

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7TH. 2012 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

There were two members of the public present but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Bowden

Mr. R. Jeffrey

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

Mr. J. Burns (Shropshire Home Point).

12/57 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. L. Baker, Mr. I. Gunton and Mrs. T. Evans.

12/58 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

12/59 Shropshire Home Point:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Jamie Burns to the meeting who gave an interesting and informative talk on the structure and role of Home Point, the central administration centre for most of the County's social housing property. He pointed out that there were about 6,000 people on the waiting list in Shropshire and about 25 properties became available each week. Applicants were considered carefully and dependent on their needs were classified as 'priority', 'gold', 'silver' or 'bronze', with regard to the allocation of properties. Members stressed to him the need to make sure that everyone seeking social housing was made aware of the service and how it operated.

The Chairman thanked Jamie for coming to the meeting and for his interesting talk.

12/60 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period from September 1st. to October 31st. no offences had been recorded.

12/61 Minutes of the meeting held on September 5th. 2012:

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

12/62 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Community Led Plan (12/40(1))

Mr. Ruck reported that 47% of the questionnaires had been returned with 250 respondents using the pre-paid envelope. The responses were being collated and the results should be available before the end of the year.

Members congratulated the Committee on the high level of response and Councillor Williams felt that it was probably the highest percentage return in Shropshire.

2. Play Area on Myddle Recreation Ground (12/47)

Clerk informed Members that when Mr. Tierney had visited the play area to identify the amount of painting that was required he had discovered that more of the seats on the swings were unsafe. Site meetings had been held and eventually four new swing seats had been ordered.

There was general disquiet that these had not been identified by the RoSPA inspector and the Clerk was asked to contact RoSPA, express Member's concerns and ask for a refund of the fee paid.

3. Overgrown Hedge on Myddle Playing Field. (12/55)

Clerk reported that Mr. Tierney had carried out the work and the residents of the adjacent property were pleased with the result.

4. Vehicle Operated Speed Control (12/40(4))

It was reported that this had not been put in place and Councillor Williams offered to try and find out what was causing the delay.

5. The Hollow, Harmer Hill (12/40(5))

Clerk had discussed Mr. Gradwell's response and proposals with Mrs. Baker and she had decided it would not be helpful to discuss this with residents unless there was a good chance of action being taken.

Members felt that some consultation should take place but decided to wait and see if it was an issue highlighted in the Parish Plan returns.

6. Harmer Hill Play Area (12/46)

Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee had decided not to develop a play area behind the Village Hall.

7. Review of Council documents (12/52).

Clerk thanked those Members who had commented on the revised documents and confirmed that he would compile a file to be issued to all Councillors after the elections in May. The revised documents would also be placed on the Web site.

8. Hedge between Stoneycroft and Orchard House (12/43)

It was reported that the hedge had not been cut and the Clerk was asked to discuss this again with Mr. Oakley

9. Myddle Speeding Problems

Mr. Ruck reported that there was considerable concern at the speed of vehicles through Myddle and the School Governors had been advised that funding for some remedial action might be available under Shropshire Council's 'Safer Route to School' policy. Members agreed to give full support to any application made by the school and the Clerk was asked to inform the Chairman of the School Governors.

10. Defibrillator (12/40(6)).

Mr. Ruck reported that the defibrillator was in place on the Village Hall wall and volunteers had been trained how to use it. There was a need to install a telephone unit which would enable the ambulance service to call ten numbers in sequence until one call was answered. The rental cost of this unit was £9.99 per month and the Committee was seeking grant aid and wondered if the Parish Council could help. After some discussion the Clerk suggested that they should make an application for grant aid from the Council's Section 137 budget, which could be considered at the January meeting with the other applications which were made annually. This was agreed.

11. Play Area Hard Surface (12/40(2))

Clerk reported that he had received an email from Phil Keyse thanking the Council for the grant towards the new surface. The area was being well used and parishioners living on the estates were grateful that skateboarding etc. was no longer taking place on the footpaths.

12/63 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts

J. Wilson	Salary (Oct/Nov.)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept/Oct.)	£112.81
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Oct/Nov.)	£110.58
Myddle Village Hall	Rent for Parish Plan meeting	£15.00
Interactive Information	SafeSync Backup (2years)	£14.40
Mr. C. Ruck	Parish Plan expenses	£147.88
Mrs. M. Markland	Parish Plan expenses	£37.36
SJF Printers	Parish Plan Questionnaires	£325.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance – September	£122.40
Mazars	External Audit	£162.00
SJF Printers	Parish Plan Documents	£16.24
Richmond Building	Hedge cutting (5, Hillside, Myddle)	£50.00
Information Commissioner	Data control registration	£35.00
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (October)	£122.40

12/64 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

12/65 External Auditors Report:

Clerk reported that the external auditor had not raised any concerns regarding the accounts or the management of the Council for the previous year.

12/66 Budget Headings for 2012 – 2013

Clerk had produced an outline paper and after due consideration the following budget headings were approved.

Clerk's salary and expenses including photocopying.
 Insurance
 Street lighting – power and maintenance
 Audit
 Recreation Ground – rent and ground maintenance
 Reserve fund for Streetlight and Play Area repairs/replacement.
 Parish Council Election expenses.
 Data Protection registration.
 Web site and I.T maintenance
 Grants to Village Halls
 Grant to Parish Churches
 Grant to Messenger
 Membership of SALC/NALC/Association of Parish Clerks
 Section 137 Grants to deserving bodies.
 Contingency
 Provision of Speed Control Visors
 Support for Parish Paths
 Fund for grant aid to local organisations.
 Myddle Trail

12/67 Parish Place Plan:

It was agreed to look at this in more detail at the January meeting, after the Parish Plan report had been completed.

12/68 Planning Applications:

A. The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting with no objections being raised.

1. Smithy Cottage, Myddle Hill - Lawful Development Certificate for erection of single storey extension to rear elevation.
2. 3, Myddle –erection of two affordable dwellings with double garages.
3. Red Castle Public House – erection of two detached dormer bungalows
4. Greenacres, Myddle – erection of oak framed open bay garage.

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

1. New dwelling adjacent to Jubilee Cottage, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of timber double garage.
2. Sleaf Airfield – erection of aircraft hangar.
3. Branwood Farm - reserved matters re erection of one agricultural workers Residence.

12/69 Correspondence.

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

Miss J. Lovelady (Strutt Parker) - Local Development Framework.
 Shropshire Council – Parish Place Plans.
 ALC – Newsletter and details of AGM.

ALC – Post 16 Education Transport Assistance.
Shropshire Council – Speed Management Policy,
ALC – Flood awareness campaign.
Councillor B. Williams – Food waste collection.

12/70 Committee Reports:

Local Joint Committee:

Chairman reported on the meeting held in October when it was reported that there was still money available for projects within the area covered by the committee.

12/71 Exchange of Additional Information:

A. Mr. Jones raised the following issues:

1. A need for a footpath from Pimhill Lane to the Bridgewater Arms. Councillor Williams agreed to discuss this with the Highways Department.
2. Cats Eyes missing on a section of the Ellesmere Road.

Clerk to report this to the Highways Department.

B. Mr. Ruck gave an update on the Parish Paths.

Progress was being made with ensuring that the Parish Paths were accessible and well maintained, with a number being re-opened.

He had been approached by two parishioners regarding a path which appeared to have originally passed through the grounds of Firdene, a property belonging to Mr. Whittingham.

There was a need to resolve the location of this before the proposed development on site was underway. The Chairman offered to meet with M. Whittingham to try and find a solution.

12/72 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday January 2nd. 2013 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman**

Date: _____