

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8th. 2013 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

Twenty members of the public were present and:

1. Raised issues of concern over planning applications in Harmer Hill on land adjacent to Orchard House and north of Jubilee Cottage
2. Requested details of the ownership of land where the Old Reading Room in Myddle had been located and
3. Some members had attended to get an update on the provision of faster broadband in the Parish.

The Chairman informed them that the Parish Council had objected in detail to both planning applications and that the issue of the Old Reading Room site would be outlined later in the meeting.

With regard to planning, Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams informed the meeting that Shropshire Council were under pressure from the Government to reach set targets for housing development and this could mean that planning would be allowed outside historic boundary lines. It seemed that they were considering the approval of the application at Orchard House and he had asked for this to be referred to Shropshire Council's Planning Committee. When this took place he would attend the meeting and speak strongly against the proposal, as would a representative of the Parish Council.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Purslow

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

Parish Clerk

Mr. C. Taylor (Shropshire Council)

Mr. G. Miller

Members of public.

13/72 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Tiernan and I. Gunton.

13/73 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

13/74 Broadband Development for the Parish

Mr. Chris Taylor from Shropshire Council gave an interesting and enlightening report on the developments taking place in the County to provide faster broadband speeds. Already several parishes had come on line and a new list would be published by the end of the month.

He gave details of how the service would be extended to Myddle but could give no firm date and apologised for not having information about Harmer Hill, as he was unaware the Parish Council covered both Villages.

He agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May, when he would outline possible developments for Harmer Hill.

The Chairman thanked him for attending and for the interesting information.

13/75 Police Report:

In October and November the following offences had been recorded:

Hillside, Myddle – Anti-social behaviour 1.

Sleap Airfield – Anti-social behaviour 1; Criminal damage/arson 1.

13/76 Minutes of the meeting held on November 6th. 2013:

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

13/77 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (13/60(1)):

Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council) had given an assurance that the control would be erected before the end of the financial year.

2. Baschurch Fire Station (13/60(4)):

Mr. Keyse gave an update of the situation, stating that public consultation had taken place on the wider issue of cuts to the service and at the next meeting of the local Fire Authority in February a definitive list would be decided. Both he and the Chairman were hoping to meet with the Fire Authority Chairman prior to that meeting to stress the need for the retention of the Baschurch Fire Station. They would co-operate with Baschurch Council re. this meeting.

3. The Hollow, Harmer Hill (13/60(6)):

As Mr. Tiernan was not present the issue was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Speeding Traffic on Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill (13/70(2))

The Clerk reported that Sgt. Greenaway (West Mercia Constabulary) had agreed to arrange for some checks on this stretch of road.

5. Old Reading Room, Myddle (13/70(1)):

The issue of ownership of the area of land where the Reading Room in Myddlewood had been located had been raised several times and at the request of the Chairman the Clerk had contacted the Land Registry to try and establish ownership. He had been advised that this was a complex issue.

It then transpired that the Parochial Church Council and the owners of the adjacent property had also followed the same route. Mr. Miller representing the Church had been invited to the meeting and gave the following report:

'The land was purchased for the Reading Room Club from the Bridgewater Estate in 1925 but when the club was finally wound up in 1980 no arrangements appear to have been made for the disposal of the land.

After many years of fairly fruitless discussions and research it has been established to the satisfaction of the Parochial Church Council that it would not be possible to perfect a saleable title to the land without expenditure on legal fees and other costs that would probably exceed the value of the land.

Even then a saleable title might not be achieved. Against this background the Church Council is not planning to take any action with regard to this land.

The owners of an adjacent property had hoped to buy the land but they now plan to try and tidy it up and maintain it, recognising that after twelve years they may be able to initiate proceedings to claim title to the land.'

Based on this report and the information the Council had received, it was unanimously decided that the Parish Council should take no further action and the details of this decision should be published in the Messenger.

6. Graffiti on road signs (13/67)

Clerk reported that the Highways Department had cleaned the signs and he had received a letter from Mr. Chapman thanking the Council for arranging this.

13/78 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)	£446.62
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec.)	£112.28
Inland Revenue	Income Tax	£111.80
Shawbury Parish Council	50% of Norton and USB pen drive	£17.50
Myddle Village Hall	Rent for meeting on Nov. 16 th .	£25.00

13/79 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

13/80 Precept and Budget Setting:

Following consultation and advice from the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk had produced a detailed financial report and proposed budget and precept for 2014- 2015.

Mr. Ruck reported on the problem facing the Council with the need to update all the streetlights owned by the Council. A small committee had met with a representative from Eon who had outlined the problems and it was agreed that repairs had to be carried out. Eon had been asked to immediately carry out the urgent repairs at a cost of £450.00 (+VAT) and it had been agreed that the remaining repairs should be phased over about five years.

The Clerk then reported that to finance this work it had been necessary to reduce several of the budgets and recommend an increase in the precept.

Some Members raised concerns over the reduced budgets, particularly the grants to the Village Halls. However the Chairman advised them that copies of the annual accounts from the Village Halls indicated that they had considerable funds available.

He then proposed that the budget be adopted. This was seconded and when put to the vote passed by five votes to nil with three abstentions.

13/81 Planning Applications:

A .The following applications had been received and considered:

Top Farm, Marton – erection of wind turbine. Application supported.

A no comment response had been made to the following:

5, Myddle – erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing one storey extension.

Meadowland, Sleaf – variation of condition 2 to allow re-location of one building.

Windyridge, Harmer Hill – reserved matters (access; appearance; landscaping, etc.) pursuant to outline application for erection of two detached dwellings.

Wellhouse Farm, Baschurch –erection of a two storey extension.

Objections had been recorded for the following:

Land north of Jubilee Cottage - erection of six detached properties including one affordable unit.

Land adjacent to Orchard House – outline planning application for six houses including new access and associated drainage.

Notes:

1. It was agreed that the Chairman should represent the Council at Shropshire Council's Planning Committee meeting, when the application for development on land adjacent to Orchard House would be discussed.

2. The Chairman informed Members that because of the conflicting information being received about planning; SAMDev; defined boundaries, etc. he had asked Councillor M. Price and Mr. Kilby (Senior Planning Officer) to meet with him and the Clerk to clarify issues.

Mr. Price had agreed to this and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams had offered to attend the meeting too and this had been gratefully accepted. The date was yet to be confirmed.

B. The following applications have been approved by Shropshire Council:

1. Pantiles, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of front and rear extensions with loft space.

2. Red Castle Public House, Harmer Hill erection of two detached dormer bungalows

3. No.5, Myddle – two storey extension.

13/82 Place Plan and CIL Reports

Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk had sent Members a proposed copy of the reports for forwarding to Shropshire Council. These were considered by Members and unanimously approved.

13/83 Community Led Plan:

Community Spirit and Amenities:

Mrs. Hodge reported that she was still putting together a compendium of all the clubs and societies and hoped to have it available for inclusion in the next edition of the Messenger.

Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety: –

Chairman reported that he had received a response from David Gradwell indicating how he would prioritise issues if he was a Councillor. Safety issues on Myddle Hill and by the School seem to be the first project to tackle and the Chairman informed Members that he was arranging to meet the head teacher of the school to discuss a common approach.

Mr. Keyse pointed out that there was a need to consider the many children who had to wait on the road side for transport to the Corbett School without any form of shelter.

Business and Farming: –

Mr. Keyse stated that he would continue to put pressure on Shropshire Council with regard to getting faster broadband in the Parish and felt that the attendance of Chris Taylor at the meeting had been very valuable. He would also continue to support Patrick Cosgrove who was leading a campaign on behalf of rural communities for greater Government support.

Housing Development: -

Mr. Purslow reported on the two meetings held in the Village Halls to try and assess the demand for social and affordable housing. In the event only one person had attended the meetings but he had since learnt that four more people had contacted the Rural Housing Association. He was trying to identify who they were so that contact could be made and advice given.

Publicity: -

Clerk to arrange an article for inclusion in the Myddle Messenger.

13/84 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk, most of which had already been circulated to them.

Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.

ALC – Information Bulletin November 8th.

ALC – Information Bulletin November 15th.

NALC – Information about Rate Support Finance.

Colin Ruck – re potholes at Myddle end of Lower Road.

Details had been forwarded to the Highways Department for action.

ALC – Briefing update on planning

Brian Williams – Land Supply Update

NALC – Council Tax Benefit Support Grant

NALC – Information Bulletin November 29th.

Colin Ruck – litter on the Myddle Recreation Ground.

Mr Ruck reported that on a visit to the Recreation Ground in Myddle he and his wife had collected a full bag of rubbish. A check on Mr. Woolley's contract showed that he was only responsible for keeping the area round the play equipment tidy.

Members felt that they should assess ways in which the whole area could be regularly cleaned and the Clerk was asked to place this item on the next agenda.

Steven Howard – Future of SAMDev.

13/85 20mph Speed Restrictions:

Members had received documentation from Shropshire Council but decided at this stage not to take any action.

13/86 Committee Reports:

1. Local Joint Committee:

Mr. Purslow gave a report of the recent meeting he had attended including details of the interesting and informative talks that had been given about:

(a) The Whitchurch Food Bank

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(b) The Ambulance Service and its failure to meet time targets in Shropshire.

2. NHS Conference:

The Chairman gave details of a conference he had attended which was looking at the future of the service in Shropshire. Some 400 people were in attendance but only about 30 of these were members of the public.

The study and review is going to take three years but there was an undertaking that the same review team would see the project through to the end.

13/87(a) Exchange of Additional Information:

1. A revised Council Mission Statement was unanimously approved,
2. Councillors C. Ruck; P. Keyse and Mrs. T. Evans agreed to join the approved register which would enable them to sign cheques on behalf of the Council.
3. It was noted that street light No.1 in Godings Lane was not working. Clerk to inform EON.

13/87(b) Community Assets

Shropshire Council had notified the Council that they had received a nomination that the Red Lion Public House in Myddle should be registered as an Asset of Community Value.

It was agreed to support this application providing there was no financial commitment for the Council.

The Clerk was asked if he could check if the shop in Myddle could also be registered.

13/88 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday March 5th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R.Jeffrey Chairman

Date: March 5th.2014