considered:

1. Marton Grange Farm – erection of an extension to barn for storage of animal fodder. No objections.
2. Westfield, Brookside, Myddle – erection of a balcony at first floor level. No objections.

C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council

1. 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill –extension and alterations.
2. 4, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension.
3. 3, Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill – erection of an extension.
4. Meadow Rise, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a 2.1m high, front boundary fence.

09/25 Committee Reports:

Shropshire Council Area Committee:

Chairman reported on his attendance at the planning meeting, which had been held to outline the purpose of the committee and give details of the money available for grant aid. Bids for grants could be made by organisations within the area served by the committee and Members were urged to give advice to groups within the Parish Council area on how to apply. The Council should also consider possible projects it would like to pursue. The first full committee meeting was planned for July 6th. in Hadnall Village Hall. The amount available for projects was £54,000.00

09/26 Correspondence:

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

1. S.A.L.C. – Training events.
2. Shropshire Council (North Leisure Team) – details of play activity in the summer holidays.
3. Highways Department – details of maintenance proposals for 2009 – 2010
4. S.A.L.C. – proposed ‘key structure’ for the organisation.
5. Playing Fields Association – ‘The Playing Field’ magazine,
6. North Shropshire Safety Scene – application for grant aid to replace stolen equipment. It was noted that since dispatch of the letter most of the equipment had been recovered. It was decided to delay a decision until further information became available.

09/27(a) Community Engagement Statement:

Members unanimously approved the document which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

09/27(b) Freedom of Information Statement:

Members unanimously approved the document which had also been circulated prior to the meeting.

09/28 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Myddle Recreation Ground:
 - (a) No work had been carried out on the damaged posts. Clerk to contact the contractors to discuss the situation.

(b) Mr. Ruck reported that some hand rails had been erected at the entrance but that these were very loose. Clerk reported that this had not been carried out for the Council and that he would try and find out who was responsible.

2. Highways:

The following issues were raised:

- (a) Footpath on Wem Road, Harmer Hill – overgrown with weeds.
- (b) Blocked drain on Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill, close to the Chapel.
- (c) Jubilee Tree at top of Goddings Lane, Harmer Hill – growth at base restricting visibility.
- (d) Concern at the poor standard of grass cutting on all the verges and particularly at road junctions.
- (e) Need for a second mirror at the Houlston Lane junction on Myddle to Alderton Road.

3. History of Myddle:

Mr. Ruck advised Members that this could be accessed through the Myddle web site and was interesting reading.

4. Influx of flies:

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Evans reported on complaints received about the number of flies in Harmer Hill. Clerk to report the problem to the Environment Department for investigation.

09/29 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 2nd. At 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed Chairman Date _____