

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND. 2015 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

Mr. J. Newnham, representing Shrewsbury Ramblers, outlined concerns the group had about the state of Hollins Lane. He asked for support from the Parish Council in bringing pressure on Shropshire Council to carry out the necessary improvements, which would allow walkers to use the path throughout the year.

The Chairman advised him that the Council were intent on maintaining footpaths throughout the Parish and there was a team of volunteers, led by Councillor Colin Ruck, who carried out regular maintenance work. He assured him of the support of the Council and stated that Councillor Ruck would contact him when he returned from his holiday.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. S. Parker

Mr. P. Keyse

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams

Parish Clerk.

One member of the public

15/41 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. C. Ruck.

15/42 Presentation of Award.

Representatives from SALC presented the Chairman with the Local Council Foundation Award Certificate and congratulated the Council on being the first Council in Shropshire to gain the award. In accepting the award, the Chairman stated that the Council were pleased to be judged by their peers, were pleased with the result and would endeavour to move on to the next level.

15/43 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

15/44 Minutes of the meeting held on June 24th. 2015:

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after the following amendment: Item 15/34 Community Spirit and Amenities should read:

‘Councillor Mrs. Hodge reported that according to the July publication of the Messenger, it seemed that elderly people were arranging various activities and coping very well and currently there was no call for Council involvement.’

15/45 Matters Arising:

(a) Highways (15/25a&b).

Please see Minute No. 15/50 and attached report.

(b) Speed Controls – report on meeting with Mr. Ian Connolly (Speed Watch) (15/34(b)).

Members who had attended, reported that there had been a positive meeting with Mr. Connolly, who had outlined the purpose and management of the speed watch project and how it could operate in the Parish. To run the scheme there needed to be a minimum of seven volunteers who had to reside within the parish. Training for the scheme involved some theory work followed by practical activity and in total took about four hours. Equipment and safety clothing were provided by the police. Checks could only be carried out on roads where there were authorised speed restrictions and where the speed of traffic on any particular road was not seen as excessive and dangerous. Currently the only road in the parish where the scheme could operate safely was the Wem Road in Harmer Hill, although it was hoped that it could be extended to include the Baschurch Road through Myddle. He had suggested that an approach should be made to Shropshire Council asking for speed calming measures on the Ellesmere Road through Harmer Hill and Myddle Hill, to reduce the current speed levels. Clerk confirmed this had been done.

It was noted that covert speed checks had been carried out in Harmer Hill and the Clerk was asked to try and obtain the results of these checks.

(c) Speed Watch – need for volunteers (15/34(b)).

It was noted that a minimum of seven volunteers were required before a scheme could be registered. Currently there were only three, so it was necessary to try and recruit additional people from the community if the scheme was going to operate.

Clerk to place an article in the Messenger.

(d) Community Service Awards (15/36).

Concerns were expressed that this might be divisive and after consideration it was decided not to proceed with the award.

(e) Felled Trees (15/39(a))

The issue had been referred to Shropshire Council’s tree officer who had been unable to discover anyone who had given permission for the trees to be felled. It was therefore assumed that the work had been carried out by the electricity company for safety reasons.

(f) Yorton Seat (15/25(d)).

Chairman reported that Mr. Griffiths had completed the work but it had been a more difficult job than he had anticipated and the final cost was just over £500.00 (inclusive of VAT). Members stated that the repair was first class.

(g) War Memorial Committee 15/25(c).

The Chairman gave an update and was pleased to announce that the group had recruited two new members. They were busy writing up the biographies of the identified people and felt it would take another year to gather all the necessary information. The plan was to have the whole project completed by 2018 and quotes had been obtained for the renovation work needed on the Memorial. It was anticipated that the total cost would be between £1,500 and £2,500 and various fund raising events were being planned. The first of these was a Jazz and Swing evening on Saturday October 10th. in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

(h) Change of Council name

Clerk reported that he had discussed this with an Elections Officer at Shirehall and it had been discovered that there was no need for the Government to be contacted over a simple name change. This could be approved by Shropshire Council and it was intended to take the request to the Shropshire Council meeting being held in September, with a recommendation that the Council name should be changed to Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council.

15/46 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug./Sept.)	£683.53
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses	£302.00
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Aug./Sept.)	£230.80
	National Insurance	£24.61
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (April 1 st . – August 31 st .)	£240.00
SLCC	Membership Fee (2015/16)	£49.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (31/03/15 – 30/06/15)	£169.97
SALC	Training Course fee (Mr. Purslow)	£20.00
Shawbury Council	50% of fee for setting up new email addresses	£26.25
Nobridge	Ground Maint. June 3 rd & 24 th . July 14 th .	£457.92
Playsafety Ltd.	Play Area Inspection	£134.40
T. H. Griffiths	Repairs to Yorton Seat	£510.96
Interactive Info. Services	IT support (31/07/15 – 01/08/16)	£120.00

15/47 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

15/48 Mid-Year Statement of Income and Expenditure.

The Clerk tabled the mid-year statement which was considered and adopted.

15/49 Planning Applications:A. The following planning applications were considered:

1. Land adjacent to Mount Pleasant, Myddlewood – erection of five dwellings. *Objected to as it was outside planning boundary and access problems.*
2. Red Point, Harmer Hill – various extensions. *Application withdrawn.*
3. Wood Farm, Myddle – change of use agriculture – residential. *Application supported.*

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

1. Premier Inn, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – extension to provide an additional 21 bedrooms.
2. Meadowland, Sleaf – erection of a poultry building and extension of existing poultry business.

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

1. Construction of semi-detached affordable properties on land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall.
2. Land adjacent to Mount Pleasant – erection of five properties
3. Land off Lower Road, Harmer Hill – outline plan for three detached dwellings.

15/50 Community Led Plan – review and up-date of the plan.(a) Traffic and Transport:

The Chairman and Councillor Tiernan had produced a detailed report outlining issues which had been resolved and those which were still outstanding and the statement is attached.

(b) Community Spirit and Amenities:

Welcome letter to new residents.

The ‘Welcome to New Residents Evenings’ held last year had been successful but it was felt that it was too soon to hold the events again and it had been suggested that a ‘Welcome to the Parish’ letter should be sent to all new residents. Councillor Parker had offered to do this and the proposal was supported by Members. He issued a draft document and asked for comments to be emailed to him.

(c) Housing:

Councillor Purslow gave a detailed report, noting that the planning application for the development of affordable houses adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall had been refused but could be subject to an appeal. He was keen to work with Meres and Mosses to see if alternative land could be identified for a small development to meet the needs of those who had indicated they needed this type of accommodation. Councillor Williams pointed out that affordable housing was allocated on a strict level of perceived need and meant that those who had approached the Parish Council would not automatically be allocated a property.

It was decided to hold two more information events to see if there were any additional parishioners seeking affordable housing.

(d) Business and Farming:

The Chairman reported that following discussions with Councillor Keyes, it had been decided that an attempt should be made to contact local Farmers and Businesses to see if there was any help the Parish Council could provide. Councillor Keyes stated that he had decided to send out a letter and had asked the Clerk to see if Shropshire Council could provide details of all the companies that were paying business rates.

15/51 Police Report:1. Incident report June 2015.

Clerk informed Members that he had been advised that the figures which appeared on the monthly internet reports were the total of incidents reported, many of which when investigated did not represent a potential crime. In future he would try and give a more detailed report on each incident.

There had been no recorded incidents in June and in July there had only been one – a reported theft in Myddle which was still being investigated.

2. Annual Survey.

The Council had been asked to respond to a questionnaire produced by the Police Commissioner, indicating how it felt about the service provided by the police. The Clerk was asked to complete the return, highlighting that the major concern was traffic speed through the Parish.

15/52 Parish Footpaths:

Councillor Harding reported that work was on going throughout the Parish. The Chairman congratulated the group on their endeavour and Councillor Jones stated that excellent work had been carried out on a path in the Harmer Hill area.

15/53 Risk Assessment Documentation:

The Council's up-dated documents were tabled, considered and adopted, with the addition of a statement about the wooded area and potential problems with falling trees.

.15/54 Correspondence:Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk:

Gail Power – Sustainable Communities Act Workshop.

Dianne Dorrell – Training event on pensions.

Gail Power – NALC Newsletter July 8th.

Gail Power – SALC Newsletter July 9th.

West Mercia Police – Crime Stats for May.

Sgt. C. Greenaway – suspicious incident.

Mr. M. Price – acknowledgement of letter received from Clerk.

David Gradwell – need to report concerns re. excessive speed in July report.

Andy Wilson – Notification of road works.

Dianne Dorrell – weekly newsletter (July 20th).

NALC – Information document (July 20th).

RoSPA – play area inspection report.

Clerk reported that he had received a detailed report which had been forwarded to Mr. Tiernan who had offered to assess and carry out the needed repairs.

NALC –Newsletter (July 27th).

Police Commissioner (July 27th).

NHS – Health and wellbeing newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Access on line register.

Police Commissioner – Annual Survey.

Brian Williams – Local Council Award Scheme.

Cllr. Colin Case – Affordable Homes.

Shropshire Council – Public Health funding cuts

W.M. Police – Commissioner’s Newsletter (August 6th.)

Shropshire Council Health and Well Being.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC newsletter (Aug 6th).

Shropshire Council – High Court Judgement on affordable housing and CIL money.

SALC – CCG Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dianne Dorrell – Our Communities Hubs Project.

Brian Williams – five year land supply.

15/55 Committee Reports:

Myddle Village Hall:

Councillor Harding stated that the following events were taking place: September 16th. Film Show; September 28th. Flower Arranging Demonstration and the Harvest Supper on October 18th.

Harmer Hill Village Hall:

Councillor Tiernan stated that the main business was researching how the new entrance could be effectively constructed at the rear of the Hall.

It was noted that the Harvest Supper was planned for October 20th.

15/56 Exchange of Additional Information:

Defibrillator:

Councillor Keyse reported that one of the registered members had been called to attend a young lady who had collapsed – he had arrived in eight minutes, well before other agencies and there had been a successful outcome and the patient was recovering in hospital.

Although the service offered covered Harmer Hill, he felt that the provision of a unit in the Village would be a great asset.

Red Castle A Board:

It was noted that the board had been returned to the same site and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Highways Department.

Dog Waste Bin:

Clerk reported that Mr. Woolley had asked if a dog waste bin could be placed near to the waste bin at the children's play area site. This was agreed and the Clerk would make the necessary request to Shropshire Council.

15/57 Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday November 4th. 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman

Date: November 4th. 2015

Traffic and Transport (Community Led Plan)

HIGHWAYS:

Outstanding Issues:

1. Myddle Hill/School:
 - (a) Traffic Survey to be carried out by the school on the Myddle to Baschurch Road
 - (b) To install traffic calming measures on Myddle Hill or outside the school.
 - (c) To construct a pedestrian crossing outside the school.
2. Lower Road, Harmer Hill:
 - (a) 30 mph to be re-positioned beyond the Pines development.
 - (b) Large stones outside the bungalows to be removed.
3. A 528
 - (a) Speed restriction/calming measures required in Harmer Hill
 - (b) Erection of warning sign for pedestrians crossing the A528 at the bus stop opposite the garage.
 - (c) Re-position of the 30mph speed limit to beyond junction to Newton on Hill Road.
 - (d) Alteration to the kerb at the entrance to The Hollow in Harmer Hill
 - (e) SLOW sign required close to junction with Myddle Hill
 - (f) PEDESTRIANS CROSSING sign needed at the bus stop opposite garage on approach to Myddle
4. Brookside, Myddle:

Placement of NO ACCESS FOR HGV'S signs at entrances to road.

Completed work:

1. Baschurch Road:
 - (a) Road marking and new signage at Accident Black Spot.
 - (b) Road surface tested and found to be OK
 - (c) Vehicle activated sign erected and working.
2. Lower Road, Harmer Hill
 - (a) Road re-surfaced.
 - (b) Drainage work carried out.

VOLUNTEER CAR SERVICE

1. To establish whether there is a need for a Volunteer Car Service:
 - (a) By enquiring of Dial a Ride and Wem Wheelers how frequently the service is used by the parishioners.
 - (b) By talking to users to gauge their reaction to the service, especially the subscription fee.
2. If, from the above it appears that there is likely to be a need, to present the case to the parish council for pursuing this further by, for example, taking out a one year' advert in the Messenger to see if this need shows itself

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Little work has been done on this and it will be the subject of further enquiry.

SPEED WATCH

Full details can be found under Item 15/45(b) in the minutes.