

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4TH. 2009 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session

Seven Members of the public were present and the following concerns were raised.

1. Cars accessing Myddle Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area. Chairman agreed this would be raised under Item 13 of the Agenda
 2. Proposed housing development in Lower Road, Harmer Hill. Advised that the Parish Council had not received an application to date and would consider it at the appropriate time, Members of the public advised of their rights.
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Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mrs. L. Baker

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. I. Gunton

Mr. R. Bowden

Mr. C. Ruck

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (County and District Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Two members of the public

08/74 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs E. Hodge.

08/75 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. C. Ruck declared an interest in Item 9 of the Agenda

08/76 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period between the 1st November and 25th. February, the following crimes had been reported:

Criminal Damage – 1; Burglary dwelling – 1; Burglary non-dwelling - 2; Assault - 2; Theft from vehicle – 1; Fraud – 1; Public order offence – 1.

08/77 Minutes of the meeting held on January 7th. 2009

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

08/78 Matters Arising:

1. Highways (08/72(2&3):

Mr. S. Oakley, Divisional Engineer, had informed the Clerk that the issues raised at the last meeting had been dealt with.

2. Meres and Mosses – Glebelands and Hillside (08/50(3b))

Mr. Jeffrey confirmed that he had met a representative from Meres and Mosses and that they were going to try and identify if it was their responsibility. Clerk agreed to discuss the matter with them again.

3. Speed Limit Controls: (08/62(4))

Clerk reported that he had spoken to Inspector Wagstaff and she had indicated that speed checks had been carried out at various places. She had agreed to get further action taken but to date he had not received any more information.

4. Water Leak – Newton on the Hill (08/72(3iii))

Councillor Williams reported that the problem had been identified as a County Council responsibility and had been satisfactorily resolved.

5. Housing Need Survey (08/62(3))

Members had been sent a copy of a letter from South Shropshire Housing Association and after due consideration it was decided not to take any further action.

08/79 Applications for Grants:

After careful consideration it was resolved to give grants under Section 137 to the following organisations:

Severn Hospice - £100; West Shropshire Talking Newspaper - £50; Macmillan Nursing - £100; Hope House - £100; Marie Curie Cancer Care - £50; Relate - £50; Maurice Chandler Sports Centre - £50

08/80 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary and back pay (Feb./March)	£499.05
J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan./Feb.)	£200.95
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Feb./March)	£110.61
NWP Electrical	Maintenance	£117.30
Mr. T. Merchant	Tree inspections	£550.00
W. Salop Talking Paper	Grant	£50.00
Severn Hospice	Grant	£100.00
Macmillan Nursing	Grant	£100.00
Hope House	Grant	£100.00
Relate	Grant	£50.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Grant	£50.00
Maurice Chandler Centre	Grant	£50.00
Mr. F. A. Woolley	Salary (Oct – March inclusive)	£300.00

08/81 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

08/82 Council Website:

Mr. Ruck had been invited to speak to the Council about the need for a dedicated Council website. He reminded members of the requirements of the recently published document relating to Parish Councils on 'Freedom of Information' and that he was already employed by the Council to give technical computer support to the Clerk. His company had already set up websites for other Councils. Currently some Council information was being published on the

Myddle web site but here was a need to develop a specific Council site.

He outlined how the site would look and operate and offered to take responsibility for it whilst the Clerk was trained.

The Clerk explained the benefits in having a Council Member taking responsibility as there would be areas of confidentiality involved. Mr Ruck quoted a price of £1,000 and Members felt that this was very reasonable. After a series of questions, Members voted unanimously to employ Mr. Ruck's company for the work.

Clerk reminded Mr. Ruck of the need to advise N.S.D.C's Standards Officer of the situation.

08/83 Planning Applications:

- A. Since the previous meeting the following applications had been received and considered:
1. Newton Meadows, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – amended plans. No objections raised.
 2. Stone Cottage, 4, Higher Road, Harmer Hill – erection of double garage and store, to include change of use of land from agricultural to domestic. Objected to because of the change of use of land.
- B. The following applications had been approved by N.S.D.C.
1. Hanger Site at Sleaf Airfield – variation of planning condition No.1.
 2. Lyndale, Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of single storey extension including garage.

08/84 Committee Reports:

1. Local Area Joint Committee:
Chairman reported on an interesting meeting which had included a talk by Malcolm Pate on the developments for the new Unitary Authority; a presentation by a representative of the Northern Marshes Organisation and information about Local Development Strategies.
There was still a budget of £2,600 available for youth projects.
2. Code of Conduct:
Mr. Jeffrey gave a brief summary of a training event he had attended and advised Members that it was the Authority's intention to deliver this training to all Councils.
3. Harmer Hill Village Hall:
Mr. Jones updated members on the progress of the work being undertaken.
Everything was going well and to schedule.
4. Emergency Planning:
Mr. Jones explained that he had been unable to attend the meeting but had been sent all the documentation. He felt that it had little relevance to the Council.
5. Tree Officer:
Mr. Gunton gave details of a programme being introduced and developed by Cavat Systems, which was designed to put a value on all the trees, in the hope that it would increase public awareness.

08/85 Correspondence:

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

1. S.A.L.C. – Training events.
2. West Mercia Police Authority – meeting to discuss ‘Drugs in North Shropshire.
3. Shropshire County Council – Local Development Framework.
4. Shropshire County Council – Highways and Traffic Newsletter.
5. N.A.L.C. – Should the voting age be reduced to sixteen?
6. POhWER – Advocacy support for those wishing to complain about the NHS.
7. Shropshire County Council – Delegation/Devolution of Services. Agreed that the Council would not participate.
8. Shropshire County Council – Update.
9. N.A.L.C. – ‘The Power of Economic, Social or Environmental Well Being’. Council unable to participate because of insufficient elected Members.
10. Standards Board – Information regarding the action Councils must take. Agenda item for next meeting.

08/86 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Mr. Bowden raised concerns about a six foot fence which had been erected on Council owned land outside Meadow Rise, Wem Road, Harmer Hill. Councillor Williams reported that the matter was being dealt with by the County Council’s Highways Department and N.S.D.C’s. Enforcement Officer and that the fence would have to be removed.
2. The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint about overgrown hedges on the triangular area by Stone Cottages. Clerk to ask the Highway’s department to take action.
3. Clerk issued a timetable of meetings for 2009-2010.
4. Myddle Recreation Ground – Cars accessing the ground. It was decided that a locked gate should be installed.

08/87 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday May 6th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed *R. Parslow* Chairman

Date *May 6th.2009*