

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH. 2011 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

There was one member of the public in attendance who raised concerns about the planning application for a property in Newton on the Hill as he felt it would increase problems with the water pressure which was already very low.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mr. C. Ruck

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

Ms. R. Mansfield (Shropshire Council – Regeneration Officer).

11/31 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. E. Hodge; Mrs. L. Baker; Mr. I. Gunton and Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

11/32 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared

11/33 Police Report:

Clerk reported that the civilian worker who supplied the information had left his post and was not being replaced. He had advised the Clerk to contact the beat officer or the CSO for details of offences. He had done this but had not received a response but had recently been advised that the details were on the web site and the Clerk wondered if there would be any reports in the future.

Mr. Ruck suggested that the Clerk visited the web site before each meeting and down loaded the details and the Chairman indicated that he would raise the issue at the next LJC meeting.

11/34 Minutes of the meeting held on June 29th. 2011

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

11/35 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Damaged streetlight in Harmer Hill:

Clerk reported that after strong representation the Insurance Company had agreed to pay for the new light.

2. Bridle way leading to Hillside.

Mr. Ruck reported that Shropshire Council was making cuts to the service and they had been unable to help. The local partnership had carried out some repairs.

11/36 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (Aug./Sept)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)	£245.0
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Aug./Sept)	£110.58
B. Markland	Parish Paths expenses	£93.70
AON Insurance	Additional insurance cover	£48.33
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (April-Sept. inclusive)	£300.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (June/July)	£286.68
Scottish Power	Power supply 2011 – 2012	£264.86
Interactive Information	On line computer support until 31/07/12	£144.00
Playsafety Ltd.	Play area inspection 2011	£114.00
Mazars	External audit	£162.00
NWP Power Systems	Streetlight maintenance (Aug.)	£122.40

11/37 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

11/38 External Auditors Report

The report was tabled which indicated that there were no concerns about the management of the Council or its finances.

11/39 Mid-Year Financial Statement;

The statement was tabled and considered. It was noted that the overall expenditure was within the projected budget and that there was likely to be a substantial carry forward into the next financial year. The statement was adopted.

11/40 Risk Assessment Policy

The policy document was tabled and approved without amendments.

11/41 Streetlight Insurance

The Clerk reported that the Insurance Company had notified him that the streetlights were undervalued for insurance purposes and that the figure should be set at the actual cost of the light plus labour costs. This set the value of each light at £1,353.00 and the overall value of the Parish lights at £69,000.00. This would cost an additional annual premium of over £1,000.00./ In the past ten years only one light had been damaged and the replacement cost could have been claimed direct from the motorist's insurance.

Members accepted the Clerk's suggestion that the lights should not be insured for accidental damage and Mr. Jeffrey's suggestion that a sum of money should be set aside each year to cover any possible emergency.

11/42 Planning Applications:

A. The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting.

1. Land at Orchard House, Wem Road, Harmer Hill. Objected to for the following reasons - application was actually for land 'adjacent' to Orchard House; loss of a mature beech tree; narrowing of the carriageway on Wem Road; re-siting of the electricity pole will have a detrimental effect on Stoneycroft and access to the site is outside the development area.

2. The Drift House, Springfield Barns, Marton – change of use from office to residential accommodation. No comment.
 3. 2, Newton on the Hill – erection of two storey extension to side; stairwell extension to rear and a detached double garage. No comment.
 4. Edge View, Myddle – erection of detached double garage. Application supported.
 5. Castle Farm, Myddle – construction of a slurry lagoon. No comment.
 6. G.W.R. Ltd., Sleap – erection of an extension to existing timber sawmill to provide housing for pressure treatment plant. Supported.
 7. Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of fifteen dwellings and associated access, parking, open space and garden access. Objected to – please see attached sheet outlining the reasons.
 8. Red Point, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – erection of a four bedroom dormer style dwelling. Application supported.
 9. Lyonswood Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic system. Application supported.
 10. The Old Animal Crematorium, Sleap – installation of a roof and ground mounted photovoltaic system. Application supported.
- B. The following application was considered at the meeting:
 Newton on the Hill – erection of an affordable two bed room dwelling with new vehicular access. This was objected to as Members felt it not within the spirit of the new legislation.
- D. The following applications have been approved by Shropshire Council
1. 2, Stone Cottages, Yorton – erection of a two storey extension.
 2. Sleap Airfield – erection of a steel framed building for storage of aircraft
 3. Drift House, Marton - change of use from office to residential accommodation.
 4. Edge View, Myddle – erection of a detached double garage.

11/43 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was considered:

1. Royal Horticultural Society – ‘Britain in Bloom’
 As a result of this circular, Members felt it would a good idea to plant daffodils at various locations in Myddle and Harmer Hill. Mr Purslow and Mr. Jones agreed to identify suitable sites in Harmer Hill and Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Ruck in Myddle. Mr. Ruck offered to ask Mr. Roberts if he would give a quotation for carrying out the work.
2. Shropshire Council – review of polling stations.
 Members confirmed that they were happy with the current stations.

1144 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

11/45 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. RoSPA report on Children’s Play Area on Myddle Recreation Ground.
 No major faults had been identified.

2. Broughton Church – directional signs.
Broughton Parochial Church Council has written to the Chairman seeking a grant towards the cost of erecting two directional signs for Broughton Church. Shropshire Council had agreed to carry out the work but would not pay for it. Members agreed to pay the quoted fee of £313.90. Clerk to advise Mr. Gradwell at Shropshire Council and Broughton PCC.
3. Parish Plan
It was agreed to hold a meeting in Harmer Hill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 20th. to try and form a Steering Committee to produce a Parish Plan.
4. Parish Paths Partnership:
Mr. Ruck had made a request for a grant to purchase a strimmer in partnership with Baschurch Council. The strimmer would be used to keep the Parish footpaths clear. Members felt it would be more appropriate for the Council to be the sole owner and agreed to fund this at a cost of about £450.00
5. Possible TV programme:
Mr. Ruck gave a report on a well attended meeting with Josie Gardener who was planning a possible TV programme featuring the history of Myddle.
6. Harmer Hill Recreation Ground.
Approval was given to the Chairman to purchase a notice board for erection at the entrance to the ground indicating that cars, motor cycles and dogs are not allowed on site.
7. Glebelands, Myddle:
Complaints had been received about the branches of the trees in front of the properties were overhanging the footpath.
Clerk to ask Meres & Mosses Housing Association to take action.
8. Streetlight:
Report of a light outside Myddle Village Hall not working.
Clerk to report to the maintenance contractor.
9. Path from Myddle School to Hillside:
Report from Mrs. Hodge that the path is very uneven and someone had fallen. Mr. Ruck promised to take some action if he could be advised of the exact location.
Clerk to contact Mrs. Hodge.

10/46 Date and Time of Next Meetings

Wednesday November 2nd. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman

Date: November 2nd. 2011