

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JUNE 27TH. 2012 AT 7.30PM.

Public Session:

Three members of the public were present. With the agreement of Members, Mr. P. Keyse was given permission by the Chairman to take part in Agenda Items 5(4) and 5(11).

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. C. Ruck

Mrs. L. Baker

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

Mr. P. Keyse

Ms. J. Gurney (Youth worker).

P.C. Peter Carpenter (West Mercia Police).

12/19 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. R. Jones, Mr. R. Jeffrey Mrs. T. Evans, Mrs. E. Hodge, Mr. R. Bowden and Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams.

12/20 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

12/21 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that in the period from May 1st. to June 27th. the following offences had been recorded:

Assault – 1 (Myddle); Anti-social behaviour - 1; Burglary – 1(both in Harmer Hill).

12/22 Minutes of the meeting held on May 2nd. 2012:

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following alteration. Item 12/17(3) second line should read *which had been carried 'out' under the new Ofsted procedure*

12/23 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Parish Plan (12/08(1)):

Mr. Ruck reported that the questionnaire was up to date with just a few questions to be changed. A new appointment had been made by the Community Council and she had confirmed that the details were being entered on to the computer ready for the planned distribution.

2. Old Reading Room, Myddle (12/08(2)):

Mrs. Hodge had sent a report stating that Mr. Jones had transcribed one of the documents for her but that there was nothing further to add from the point of view of the Church.

3. Jubilee Mugs (12/08(3)):

Chairman reported that together with Mrs. Hodge and Mr. Jeffrey he had visited Myddle School and the mugs had been distributed to all the children. There were still a few mugs remaining and it was agreed that these could be sold at the Village fetes.

4. Extension to Play Area on Myddle Recreation Ground (12/14):

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had agreed that development could take place and that planning approval was not needed.

Mr. Keyse stated that he had met with Mr. Shingler and it was suggested that the work would involve:

- Removal of the current metal fence which runs across the middle of the tarmac area
- Separation and relocation of the basketball section.
- Laying 8 tonnes of smooth tarmac on top of the current surface.

Mr. Shingler was offering labour free of charge and seeking the loan of the necessary equipment at no cost. This meant that there was a need to raise £700 to cover the cost of the tarmac.

Members approved the development and after a good deal of discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would make a grant of £500.00 towards the cost and the young people should be expected to raise some of the funds. There was also a need to see if the seven hundred pound figure included VAT.

(It was later resolved that Mr. Shingler would invoice the Council for £600 including VAT, which the Council could reclaim and he would be able to sell the waste metal and arrange for the remaining money to be raised locally).

5. Highways (12/17(1)):

Clerk had received a report that the pot holes and drains would be attended to and the verge grass cutting programme would be as in previous years.

6. Lower Road Development (12/08(8))

It was decided that progress was being made in accordance with the approved plans.

7. Photocopier (12/15)

Clerk advised Members that after consideration it had been decided to take out a single year's contract in the first instance at £33.00 per annum.

8. Speed Checks (12/17(2)):

Inspector Klair had confirmed that speed checks had been carried out in Harmer Hill on the Wem Road, as reported by the Chairman. All vehicles had been within the required speed limit. Checks were also carried out on Ellesmere Road at various times.

9. Vehicle Operated Speed Control (12/17(4)):

Clerk reported that Mr. Gradwell had been informed of the Council's preferred location for the sign but there had been no further response.

10. The Hollow, Harmer Hill (12/17(5)):

Mrs. Baker offered to deliver questionnaires to the households in the Hollow to see if they would support an attempt to get the Hollow changed into a one way road. It was decided that there was a need to get advice on the content of the questionnaire and the Clerk agreed to

contact Mr. Gradwell at Shropshire Council. P.C. Carpenter agreed to get a police check on the speed of vehicles along the road.

11. Automatic External Defibrillator:

Mr. Keyse reported that a public meeting held in Myddle Village Hall had been well attended and a committee had been set up to oversee the project. A grant had been obtained from the LJC and a grant application had been made to the Shropshire Community Fund. If this was successful the defibrillator would be purchased, located at the Village Hall and volunteers trained.

12/24 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£442.31
J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£137.43
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (June/July)	£110.58
M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£185.00
Shawbury Parish Council	Photocopy costs	£33.00
Norfolk China	Jubilee Mugs	£373.74
The Messenger	Community Led Plan advert	£44.00

12/25 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

12/26 Internal Audit Report.

The internal auditor's report; income and expenditure statement and documents for the external auditor were presented by the Clerk and after due consideration were all approved and signed by the Chairman.

12/27 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

12/28 Harmer Hill Playing Field.

Chairman stated that there had been a number of concerns raised about the possibility of developing a play area behind Harmer Hill Village Hall and in the absence of Mr. Jones it was agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

12/29 Streetlight Power Charges:

A letter had been received from Scottish Power pointing out that charges for power had not been altered since 1999 and they intended to increase the annual fee to £649.20 per annum, an increase of £400.00. Mr Ruck asked the Clerk to clarify how the figures had been calculated and if this was acceptable it was agreed to accept the quotation.

12/30 Planning Applications.

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

1. Jubilee Cottage, Harmer Hill – variation of condition 2 of the planning permission for erection of one detached dwelling. Application had been withdrawn.
2. 7, Glebelands, Myddle - variation of condition No. 2 to planning permission granted for the erection of a two storey extension and sunroom. No comment.

3. Tan y Derw, Lower Road, Harmer Hill - erection of a single storey front extension. No comment.

B. The following applications were considered at the meeting:

1. Branwood Farm, Branwood, Myddle – reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission dated June 2009, for the erection of one agricultural worker’s dwelling. Application supported.
2. Apple Tree Farm, Marton - part single/two storey extensions to include farm office, roof light and Juliet balcony, erection of a porch and alterations to driveway. No comment.
3. The Coppice, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey side extension. Application supported.
4. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a light aircraft hangar – application supported.
5. Sheepcotes, Hadnall – agricultural prior notification (excavation of stone and construction of cattle tracks. No comment.

C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council

4, The Whym, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – erection of extension to side elevation.

Sleaf Airfield – erection of an aircraft hangar.

The Harris, Goddings Lane, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey extension and detached garage.

Tyn y Derw, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey extension.

12/31 Correspondence:

The following correspondence received by the Clerk was considered.

1. Sarah Summers (Shropshire Council) informing Members that in future paper copies of planning applications would no longer be provided.
2. Adrian Cooper (Shropshire Council – Planning) confirming that Myddle and Broughton Parish was to be a ‘countryside area’ and no further development would be permitted.
3. Inspector Amrik Klair (West Mercia Police) confirming details of speed enforcement activity that had been carried out on the Wem Road in Harmer Hill. All vehicles were travelling within the permitted speed limit.

12/32 Member’s Code of Conduct

A revised copy of the Code of Conduct had been sent to Members and it was resolved to adopt the code and to be included in the advertisement being placed by Shropshire Council. Members were advised of the need to complete and return to Shropshire Council the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests document.

12/33 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

12/34 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Tax Return.

Clerk reported that he had completed the on line tax return that was required by HMRC on March 23rd. and received an email confirming this had been received. On June 2nd. he received a letter from HMRC stating that the Council had been fined £100 for a late submission as the return had not been received by the end of May and

would be fined £400 if this was not done by June 19th. He had spent 90 minutes on the phone trying to talk to an agent but no one was prepared to help. Eventually he was reluctantly given an address and wrote to HMRC on June 12th. including a copy of the email stating that the return had been made successfully on time.

He had spoken to an agent on June 26th. who accepted that a justifiable appeal had been made but stated that it took five weeks for a response to be made.

2. Lost Cheque

The Clerk had received a notice from Shropshire Council indicating that a payment of £300.00 was over due. After discussions with the finance department it appeared that the cheque had gone astray in the post. The cheque had been cancelled and a new one issued – no charge had been made by the bank. The incident had been reported to the Post Office as two other letters had gone astray.

3. Parish Paths:

Mr. Ruck reported that he and other members of the Parish Paths group had undertaken strimmer training.

4. Beech Hedge:

Chairman reported that the hedge between Stoneycroft and Orchard House on Wem Road, Harmer Hill was blocking the footpath and obscuring motorists view.

Clerk to ask Highways Department to take this up with the owners of the hedge.

5. Myddle Hill:

Councillor Brian Williams had reported that he had received a complaint about the condition of the path leading from the Village to Myddle Hill and an overhanging tree outside No.6.

Clerk to report to Highways Department to see if they could take action.

6. Motorcyclists:

Mrs. Baker expressed concerns about some motorcyclists in the area. P.C. Carpenter stated that he was aware of some problems and the police would keep the situation under review.

12/35 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 5th. 2012 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Purslow Chairman

Date: September 5th. 2012