

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MAY 2025

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held in Harmer Village Hall on May 14th. when three new Members and the recently elected Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston were welcomed before business began.

Councillor Colin Ruck was elected as Chairman of the Council, with Councillor Alec Harris taking over the role of Vice Chairman and a number of Officers and Representatives were appointed to various roles. There was disappointment that there was still one vacant seat and efforts will be undertaken to co-opt a Harmer Hill resident to take on that position. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details. There was a full agenda for Members to consider and debate, but before that was undertaken, five members of the public were in attendance and raised issues for consideration. The first of these was a request for further information about the proposed affordable housing project in Godings Lane. Responding, the Chairman reported that there had been no further developments. The area in question had been offered for sale to Shropshire Council for the erection of a small unit of affordable properties for local people to rent, but to date, Shropshire Council had not agreed to purchase the land. If and when the project went ahead, a local committee would oversee the proposals, which would then be subject to the legal planning application regulations. Concerns were then expressed about the speed of traffic along Wem Road in Harmer Hill, with a request for a 30mph limit to be installed. The Chairman stated that discussions had been held in the past with Shropshire Council and Police representatives, but after detailed checks had been carried out, both organisations were unable to support the request. In the meeting which followed, Members were informed that Myddle Church Clock was back to working order, the 'Welcome to' signs had been erected, and a quotation had been received for the resurfacing of Myddle Village Hall car park. The Council had helped to finance these projects with much of the money coming from Community Infrastructure grants, rather than from the ratepayers. Disappointment was expressed that Shropshire Council had not activated the enforcement order placed on the Harmer Hill Reservoir development, where it seemed the owner was ignoring the order and continuing to add additional items. Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston was given an outline of the problem and promised to carry out a detailed review. Members welcomed the news that a new Youth Club had successfully opened in Myddle Village Hall and had attracted many young people to the first meeting.

Other items considered included a police report, news on the internal audit, a proposal to develop Myddle Woodland and planning application information. In conclusion, a four-year action plan for the Council was considered and approved and this will be published on the Council website or can be obtained from the Clerk.

As always, the full minutes of the meeting and other information can be found on the Council's website –www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk and for advice or help, Jack Wilson, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted by email at myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by phone on 01743 236810

