

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH. 2012 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

There were two members of the public in attendance but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)
Mrs. E. Hodge
Mr. R. Jeffrey
Mr. J. Heath
Mr. R. Jones
Mr. C, Ruck
Mrs. T. Evans
Mr. R. Bowden
Mr. I. Gunton

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).
Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).
Two members of the public.

11/61 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. L. Baker

11/62 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

11/63 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period from November 1st. to January 1st. the following offences had been recorded:

Burglary -2; Theft – 3.

11/64 Minutes of the meeting held on November 2nd. 2011

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendments – *‘public session 2 should read Mr. Tanulak’ and 11/51(1) should read Mr. L. Roberts.*

11/65 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Daffodil planting (11/43(1)).

It was recorded that daffodils had been planted at four locations around the Parish.

2. Parish Plan (11/45(3)).

Mr. Ruck reported that the meeting held on November 8th had been well attended and positive. Mr. Owen Booker had been appointed as Chairman; Ms. Clare Luke as Vice Chairman and he had taken on the role of secretary, supported by his wife. The Parish Clerk had agreed to be the financial officer. Support had been promised by Sarah Botham from the Community Council and questionnaires were being formulated. The next meeting was planned for January 23rd.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide up to £500 towards the cost of producing the plan.

3. Path from Myddle School to Hillside (11/45(9)).

Satisfactory repairs had been carried out.

4. Salt Bin at Junction of Ellesmere Road and road to Newton on the Hill

The Highways Department had stated that the main road was always salted and as the verge was narrow at this junction they would place a heap of salt on the verge.

5. Parish Paths Partnership

Mr. Ruck reported that there had been a 40% cut in the budget for Parish Paths and there was much more onus being placed on volunteer help. He felt that there was a need to ensure that the footpaths were kept open and this was supported by Members. It was essential that contact was maintained with local farmers to ensure that they were aware of their responsibilities.

6. Harmer Hill Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that the sign he had fixed to the entrance gate had been removed and the area was being used as a dumping ground for rubbish from cars. It was agreed that a new sign should be purchased and fixed with self locking screws.

11/66 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (Dec./Jan.)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov./Dec.)	£91.77
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Dec./Jan.)	£110.58
NWP Power Systems	Streetlight maintenance (Nov.)	£122.40.
G. Roberts	Daffodil supply and planting	£660.00
NWP Power Systems	Streetlight Maintenance (Dec.)	£122.40

11/67 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

11/68 Budget and Precept Setting:

The Clerk had distributed a proposed budget for the 2012 -2013 financial year and this was approved with one minor adjustment. It was agreed that there should be no increase in the precept which was set at £16,875.00.

11/69 Planning Applications:

A. The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting.

1. The Annexe, Lyonswood Farm, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – erection of a replacement dwelling. Objected to – development is too large for the property it is replacing and the design and size will have a detrimental effect on the character of the adjacent properties.
2. The Old Rectory, Myddle – installation of 48 ground mounted solar panels.
Application supported.
3. Red Point, Shotton Lane – appeal against Shropshire Council’s decision not to approve the application. Parish Council’s reasons for support sent to the Inspectorate.

B. The following applications were considered at the meeting and all were supported.

1. Webscott Farm, Webscott – installation of a covering roof over existing silage pits.

2. Sleep Airfield – erection of light aircraft hangars (two applications).
3. Land adjacent to The Drift House, Springhill Barns, Marton – new vehicular access.
4. Meadow Farm, Marton – change of use of redundant agricultural building to use as an ancillary to the existing dwelling.
5. Sleep House Farm – installation of photo-voltaic panels to roof of existing machine shed to generate renewable electricity.

C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council

1. Newton on the Hill – erection of a two bed affordable dwelling.
2. Castle Farm, Myddle – erection of a slurry lagoon.
3. Yorton Villa House – internal and external alterations.
4. Land at Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of 16 dwellings, etc.
5. Land at Orchard House, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of detached dwelling with new access.
6. Land at Firdene, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of dwellings and associated work on paths etc.
7. The Annexe, Lyonswood – erection of a replacement dwelling.
8. Hillcrest Garage, Myddle – renewal of outline consent for five houses (two affordable).

D. Appeal:

It was noted that an appeal had been made regarding Shropshire Council's decision to refuse planning consent for a change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden at Jasmine Cottage, 22, Myddlewood.

E. Comment

On the subject of planning, the Chairman, supported by a number of Members, questioned the role of the Parish Council in the new scheme produced by Shropshire Council. It had been the practice that when the Parish Council raised concerns the application was dealt with by the Council's planning sub-committee and not by a decision delegated to an officer. It now seemed that the local Shropshire Councillor was consulted and made the decision based on the officer's report.

Mr. Williams responded, pointing out that under the new system, the local Shropshire Councillor would be consulted and could only refer the application to the planning sub-committee if there was a material planning issue and/or a significant planning reason for the referral. The officer concerned would bear in mind and incorporate in the report any issues raised by the Parish Council, before passing the plans to the Shropshire Councillor.

11/70 Correspondence.

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk.

ALC – Localism Act - Standards and Members Code of Conduct

Paula Ryan (Shropshire Council) – recent Town and Parish Council networking meeting.

Journal of Local Planning – 'What does it mean to Parish Councils'.

Shropshire Council – Street Cleaning survey. Clerk to respond.

ALC – Minutes of North Shropshire Area Committee.

NALC – Legal Advice on HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

11/71 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

11/ 72 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would present every child in the Parish, under the age of eleven years on August 31st 2012, with a suitably inscribed mug to commemorate the Jubilee. It was felt that the majority of the children would be attending Myddle School or the Nursery. The Clerk was asked to place a statement in the Messenger asking for the details of any children who were living in the Parish but not attending the school or nursery. The Clerk was also asked to get details of suitable mugs for Members to consider at the next meeting.

11/73 Applications for Grant Aid.

It was agreed to make a grant of £65.00 to the following:

Severn Hospice; Macmillan Nursing; Hope House; Marie Curie Cancer Care; Talking Newspaper; Citizens Advice Bureau; Shropshire Playing Fields Association

11/74 Exchange of Additional Information:1. Streetlight:

Light not working outside the Warren on Wem Road, Harmer Hill.

2. Development at Lower Road, Harmer Hill

It was queried as to why housing development was taking place before the requirements placed on the developer, under the planning approval, had been carried out. Mr. Williams reported that the Planning Department had not expected any development until the New Year and that various officers were negotiating with the construction company to ensure that appropriate development was undertaken.

3. Old Reading Room, Myddle:

Mr. Ruck suggested that this could be an ideal site to develop as a Nature Area for a Jubilee project. After discussion it was decided that there was no clear indication as to who owned the site. The Chairman promised to investigate to see if the ownership could be resolved.

10/75 Date and Time of Next Meetings

Wednesday March 7th. 2012 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____