

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH. AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session

There were no members of the public present and no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mrs. L. Baker

Mrs. E. Hodge.

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (County and District Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

08/46 Apologies

An apology was received and accepted from Mr. I. Gunton.

08/47 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests declared..

08/48 Police Report.

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period between the 1st August and the 31st October, the following offences had been recorded: Theft – 3 (two in Harmer Hill and 1 in Myddle).

08/49 Minutes of the meeting held on September 3rd. 2008

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

08/50 Matters Arising.

1.Highways (08/44(1)):

Mr. S. Oakley, Divisional Engineer, had informed the Clerk that all the reported problems had been dealt with. Mr. Ruck confirmed that the new drains by the roundabout seemed to working effectively.

2. Myddle – Changes to the speed limits:

The extended 30mph zone had been agreed and details sent to Myddle Councillors and also advertised. Two issues raised by Members – road markings and removal of some signs that were no longer needed - had been passed to the traffic department at the County Council.

3. Meres and Mosses: (08/34(2))

(a) Housing Needs Survey:

Since the last meeting, the survey had been carried out but Meres and Mosses were disappointed with the response. Members questioned the format of the forms and asked the Clerk to invite a representative to the next meeting.

(b) Glebelands and Hillside:

Clerk reported that two further letters from him to Meres and Mosses had failed to get a response. The matter had now been with the association since May.

Mr. Williams asked for copies of the correspondence to enable him to deal with it.

4. Tree Inspection (08/44(4)):

Members had been sent a quotation of £500 from Mr. T. Merchant, for carrying out a full inspection and providing the Council with a detailed paper and disc report. He had advised the Clerk that once this was complete, lay people would be able to carry out subsequent inspections for the next few years.

The quotation was accepted.

5. Speed Limit Controls: (08/44(2))

Clerk reported that Inspector Wagstaff had promised to arrange for some speed checks on both roads. Members asked the Clerk to see if they could be informed of any action taken and of the results.

6. Street lights (08/44(3)):

Clerk reported that there was no evidence that action had been taken by any Shropshire Councils, although some Welsh authorities had introduced schemes by switching off alternate lights. This had met with mixed response from the public. The other alternative was to change the lighting to time switches. Clerk to discuss the possibilities and likely costs with the lighting contractor. It was felt that before any action was considered there would have to be a period of public consultation.

08/51 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (Oct. /Nov.)	£422.07
J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept./Oct.)	£ 84.93
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Oct./Nov.)	£105.51
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (Sept.9 th .)	£128.43
NWP Electrical	Maintenance (Sept. Oct. Nov.)	£359.55

08/52 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

08/53 Planning Applications.**A. The following application had been received and considered by the Chairman and/or Members since the previous meeting:**

White Meadow, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill –application to provide three access points, following the approval of the application to build two additional houses on site.

Members recommended that there should be one wide splay accommodating access to the whole site.

B. The following application was considered at the meeting:

Newton Meadows, Wem Road Harmer Hill –erection of four holiday chalets and associated work – no objections raised

C. It was noted that the following applications had been approved:

1. White Meadow, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – three access points to site.

2. 17, Myddlewood – erection of a porch
3. Land adjoining Oakwood, Harmer Hill – extension to garage.
4. Bridgewater Arms – installation of externally illuminated post and wall signs.
5. 6, Alford Gardens, Myddle – erection of a conservatory.
6. Well House Farm, Weston Lullingfields – erection of an agricultural unit.
7. Corner Cottage, Merton – single storey extension.
8. 6, Myddle – erection of a detached garage.
9. Oakdene, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two dwellings.

D. The following application had been refused but has gone to appeal:

Land adjoining Oakwood, Harmer Hill – change of use of land from agricultural to domestic.

08/54 Committee/Representative Reports.

1. Wem Local Area Committee:

The Chairman informed the meeting that Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee had been successful in gaining a grant of £1,000.00 towards the cost of furniture. Very little of the money made available to the committee had been allocated and he would bid for the Yorton Road signs and other requests, if he was furnished with full details.

2. Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee:

Mr. Jones reported that the refurbishment of the Village Hall was due to start. The committee had been disappointed by the attitude of Transco who were charging the business rate for connecting gas to the hall. Clerk was asked to write to the Company pointing out that Village Hall had charitable status when dealing with banks and Councils and asking them to review their decision.

3. North Shropshire Local Police Group:

Mr. Jeffrey gave a detailed report of the first meeting of this new group which included:

The new police structure and training, which he felt was complex.

Specific police targets including, alcohol hotspots, boy racers and speeding and targeting known criminals.

Members of the group had been invited to join with the police on the run up to Christmas to see officers in action.

Advice that Community Speed Watch programme had been restructured and would be launched again in the near future.

08/55 Parish Plan:

Following a good deal of discussion it was agreed that the Council should proceed with looking at developing a Parish Plan. Mr. Jeffrey offered to be one of the two Councillors needed to front the development of the plan. It was hoped that a second person would come forward at the next meeting.

Mr. Jeffrey agreed to seek information from successful Councils and the Clerk was asked to get more details from the Community Council about membership and finance.

08/56 Correspondence

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was considered:

1. S.A.L.C. – training events.
2. Shropshire County Council – Community Working (briefing notes).
3. N.S.D.C. – Changes to the planning procedure.
4. N.S.D.C. – Community Safety Partnership re. Use of portable CCTV cameras.
It was decided that there was no need for these in the villages at present.
5. S.C.C. – Opening of Customer First Point at Ruyton XI Towns..
6. Village Retail Services – Talking Shop Magazine.
7. Communities and Local Government – consultation paper on codes of conduct.
8. Mrs Howe, Treasurer, Broughton Church, requesting a grant towards the upkeep of the Church Yard.

Members decided to award a grant of £100.00.

Advise given that any future requests would need more details of the purpose of the grant

08/57 Exchange of Additional Information:1. Highways:

The Clerk was asked to report the following problems to the Highways Department.

1. Need for the kerb stones to be painted white to assist traffic turning at the junction of Wem Road with Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill
2. 4x4 vehicles using Hollins Lane, between Fenemere and Merrington, which is listed as a bridleway.
3. The grass verge has been raised and large stones and posts placed on it, outside Yorton House and Yorton Villa in Goddings Lane, Harmer Hill - thus creating difficulty for vehicles to pass each other, especially in the dark
4. Thick mud on Goddings Lane between Yorton House and Broughton Church
5. Raised metal posts close to the edge of the road in Lower Road, Harmer Hill, on the bend south of ‘The Nest’ and ‘Webscott’

2 Police:

Concerns expressed about heavy lorries travelling in the centre of the road and at speed whilst travelling into Myddle from the Ellesmere Road..

Clerk to advise Inspector Wagstaff at Wem Police Station.

08/45 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

Wednesday January 7th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting:

Signed R. Purslow Chairman
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Date January 7th.