

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST. 2017 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

Mr. Foulsham was in attendance and wished to point out that he was responsible for the request for a planning enforcement review at 1, Hawthorn Close, Harmer Hill. It related to the deposit of waste building material in the buffer area between his property and the new housing development. He was pleased to report that the issue had quickly been resolved.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. B. Williams. (Shropshire Councillor).

One member of the public.

16/93 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Hodge and Mr. P. Keyse.

It was noted and recorded that Councillor Stan Parker had resigned from the Council because of health reasons. The Chairman and the Clerk had written to him, thanking him for his commitment to the Council and wishing him good fortune.

16/94 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

None declared.

16/95 Minutes of the meeting held on January 4th. 2017.

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendment. Item 16/78 should read *Councillor R. Jones and not Councillor R. Purslow.*

16/96 Matters Arising.

(a)Improved road safety by Myddle School (16/75(a)).

Clerk reported that he had spoken to Sue Thomas and been advised that no decision had been made over the use of CIL money for this project.

(b) Footpath to Myddle Play Area (16/75(b)).

Councillor Mr. Ruck reported that the path had been completed and he was very satisfied with the result and had received favourable comments from members of the public. He had reported this on 'Facebook' and a large number of people had viewed the article.

(c) War Memorial Project (16/75(c))

The Chairman reported that earlier in the project it had been identified that the name of a Myddle resident, who had subsequently moved to Shrewsbury where he had died from war injuries, was not recorded on the local War Memorial. It had been considered whether this should be rectified but a detailed investigation into the process of recording names had shown that there had been ample opportunity for this to have been done at the time the Memorial was installed. When a proposal was made to include the name there had been a deep divide at the committee meeting, with an equal number voting for and against the proposal. As Chairman, having viewed in detail all the information, he then voted against the proposal. However the soldier's name would appear on a plaque inside the Church.

Councillor Jones, a member of the committee, asked that his objection to the decision not to include the name on the war memorial be recorded in the minutes.

(d) Parking on access to Myddle Recreation Ground (16/75(d)):

There had been no further complaints and it seemed that the problem had been resolved. Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams was thanked for his intervention.

(e) Harmer Hill play area – extension of lease (16/75(e))

Clerk reported that he had contacted Mrs. Ginny Mayall at the farm who had apologised for the delay but promised to get her solicitor to move things forward. He had subsequently received a request from the solicitors asking for an advance of £300 towards an estimated cost of £600 for the work. The Chairman had agreed and a draft copy was subsequently received with a letter advising the Council to have it checked by the Council's own solicitor. The draft was sent to Shropshire Council's legal department who agreed to carry out the check at an estimated cost of £270.00. The officer responsible had just reported that the draft document was for less than seven years and not for twenty which had been agreed. Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Mayall and discuss the issue before proceeding.

(f) Play Area repairs (16/75(f)).

Mr. Parry had carried out the repairs as agreed and Mr. Brown was in the process of carrying out the painting and remaining remedial work.

(g) Road naming (16/75(g)).

Councillor R. Jones had suggested a number of names for the roadway and Councillor Mrs. Hodge had supported one of these. Details had been sent to Mr. Chapman but he had rejected most of them and was going to consult with his neighbours regarding the remainder. It was decided to take no further action until a positive response had been received.

(h) Improving Council Publicity (16/86).

Councillor Ruck outlined the action had taken to try and build up a list of email addresses to which Council information could be sent. To-date he had approximately eighty names on the list.

(i) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – road safety improvements (16/83).

The request for an extension of the 30mph limit, the erection of VAS signs and a possible crossing had been sent to Mr. David Gradwell as a community road safety concern. He had confirmed that the Council's and public concern about this road had been registered but could not support the suggestion for a crossing as it was felt that there would be insufficient public usage.

The Clerk had received a quotation for the erection of solar powered VAS signs but after Councillor Williams outlined problems faced by other Councils over the use of the type of signal it was agreed to undertake further investigations.

(j) Myddle School Federation (16/84)

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended the public meeting regarding the proposed Federation with Baschurch Primary School and had raised concerns about the lack of parent and teacher representation on the proposed Governing Body.

It was noted that teacher representation had now been increased to two with the possibility of an agreement for two further representatives.

(k) Jubilee Tree in Harmer Hill – seat (16/90).

After consideration it was agreed to take no action.

(l) Additional Street Lighting (16/78).

A site meeting had been held with Mr. G. Johnson from EON to explore the possibility of additional lights in Shotton Lane. He had since replied stating that he was awaiting a response from Scottish Power regarding the possibility of connecting to the transformer providing power to Shotton Hall.

There would also be a need to canvas the residents over their support for the lighting.

16/97 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb/March)	£862.84
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£303.58
Inland Revenue	Tax & N.I.	£101.41
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (May –Oct Inc.)	£1,220.47
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Grant (Sound System)	£670.00
Myddle Village Hall	Grant (Sound System)	£670.00
Boreatton Scouts	Grant (Tibet Project)	£100.00
Hatchers Solicitors	Fee – Harmer Hill Playing Field	£300.00
Mr. F. A. Woolley	Salary (Sept. – March inclusive)	£240.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/09 – 31/12)	£171.36
Hope House	Grant	£50.00

Severn Hospice	Grant	£50.00
EON	Maintenance contract 2016-2017 (50%)	£287.20
Interactive Information	Web site hosting & domain renewal	£276.00
EON	Streetlight repair	£90.14
Ray Parry (Playgrounds Ltd.)	Play Area repairs	£348.00
H.M. Government	Loan repayment	£1,587.98
L. G. Roberts Ltd.	Construction of path to Myddle play area	£4,962.00
C. Ruck	Litter picking expenses	£26.15

16/98 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

16/99 Correspondence.

Members considered and where appropriate responded to the correspondence received since the last meeting.

16/100 Planning Applications.

A. The following planning applications had been received

1. Well House Farm – amendment to application with the formation of vehicle access to field. *Application supported.*
2. 7, Chapel Lane, Yorton – single storey extension to ground floor.
Application supported.

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

‘Linkhill’ Myddle – first floor extension above the garage

C. Planning Enforcement review:

I, Hawthorn Close – ecology issue.

Now resolved.

16/101 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

The Chairman reported that he had met with Councillor Tiernan to look at ways in which help could be provided for community residents who had no form of transport. It was clear that there would be less public transport in the future and already there were no connections into the local villages.

As a first step they were suggesting that the Council joined with ‘Dial a Ride’ to provide a regular weekly shopping service from the Parish into Shrewsbury, calling at Tesco and Morrisons. The bus would pick up at the Red Lion and Red Castle public houses. There was an annual registration fee of £15.00 to join Dial a Ride plus a fee of £1.00 per journey. They proposed that to enable the project to get underway the Council should pay the registration fee of the first 14 people opting to participate. If this project was successful it was hoped to move forward to look at ways in which a volunteer car service could operate. Although he was standing down from the Council, he would like to offer his services to help develop this scheme.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that the Council should provide a grant of £210.00 from Section 137 budget and that the Chairman should continue to oversee the project.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

Councillor Purslow gave details of the poster he had prepared regarding social housing which was going to be widely circulated, including being taken home by all the children attending Myddle School. The poster invited interested people to contact him when he would deliver the documents to them. If they were interested in securing a property they could return the application form in the enclosed SAE envelope addressed to Shropshire Council's Housing Officer. To date he had been contacted by five people.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

16/102 Police Report.

Incidents recorded in December:

Harmer Hill Area:

Pimhill Lane – Violence (1) no suspect identified.

Sansaw Road – criminal damage (1) under investigation.

B5476 – burglary (1) under investigation.

16/103 Committee Reports.

1. Shropshire Council Forum:

Clerk reported that he had attended the meeting in Shirehall on February 21st. The Council Chairman Mr. Pate had been in attendance and reported that the situation was not as bad as first anticipated but was likely to be worse in two years' time. Transfer of the libraries, sports centres, etc. had gone well and he was pleased to report that they all appeared to be operating efficiently.

The meeting was dominated by the Town Councils who were mainly involved with devolved services and were also concerned about the new business rate changes, which would have a detrimental effect on many small businesses.

Adrian Cooper had given a broad outline of the partial review of the local plan.

2. SALC Area Meeting:

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman had attended and this meeting which was primarily an opportunity for Adrian Cooper to give details of the Local Plan review leading up to 2036. It was a very interesting and informative talk and he urged Members to read and respond to the document, which was seeking views on the broad brush approach to the necessary changes. The main change currently foreseen was that development boundaries would disappear and development beyond them would have to be contiguous with existing developments.

Adrian Cooper emphasised that whereas it was not possible to replicate SAMDev, Councils would be well advised to ensure that their plans were up to date and relevant, foreseeing a need to revisit the Community Led Plan. It was anticipated that the current arrangements would remain in force until 2019.

3. Integrated Community Management Meeting:

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting which had been outlined by Sonja Kizito when she attended the last Council meeting. The main emphasis at the meeting was related to having a unified approach in dealing with drink and drug issues in the community. In the first instance was the need make Councils and the public aware of the type and range of substances being used and a detailed check list had been prepared together with photographs of packaging etc. which was circulated at the meeting. It was suggested that some empty packets and containers might be found, especially when there was an organised litter pick which may give an indication of the existence of a potential problem.

16/104 Clerk's Salary.

Members approved the final part of the 2016 National Pay award which included a 1% increase from April 1st 2017. This equates to £51.77 per annum.

16/105 Exchange of Additional Information.

1. A complaint had been received about an unsecured gate causing a traffic hazard on the Alderton to Myddle road. This had been reported to the Highways Department.
Clerk to write to the land owner.
2. Harmer Hill Bus Shelter:
It was reported that some of the shingles were missing from the bus shelter roof
Clerk to ask Mr. Brown if he would do the work.
3. Shropshire Council Environmental Grants:
The Vice Chairman proposed that an application should be made for a grant to enable the Council to purchase necessary equipment for the litter collections that took place in the Parish.
This was given unanimous support and the Clerk was asked to complete the application form and forward it to Shropshire Council.
4. Wem Road Verges:
Councillor R. Purslow reported that the verges by the new development had been dug up and were in a very poor state.
Clerk was asked to contact Shingler Homes and ask them to rectify the situation.
5. Defibrillator/Phone Boxes:
Councillor J. Heath stated that he had noted that defibrillators had been located in un-used telephone boxes and wondered if this could be done in Harmer Hill.
It was pointed out that there had been a request to retain the phone box so that was not a possibility. However consideration could be given for one to be located at an alternative site. It was agreed to include this on the next agenda.

6. Parish Council Election:

Clerk gave a brief outline of the procedure and stated that he would be sending current Members an information pack, unless they advised him that they did not wish to stand for election again.

7. Organised Litter Pick:

The Vice Chairman reminded everyone that this was taking place in the Parish on March 4th. and he was hoping that there would be good community support.

8. Farewell to Chairman:

Councillor Colin Ruck, the Vice Chairman, proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Council to Councillor Bob Jeffrey as he had decided to step down from the Council.

He stated that Bob had joined the council in 2008 and became heavily involved in the Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety section of the Community Led Plan and in 2013 he took on the role of Council Chairman, which he has continued to hold until the present day.

He brought his previous industry standard ways of working to this role, particularly his preparation for meetings and in the moving forward of the proposals made in the Community Led Plan. More recently he has been instrumental in the refurbishment of the war memorial and the research into the soldiers whose names are on the Memorial.

In conclusion Councillor Ruck stated that Bob's skills would be greatly missed and he thanked him for his dedicated service to the local community.

These comments were unanimously endorsed by everyone present.

Responding, the Chairman thanked everyone for the kind comments and for their generous and continued support. Much had been achieved over the past four years but there was still plenty to be done and he urged them to look at ways in which they could support and improve the local community.

He has been fortunate having the support of a dedicated team and in particular for the unswerving diligence of the Clerk.

16/107 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday May 10th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck Chairman

Date: May 10th. 2017