

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH. 2013 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

There were 26 members of the public in attendance and concerns were raised about:

1. The planning application for development on land adjacent to Orchard House, Wem Road, Harmer Hill.
2. Failure of the developers to adhere to the planning requirements for the development on Lower Road, Harmer Hill and the state of the road and
3. Traffic problems related to vehicles using The Hollow, Harmer Hill.

The Chairman responded by stating that the issues that had been raised were important ones and would be discussed with the appropriate departments at Shropshire Council. He drew attention to the response being made by the Parish Council to the planning application

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. C. Ruck

Mrs. T. Evans

**In Attendance:**

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

26 Members of the public.

Mr. P. Keyse.

**13/20 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor R. Tiernan and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

**13/21 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Mr. Heath declared an interest in Agenda Item 15(a) 1

**13/22 Co-option of additional Member**

After due consideration Mr. P. Keyse was co-opted on to the Council to represent the Myddle Ward and he was invited to participate in the remainder of the meeting..

Clerk to inform the Elections Officer

**13/23 Police Report**

No report had been received.

Mr. Ruck reported that he had held discussions with P.C. David Carpenter, the local beat officer who had been working in the Parish.

**13/24 Minutes of the meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2013**

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

### **13/25 Matters arising from the meeting:**

#### 1. Streetlight Contract:

Clerk reported that the contract had been signed by both parties and the initial inspection had been carried out.

#### 2. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle:

Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Gradwell who had assured him that the control had been ordered and would be erected at the earliest opportunity.

#### 3. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Harmer Hill

Clerk reported that the contractors had been unable to use the existing lamp post as it was a wooden one and had been instructed to reduce the height of the one they had erected. It was noted that this had been carried out.

#### 4. Parish Paths:

Mr. Ruck reported on a positive meeting that had been held with a local farmer and this had resulted in appropriate action being taken and the erection of a style. Strimming and path clearance was being undertaken by volunteers and he would welcome new volunteers for help in the Harmer Hill area.

The next planned project was to have the Gough walks re-labelled.

He apologised for not contacting Mr. Thomson about the possibility of replacing a style with a kissing gate.

#### 5. Waste Bin for Children's Play Area:

Clerk reported that an extra bin had been put on site.

#### 6. Road Safety Issues:

Clerk reported that, as requested at the last meeting, he had discussed this with the Chairman and Mr. Ruck and based on the Community Led Report, the following requests had been sent for consideration to Mr. Gradwell at Shropshire Council.

1. *Imposition of a 20mph speed limit on Myddle Hill from its junction with Ellesmere Road, past the school and up to the new roundabout.*
2. *A light controlled crossing by the School/Village Hall.*
3. *Creation of a continuous footpath on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill.*
4. *Imposition of a weight limit for through traffic on Myddle Village roads.*
5. *More positive signing to direct Shrewsbury bound traffic from Baschurch away from Myddle*

#### 7. RoSPA Inspection:

Clerk reported that he had not been advised of a date for the inspection.

#### 8. Yorton Village Sign:

Mr. Jones reported that the sign had been repaired.

### **13/26 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2013:**

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

**13/27 Matters arising from the Meeting:****SAMDev for Myddle and Broughton**

It was noted that Mr. Cooper had supported the Parish Council's statement and this had been included in the report that was being presented to Shropshire Council's Cabinet for approval as the County's policy for the Wem area.

**13/28 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

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

**13/29 Matters arising from the Meeting:**

There were no matters arising.

**13/30 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£442.49
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (March/April)	£110.30
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June/July)	£110.40
SJF Design/Print	Printing Community Led Plan	£215.00
Richmond Building Solutions	Myddle Play Area – painting	£83.52
Mr. C. Ruck	Parish Plan expenses	£99.10
Mr. O. Booker	Parish Plan Expenses	£22.50
Mr. B. Markland	Parish Plan Expenses	£14.40
Mr. O. Booker	Parish Plan refreshments	£70.91
SJF Design/Print	Additional Community Led Plans	£107.50
Shawbury Council	20% of Photocopier Maintenance	£38.00
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£185.00
Broughton Church	Grant for graveyard maintenance	£250.00

**13/31 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**13/32 Auditors Reports:**

The Clerk presented the Internal Auditors report and documents that were to be sent to the external auditor. After due consideration all the documents were approved.

Mr. Keyse asked the Clerk to re-visit the figures for the Council's assets.

**13/33 Community Led Plan:****(a) Report on public meetings.**

Mr. Ruck reported that 50 people had attended the public meeting in Harmer Hill and 5 in Myddle and the Plan had received general support.

**(b) Implementation of plan.**

The Chairman stated that he welcomed the findings of the Community Led Plan but that it was essential that the Parish Council, having adopted it, took certain measures to ensure that issues raised by the Community were acted on.

He proposed that a Councillor should take responsibility for each of the following areas:

*Housing and Building Development*

*Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety*

*Community Spirit, Activities and Amenities*

*Young People*

*The Natural and Local Environment*

*Business, including Agriculture.*

The Chairman offered to oversee Traffic and Transport and Members agreed to advise him which areas they were prepared to take responsibility for.

**13/34 Planning Applications:**

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

(a) Land off Wem Road, Harmer Hill - erection of fourteen properties.

*Having declared an interest Mr. J. Heath took no part in this item and left the meeting:*

Members unanimously opposed the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is outside the building development boundary. This is contrary to the findings of the Community Led Plan (CLP) in which the largest number of respondents wanted any new building to be within the current development boundaries as defined by North Shropshire District Council, confirmed by the Parish Council and supported by Mr. A. Cooper (Shropshire Council's Team Leader for Environment and Economic Policy).
2. Access to the site is planned to be on the Wem Road where there is poor visibility and where the traffic volume is high and passes at high speed. Wem Road, Harmer Hill was mentioned in the CLP as a location of particular concern in relation to traffic speed. The Planning Statement refers to planning permission having been granted for access to the Wem Road from the site but it should be noted this was granted when the plan was to erect one house and not, as the current statement requests, for fourteen houses, i.e. a greatly different order of magnitude.
3. On the basis of the results of CLP figures, the Parish Council informed Shropshire Council that Members unanimously supported the view expressed by the majority of people, who wanted no more than 20 houses additional to the current planning approvals over the period to 2026, for the whole Parish area. This recommendation has also been supported by Mr. A. Cooper (Shropshire Council). This precludes developments of the type proposed due to its scale and concentration in a specific area.
4. In response to Question 6 of the CLP, 37 Harmer Hill residents were in favour of new developments, 36 were opposed and 9 were unsure. Whilst the Planning Statement draws on the CLP in support of its plan, a more objective conclusion would be that, far from providing support for further development, the wishes for and against are evenly balanced.
5. There is concern about the number of dwellings planned for the available space, giving the appearance of being cramped with little or no space around them and leaving inadequate room for parking.
6. The plan as shown in the statement does not accurately reflect the current situation. 'Stoneycroft' extends considerably beyond that shown, with the result that the development would overlook some windows in the adjoining property of 'Stoneycroft'.
7. In one corner of the site there is a handsome tree which should be preserved in the interests of preserving the environment.

It was noted that the Clerk had received five letters/emails objecting to the proposal and currently 22 responses had been sent to Shropshire Council with only one response supporting the application.

(b) A no comment response was made to the following applications:

- (i) Smallwood, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of one dwelling.
- (ii) Springfield Farm, Marton, Baschurch – erection of one and two storey extensions.

B. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

Land adjacent to Broughton Cottage – erection of one affordable dwelling.  
Shotton Farm, Harmer Hill – erection of agricultural livestock building

C. The following application had been refused:

Top Farm, Baschurch – variation of planning approval to allow brick rather than rendered finish.

### **13/35 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk and which had already been circulated:

ALC – Information Bulletin.

Shropshire Council – Community Housing.

Joseph Masi – Shropshire Star Coverage.

Helen Redwood Olympic and Paralympics' Legacy.

Mr. C. Miller, Myddle Parochial Church Council – letter of thanks for Council grant.

A. Howls – Baschurch Fire Station – Mr. Keyse agreed to attend the public meeting being held in Baschurch to discuss the possible closure of the fire station

Connecting Shropshire.

Ffion Cook - The West and Shires Permit Scheme.

### **13/36 Committee Reports:**

No reports tabled.

### **13/37 Exchange of Additional Information:**

#### (1) Request for additional streetlight.

Mr. Heath explained the lack of adequate lighting in the area b

Clerk reminded Members that lighting was the responsibility of the Parish Council and that there was insufficient money in this year's budget for a new light and this would need to be included in the budget proposals for next year.

He was asked to check on the pricing of low level footway lighting.

#### (2) Overgrown Verge:

The Chairman reported that the over grown vegetation verge on the right hand side of Myddle Hill was causing traffic to pull towards the centre of the road and causing a traffic hazard.

Clerk to report problem to the Highways Department for action.

#### (3) Council Hand book

Mr. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the production of a very helpful and informative Councillor handbook

### **13/38 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday September 4th. 2013 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: *R. Jeffrey* **Chairman****

**Date: *September 4<sup>th</sup>*.**