

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>. 2016 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public present.

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. S. Parker

Mr. P. Keyse

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

**16/20 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. C. Ruck.

**16/21 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**16/22 Minutes of the meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. 2016:**

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record following the correction of Item 16/06 (b) which should read *Councillor Parker not Powell*.

**16/23 Matters Arising:****(a) CIL Funds and suggested projects:**

The Clerk gave the following report on the current situation:

**Neighbourhood Fund:**

Money that can be used by the Parish Council to fund locally identified capital expenditure projects.

**Amount available in the Council's Bank Account:** **£12,951.10**

**Local Infrastructure Funding:**

Held by Shropshire Council and can be used with Shropshire Council agreement to meet the capital costs of prioritised infrastructure needs in the area where development takes place.

**Amount held by Shropshire Council:** **£87,508.45**

Possible projects that had been identified/suggested:

Road Safety Measures by Myddle School.

Purchase of Myddle Recreation Ground.

*Clerk reported that he had discussed this with officers at Shropshire Council but had not yet received a response. Cllr. Williams agreed to take action over this.*

Improvements to Myddle Children's Play Area.

Play Area for Harmer Hill Children.

Various local highway improvements and speed controls including Lower Road; The Hollow; Wem Road, Harmer Hill; Myddle Hill.

New bus shelter in Myddle.

(b) Highways (16/06 (a)).

The Chairman reported that he had chaired a meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. which had been attended by Councillor R. Tiernan; Mr. David Gradwell; Ms. S. Thomas and the Parish Clerk.

The following issues had been discussed:

Road Signs for Brookside and A528.

Mr. Gradwell had pointed out that these could no longer be constructed by Shropshire Council and needed to be ordered 'in bulk' via Ringway. The signs were on order and should be available for erection within the next three months.

Road Safety Issues:

The Chairman had stated that a number of issues had been suggested but the over-riding concern was the safety of children attending Myddle Primary School and the need to restrict the speed of traffic travelling through the Village.

The creation of a crossing was discounted as this would not curb speed, as was the use of speed cushions which would have little or no effect on HGVs, Tractors, etc.

After due consideration it was agreed that some form of a raised road barrier would be preferable and the Chairman suggested CIL money should be used for this development.

Ms. Thomas and Mr. Gradwell explained that it was not a straightforward solution, as any project would still be subject to the County wide review system to determine its priority. The Parish Council had already listed this as a major safety concern and Mr. Gradwell had forwarded the request to the selection panel. The fact that the Parish was prepared to use CIL money would probably help, as would any evidence that this had the support of the Community, the School; Councillor Brian Williams and the Parish Council.

There was a need to submit a comprehensive application and Ms. Thomas had offered to work with the Clerk in compiling this, pointing out that this would be the first application for CIL money to be used for this type of expenditure.

Mr. Gradwell had agreed to work out a ball park figure for this type of control but pointed out that there would need to be a detailed costed assessment and queried how this would be paid for. *He had now forwarded an estimate of £35-40K for the project.*

The Chairman had agreed to seek approval from the Council at the next meeting; to write to the Chairman of the School Governors and to Councillor Williams seeking their support.

There would also be a need to show that the public had been consulted and supported this type of development and the use of CIL money. It was agreed that there would be a need for a public meeting and that an article should be placed in the Messenger. Councillor Tiernan had offered to set up an information table at the Myddle Fete.

*The Chairman then stated that he had received letters of support from the Head Teacher, the Chairman of the Governors and a number of parents and proposed that the Council should proceed with this as a priority road safety issue. There was unanimous support from Members for this proposal and for requesting Shropshire Council to use money from the CIL Budget.*

*Clerk stated that he would liaise with Sue Thomas over completion of the necessary application procedure.*

With regard to the CIL Neighbourhood Fund – Councillor Purslow felt that some of this should be used towards constructing a children’s play area in Harmer Hill, to provide facilities for an increasing number of young children. He agreed to carry out further investigations and to report back at the next meeting.

(c) The Wym, Wem Road (public session).

Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council’s Road Safety Officer) had reported that all the road markings along this section of road had been renewed and additional SLOW markings provided on the bends by the properties. Improved warning signs were planned including an advisory ‘Max Speed 40’ and this was planned to take place within the next couple of months. Safety barriers would not be installed.

He pointed out that recent accidents were the result of driver error with the police taking suitable action.

(d) War Memorial Project (16/06(c)).

The Chairman reported on a very positive response from the public with a range of donations being received, bringing the total held to £3,172.16 towards a target of £4,000.00 being needed by November 2018.

It had been agreed to stage a stall and show a film at the Myddle Village Fete, which would include details of what had already been achieved and outline the plans for the completion of the project.

Councillor Keyse suggested that an attempt should be made to discover if there were any local servicemen’s graves in the Belgium Burial Grounds and if so, to arrange to place poppies on them.

(e) Parking on Access to Myddle Recreation Ground (16/18(1)):

Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the resident, who had stated that she was seeking advice from the Housing Association. It was noted that she was still parking her car at the same location and the Clerk was asked to contact Meres and Mosses Housing Association and ask them to take action.

**16/24 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:**

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

**16/25 Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting:**

1. Continued concern about speeding traffic at a number of locations.  
*The Road Safety Partnership had been advised of the concerns and would be carrying out extensive checks in the area.*
2. Dangers to children attending Myddle School and the need for a 20mph limit to be in place at that location.  
*Already addressed under 16/23(a).*
3. Need for a footpath from Harmer Hill to the Pimhill junction.  
*To be forwarded to Mr. Gradwell as a 'Road Safety Concern'.*
4. Flooding close to the school after heavy rainfall.  
*Highways Department to be asked to inspect the drainage system and to carry out any necessary remedial action.*
5. Need for the footpath accessing the Pre School Nursery to be better protected.  
*Chairman reported that he had carried out a visual inspection of the fence and found that many of the posts were rotten. Shropshire Council had been asked to carry out urgent repairs.*
6. Extension of the 30mph limit on the A528 approaching Harmer Hill from the Shrewsbury direction.
7. The speed limit on the B5467 through Harmer Hill towards Wem, should be re-assigned to 30mph.  
*These two issues to be combined and forwarded to Mr. D. Gradwell as a 'Road Safety Concern'*
8. Modifications at the junction of The Hollow and A528.  
*This was already included in the Council's list of Road Safety Concerns.*

**16/26 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£512.73
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£124.63
Inland Revenue	Income Tax & N.I.(June/July)	£341.60
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (25/04)	£152.64
EON	Streetlight repair (Lower Road)	£92.50
EON	Annual agreement (50% payment)	£287.18
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal audit	£215.00

**16/27 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**16/28 Annual Governance Statement:**

The statement, which had been circulated to Members, was considered in detail. No concerns were raised and it was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**16/29 External Audit:**

The following documents were considered and approved:

Receipts and Payments Account; Accounting Statement; Income and Expenditure Accounts; Internal Auditors reports and the Bank Reconciliation.

Clerk to thank Mr. Sheehy for the clarity and detail of his reports.

**16/30 Planning Applications:**

A. The following planning applications had been received and were considered with no objections raised:

- i. 5, Higher Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension.
- ii. The Buildings – variation 5 & 6 on the outline planning application to erect three detached open market dwellings.
- iii. Wood Farm – application for Lawful Development Certificate for existing change of use from stable to living quarters.
- iv. Arran House, Myddlewood – erection of one dwelling.
- v. Shotton Hall – remedial work on protected trees.
- vi. Marton Hall Cottages and Stable Cottage, Marton - conversion of two dwellings into three dwellings including conversion of stable and erection of extensions.
- vii. Oak Farm, Marton – change of use of land to create a holiday touring park; erection of toilets and a shower block.
- viii. The Buildings, Myddlewood – erection of three detached dwellings and garages.

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

Silverbriers, Lower Road, Myddle – erection of a dwelling to include access.

Solar Farm, E of B4397, Burlton – variations to approved application.

Land adjacent to Orchard House – erection of a detached bungalow.

C. The following applications had been refused by Shropshire Council:

Meadowland, Sleap – erection of a secondary agricultural dwelling.

Wood Farm – change of use agricultural land to domestic.

D. Appeal:

An appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against Shropshire Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of a single dwelling on land west of Holly Bank, Harmer Hill. *There was no need for the Council to take further action.*

**16/31 Community Led Plan:**

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Dealt with under item 16/23

(b) Community Spirit and Amenities:

It was agreed that the 'Welcome to the Parish' document should be printed on coloured paper.

(c) Housing:

No progress could be made until the result of the planning appeal for development of affordable housing on land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall was published.

It was noted that two 'joint owned' properties were up for sale in Myddle.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

**16/32 Police Report:**Incidents recorded in March:Harmer Hill:

Lower Road – Anti-Social Behaviour -1.

Holly Bank – Burglary – 1 (under investigation).

Myddle:

Hillside – Anti-Social Behaviour – 1.

Alford Grange – Theft -2 (one under investigation the other no suspect identified).

Incidents recorded in April:Harmer Hill:

Cambridge Close – Anti-Social Behaviour -1.

Shotton Lane – Anti Social Behaviour – 1.

Wem Road - Theft 1 (unable to prosecute).

**16/33 Correspondence:**

Members considered correspondence received by the Clerk, details of which had been forwarded to them throughout the period since the last meeting and where appropriate, responses that had already been made.

Please see attached list.

**16/34 National Salary Award for Clerks:**

Members approved the agreed National Award for Clerks which will increase the Clerk's salary from April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2016 by £51.06 per annum with a further increase of £48.84 per annum on April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2017.

**16/35 Committee Reports:**1. The Chairman reported that he had attended the following:(a)SALC Executive Meeting:

There had been two main themes:

- (i) A presentation by a Health Service representative on the progress of Future Fit which appeared to be making little progress because of the problems related to the proposals for locating Accident and Emergency Care in the County.

- (ii) Presentations by representatives of Shropshire Council and Telford and Wrekin Councils on the need to restrict expenditure and review the way in which services could be run in the future.

He felt that Telford and Wrekin had approached the problem in a more professional manner and were well advanced in making alternative arrangements.

(b) Meeting with Shropshire Council Chairman and the C.E.O.

Council Chairman and Clerks had been invited meet with representatives of Shropshire Council to discuss the financial problems facing Shropshire Council and to explore ways in which Town and Parish Councils could help alleviate the need to curtail services.

It had been quite a fractious meeting, which in the end had decided that Town Councils with the support of SALC could invite local Parish Councils to meet together to explore ways in which certain services could be run locally.

2. The Clerk reported that:

He had met with the recently appointed Town Clerk at Wem to discuss ways in which the Town Council could work with local Parish Councils over the delivery of certain services. No definite plans were on the table at this stage but he had agreed to take part in future discussions and would keep Members informed of any proposals.

3. Emergency Planning:

Councillor Jones reported that he had been invited to a meeting which had subsequently been cancelled because of lack of support.

**16/36 Exchange of Additional Information:**

(a) Request for Myddlewood Identification Signs.

Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a member of the public requesting signs indicating where Myddlewood started. Shropshire Council had agreed that they could be erected but that the Parish Council would have to pay for them. They had agreed to provide an estimated cost.

(b) Request for improved Children's Play Area provision.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from a local resident for improvements to be made to the Myddle Children's Play Area, using some of the CIL money that the Council were receiving. It was agreed that improvements were needed but it was felt that a committee should be set up to discuss overall improvements and to oversee the necessary fund raising.

Councillor Mrs. Hodge agreed to meet with the resident after the Clerk had sent a reply.

(c) Repositioning of Sign:

It was noted that there were two signs indicating Harmer Hill at the entrance to the village from the direction of Myddle and it was agreed to ask the Highways Department to remove the smaller of the signs and reposition it on the Lower Road, beyond the entrance to the Pines Estate.

(d) Bus Service 501:

Councillor Harding reported that he had been advised by a member of the public that at times the service did not arrive in Myddle. The Clerk had discussed the problem with Shropshire Council but it was not a subsidised service. Councillor Harding had made contact with the private company and they were investigating the problem.

(e) Myddle – sewerage pumping station:

Councillor Harding reported on complaints made to him by members of the public about the actions of Severn Trent, carrying out work during the hottest nights of the year, causing noise and unpleasant odours throughout the village. It was queried whether there was a breakdown or if the system could not cope with the additional housing in the area. The Clerk had made contact with Severn Trent, who had promised a report within seven days but so far no response had been made.

Clerk to contact Severn Trent again.

**16/37 Date and time of Next meeting.**

Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman

Date: September 7<sup>th</sup>. 2016



MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

Shropshire Council – Armed Forces Day.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Newsletter (13/05).\*

NALC – Newsletter.

SALC – Shropshire Council Scrutiny Report.\*

NALC – Bulletin.\*

Shropshire Council – Connecting Broadband.\*

National Health Service – Improving care for patients with septis.\*

NALC – The Queen’s Speech.\*

Margaret Markland – complaint about Red Castle A Board.

NALC – National Salary Award.\*

Erica Martin – Thanks for Harmer Hill Village Hall Grant.

Hilary Marshall – Thanks for Myddle Village Hall Grant.

Jane James – Lower Road closure.\*

ALC – Queen’s Speech.\*

Shropshire Council – Broadband Up-date.\*

SALC – DIS EXTRA 884.\*

SALC – Open letter from Emergency Medical Consultants.\*

Chairman - contact from Mrs. Domini Lucas

Sue Thomas – Presentation Documents.\*

Unknown – request for signage for Myddlewood.

Brian Williams – Take-up of Broadband.\*

NALC – Bulletin on National Developments.\*

Russell Purslow – concerns re. ‘parked car for sale’

The Corbett News.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter (June 1<sup>st</sup>).\*

SP Energy Networks - invitation to meeting.\*

Brian Williams - Yorton Speed Restrictions.\*

Brian Williams – Wem HGV survey.\*

Julia Kear – Corbet School Open Day.\*

NALC – Grants bulletin.\*

Mr. Duffner – Myddle Play Area.\*

Police and Crime Commissioner – survey.\*

NALC – part funding of services.\*

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust – inpatient survey results.\*

Shropshire Council CEO – response to recent meeting between Shropshire Council/Town and Parish Council representatives.\*

SALC – resume of above meeting.\*