

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH. 2010 AT 7.30PM.

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present who raised the following concerns:

1. Anti-social behaviour and litter by the entrance to the woods on Lower Road, Harmer Hill. Noise was generating from cars meeting there late in the evening causing disturbance to the local residents particularly on Sundays. There was also a problem with dog fouling along the verges of Lower Road in that area.
Clerk was asked to contact the police and ask for patrol cars to visit the area and also ask the Street Scene Manager to have the litter collected and erect a dog waste bin in a location near to the gate.
2. The local hunt had agreed to inform residents in Harmer Hill when there was likely to be a drag hunt in the area. This enabled residents with livestock to house them for the duration of the hunt. No information had been given for the last two hunts. Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Thompson, reminding him of the assurance given.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mr. I. Gunton

Mr. R. Bowden

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

09/71 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. T. Evans

09/72 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no declarations made.

09/73 Police Report:

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

Possession of Class B Drug (Myddle).

09/74 Minutes of the meeting held on January 20th. 2010

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

09/75 Matters Arising:

1. Shropshire Council – Rural Community Development:

Members considered a response from Lois Dale (Shropshire Council) in which she offered to set up a local meeting to discuss issues. Mr. Williams pointed out that this was part of Shropshire Council's development process for providing a planning strategy for the next fifteen years.

A design statement was to be published on April 2nd which would detail the suggested development for each Parish and he felt that it was very important that Members considered this carefully, consulted with parishioners and responded in detail to any proposals for the Parish.

Members accepted his advice and agreed to meet at 8.30pm on April 28th. to develop a strategy for involving the public in any response made to the paper. The Clerk would send out a copy of the document to every Member as soon as he received it.

2. Snow clearance on footpaths.

Clerk gave details of the Shropshire Council's priorities for snow clearance, which at first dealt with A and some B roads, before moving on to the remaining B and C roads

09/76 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (February/March)	£449.24
J. Wilson	Expenses (January /February)	£238.57
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (February/March)	£103.70
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (February)	£119.85
Mr. W. A. Woolley	Salary (Oct. – March inclusive)	£300.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (March)	£119.85
J. Jamie	Remedial work on trees (Myddle Rec. Gd.)	£1,130.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	£100.00
Macmillan Nursing Care	Grant	£100.00
W. Shrop Talking N'paper	Grant	£100.00
Hope House	Grant	£100.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Grant	£100.00

09/77 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/78 Applications for Financial Assistance:

(a) Myddle Messenger:

Detailed consideration was given to an application to provide a grant towards the publication of the Myddle Messenger. A proposal to make a grant of £500.00 in the next financial year was agreed by seven votes to nil, with one abstention.

(b) Improved Lighting in the area by Myddle Church.

It was decided that the Council would make a contribution to the project, if the Church decided to go ahead with the proposal and provided full details of the likely cost.

(c) Cleaning Debris from Myddle Brook

After discussion this proposal was withdrawn.

09/79 Employment of a part-time worker:

After detailed consideration it was decided not to proceed with this proposition but it was decided to try and engage a ‘Preferred Contractor’, who could be called on by the Clerk or the Chairman to carry out tasks which the Parish Council was responsible for, needed urgent attention and where the cost did not exceed £100.

09/80 Banking:

Members considered a report from the Clerk suggesting that new Bankers should be engaged to manage the Council’s accounts as the current bank was now based in Wolverhampton and there was a need to register new signatories for signing cheques. It was unanimously agreed to make a transfer to the Royal Bank of Scotland (Shrewsbury Branch), in June. All Members present agreed to act as signatories.

Clerk explained that a formal resolution was required at the Annual General Meeting in May

09/81 Northern Marches:

Consideration was given to an email received from Mr. D. Boyce, outlining possible grants that were available. Mr. Williams gave further details of the types of grant that could be applied for and suggested that Mr. Boyce would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss these in detail

09/82 Planning Applications:

- A. Since the last meeting the following application had been considered.
 1. Stone Cottage, 4, Higher Road, Harmer Hill – replacement garage. No objections.
 2. Pound Cottage, 19, Myddle – two storey extension. Application supported.

09/83 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was considered:

1. S.A.L.C. – Various training courses.
2. Shropshire Council – Your Parks and Countryside magazine.
3. Shropshire Council – The Future of the Community Skip
4. Shropshire Council – Local Development Framework
5. Welshampton and Lyneal parish Council – details of a Community Green Day
6. Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals – A Healthier Future Magazine.
7. Playing Fields Association – The Playing Field.

09/84 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Streetlights:

Not working at (a) Ellesmere Road outside ‘Mandalay’ and (b) between Shotton Lane and Goddings Lane. Clerk to report to contractors.

2. Highways:

- (a).No action taken yet to cut back the hedge between Orchard House and Stoneycroft.
- (b) General concern about the state of the roads and the number of potholes still not repaired.
- (c) Hillside, Myddle – the promised landscaping work had not been completed and the area was still being used to park cars.

Clerk to notify Highways Department.

3. Loppington:

Mr. Williams reported that a Community Support Officer attended Loppington Village Hall one day each week and spent an hour dealing with issues raised by parishioners. It was agreed that the police should be contacted to see if the same service could be offered to Myddle and Harmer Hill.

4. Dog Fouling:

Mr Jeffrey raised concern at the amount of dog waste being left throughout Myddle. It was agreed to contact the police and the Street Scene Manager to seek urgent action.

5. Police Contact:

It was reported that there was difficulty in contacting the Beat Officer and Wem Police Station by telephone. Clerk to advise the Beat Officer and seek a solution.

6. Shropshire Council – North Leisure Services:

Approval was given for the use of Myddle Recreation Ground on April 6th. 12.30 – 2.00pm for a ‘Reccy Rangers’ sports event for children aged five to twelve.

09/85 Date and Time of Next Meeting (The Annual General Meeting):

Wednesday May 5th. at 7,30pm in Myddle Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting was arranged for:

Wednesday April 28th. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed: Chairman Date: 2010