MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH. 2009 AT 7.30PM.

Public Session:

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

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

Mrs. E. Hodge

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (County and District Councillor)

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

O9/01 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

09/02 Election of:

(a) Chairman

Mr. R. Purslow was the only nomination and elected on a unanimous vote.

(b) Vice Chairman

Mrs. E. Hodge was the only nomination and elected on a unanimous vote.

(c) Appointment of Committee Representatives:

Myddle Village Hall	Mrs. E. Hodge
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Mr. R. Jones
S.A.L.C. Area Committee	Mr. J. Heath
Police Committee	Mr. R. Jeffrey
Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee	Mr. R. Bowden
Shropshire County Area Committee	Mr. R. Purslow

09/03 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. C. Ruck declared an interest in Item 7(6) of the Agenda

09/04 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period since the last meeting, the following crimes had been recorded.

Assault - 1; Theft - 1; Harassment - 1.

09/05 Minutes of the meeting held on March 4th. 2009

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

09/06 Matters Arising:

1. Highways (08/86 (2):

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

- (i) The overhanging tree branch close to the school would be removed.
- (ii) Continued efforts were being made to improve the drainage outside the school which continued to pose problems.
- (iii) Pruning of the trees by Stone Cottages would take place at the end of the bird nesting season.

2. Meres and Mosses (08/78(2)):

(a) Glebelands:

Mr. Williams confirmed that Meres and Mosses had accepted responsibility for the wall and had issued a contract for the work. Mr. Jeffrey confirmed that work had started on the repairs. (b) Hillside

It had been confirmed the area of land outside the houses on Hillside was the responsibility of Shropshire Council. Clerk was asked to raise the issue with Laura Rowley, Director of Resources at Shropshire Council and ask for action to be taken to improve the area.

3. Speed limit controls, Harmer Hill (08/78 (3)):

Clerk gave details of discussions he had been involved in with the police, in which they had advised him that the request for monitoring vehicle speeds had to come from the County Council via the Mr. K. Patton, Safer Roads Section at Worcester. The police were considering arranging an area meeting to discuss the problem of speeding vehicles, to which Council Members would be invited.

The Chairman felt that a recording devise had already been placed in Harmer Hill. Clerk said that Inspector Wagstaff had agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and the issue could be raised then.

4. Tree Inspection:

A detailed tree inspection had been carried out and copies of the report had been sent to the Chairman and Mr. Gunton (Tree Officer). A copy was available for inspection. The report was very thorough and indicated areas that needed addressing. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr. J. James and offer him a contract to carry out the essential work. 5. Gate at entrance to Myddle Recreation Ground (08/86(4)):

Clerk had met Mr. Woolley on site and had discussed a solution with him and Mr. Henry Griffiths, who had recommended placing a simple fold down post in the centre of the access to the ground. Clerk had asked him to do the work and this was approved by Members. 6. Council web site (08/82):

Mr. Ruck informed Members that the site was up and running and the Chairman complimented him on the lay out and substance. Site can be accessed at www.myddleand broughton-pc.gov.uk.

09/07 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (April/May)	£437.94
J. Wilson	Expenses (March/April.)	£107.02

Inland Revenue	Income Tax (April/May)	£107.02
NWP Electrical	Maintenance (March/April)	£234.60
Myddle Village Hall Cmt.	Grant	£2,000.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall Cmt Grant		£2,000.00
Myddle Parish Church	Grant	£500.00
Allianz	Insurance 2009/2010	£720.60
S.A.L.C.	Membership Fee 2009/2010	£345.51
Interactive Informatic	Web site fees	£691.15
R. Mayall & Daughter	Rent for Harmer Hill Playing Field	£172.50
Shropshire Council	Rent for Myddle Recreation Ground	£200.00

09/08 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/09 Review of Finance for 2008 - 2009

The Clerk had tabled non-audited accounts and a comparison with the previous year's expenditure. These were accepted by Members.

09/10 Planning Applications:

- A. <u>Since the previous meeting the following applications had been received and considered:</u>
 - 1. Meadow Rise, Wem Road, Harmer Hill erection of a roadside fence. This had been objected to on the grounds that the proposed height was unacceptable.
 - 2. 4, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill extension. No objections.
- B. The following applications were tabled and considered:
 - 1. 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill extensions and alterations to existing building.
 - Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill mixed residential development comprising 18 two storey houses; detached garaging, formation of roads. It was decided to hold a site meeting on Friday 15th. May to look more closely at both applications.

09/11 Committee Reports:

1. Drugs in North Shropshire:

Mrs. Baker reported on a meeting she had attended which had been organised by the police. It had been interesting and informative but of little relevance to the parish. However because of the clamp down in the major towns there was evidence of drug users moving out into the rural areas. Reports had been received of evidence of drugs in the car park opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall and in Lower Road. Clerk was asked to report this to the police and to get Shropshire Council's Environmental Department to clean up the area.

2. Harmer Hill Village Hall

Mr. Jones gave an update on the progress of the redevelopment of the hall which was going as planned. The committee were still raising funds and it was possible to purchase a named brick.

3. Myddle Village Hall

Mrs. Hodge informed Members that the work in the new kitchen had been completed thanks to the grant obtained from the area Committee and that the Pre-School Group was now meeting in the local school.

09/12 Correspondence:

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

- 1. S.A.L.C. Training events.
- 2.Shropshire Council details of Local Joint Committees
- 3. Equality and Human Rights Commission Public Sector Duties

09/13 Exchange of Additional Information:

- 1. Myddle Recreation Ground:
 - (a) Posts holding the low fence between the Recreation Ground and the Brook were rotting away. It was agreed to ask Nobridge Ltd. to replace the posts.
 - (b) Report that the owners of one of the properties on the edge of the woodland area were encroaching on to the leased woodland area. Members agreed to visit the site after consulting the deeds.
- 2. Archways, Brookside, Myddle:

Report of rotting food and rats at the empty property. Clerk to inform Environmental Health Department.

3. Myddle Hill:

Pot hole in road at junction with Lower Road.

- Myddlewood Speed Restrictions: Mr. Gunton asked if there had been any developments regarding a speed restriction area being declared through Myddlewood. Clerk to contact Highways Department.
- 5. Footpaths:
- (i) Mr. Jeffrey asked if there had been any developments regarding the development of a footpath on the right hand side of Baschurch Road, Myddle.
- (ii) A need for a footpath between the Bridgewater Arms and Pimhill Lane, Harmer Hill, had been identified.

Clerk to raise both issues with the Highways Department.

6. Overgrown Hedge:

Report of an overgrown beech hedge on the property adjacent to Stoneycroft, Wem Road, Harmer Hill. Clerk to ask Highways Department to take action at the end of the bird nesting season.

09/14 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:

Members had been sent revised copies of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and these were adopted.

09/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday July1st. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed R. Purslow Chairman

Date_July 1st.2009____