

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS

Myddle Village Hall hosted two Council meetings on the evening of May 3rd. when fourteen residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting, giving them an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with the elected Councillors. That meeting was followed by a standard Parish Council meeting where residents were welcome but unable to take part in the discussions.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Social Housing:

In the first meeting Mr. Jason O 'Donoghue, the Senior Development Officer for Shropshire Town and Rural Housing, gave an informative outline of the proposed development of a small Social Housing Project on the playing field in Godings Lane, Harmer Hill. This was being undertaken following a request from the Parish Council, which had reported that investigations had shown that there was a need for varied social housing within the Parish. This information was supported by the records held by 'Home Point' at Shropshire Council's Housing Department.

He then gave details of investigations that had taken place pointing out that when the plans were finalised they would apply for planning permission which would give residents the chance to comment. Providing the project was approved it would be 2025 before properties were available.

Because of the location and nature of the development, applications to rent or part purchase any of the units would be restricted to those living within or who had firm identifiable contacts with the Parish.

Together with Council Members, he responded to many comments and questions from those attending.

Chairman's Report:

Following the first item Colin Ruck, the Council Chairman, gave an interesting and informative report on Council activity throughout the past year, highlighting the range of activities undertaken in an effort to meet the needs of the community. These included road safety measures, litter and dog fouling control, maintenance of the two play areas and the many footpaths which are well-used by residents.

With careful budgeting and the monitoring of expenditure, it had not been necessary to seek an increase in the precept, which meant that the local element of the Council Tax had not increased. However, he was pleased to report that the Council had still been able to make grants towards the upkeep of the Village Halls and Church Grounds as well as supporting the publication of the Messenger and the development of the Youth Club. Small grants had also been given to three local charities.

He then thanked to all the Members, the Parish Clerk and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams for their dedicated support throughout the year.

COUNCIL MEETING

The second meeting of the evening followed immediately after the conclusion of the first one when Members appointed the Chairman and Vice Chairman and representatives to oversee various aspects of Council activity for the next year.

Various items were then considered when it was:

(a) Reported that Shropshire Council had made no progress in enforcing the construction of a footpath alongside Wem Road or the removal of unapproved development at Harmer Hill Reservoir. It was understood that Court Orders were being applied for but that could be a lengthy procedure.

(b) Agreed to purchase a new Parish Notice Board for Harmer Hill to replace the current one which had fallen into disrepair. This should take place within a few weeks.

(c) Noted that there were still problems with unauthorised cycling in the woodland adjacent to the Myddle Playing Field. The pathway through the wood is a permissive path where cycling is not allowed. Residents are kindly requested to observe this regulation. To ensure that the pathway can be accessed by walkers.

The minutes of both meetings with a copy of the Chairman's detailed report attached can be found on the Council's website – www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk or obtained from the Parish Clerk – Email - myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by calling him 01743 236810