

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>. 2013 AT 7.30 PM.**

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**Public Session:**

Two members of the public were present but no issues were raised.

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**Present:**

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. P. Keyse

**In Attendance:**

Parish Clerk.

Two members of public.

**13/56 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. R. Tiernan, Mr. I. Gunton, Mr. R. Purslow and Sgt. C Greenaway (West Mercia Constabulary).

**13/57 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

None declared.

**13/58 Police Report:**

A written report had been received, which indicated that in August/ September the following offences had been recorded:

Myddle – one theft of and from a motor vehicle: Harmer Hill one theft of and from a motor vehicle.

**13/59 Minutes of the meeting held on September 4<sup>th</sup>. 2013:**

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

**13/60 Matters arising from the meeting:**

1. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (13/44(1)):

Mr. D. Gradwell had confirmed that the sign had been purchased and would be erected by Ringway before the end of the current financial year. It was one of many that Ringway was having to put up.

2. Parish Paths (13/44(2)):

Mr. Ruck reported that tidying up activities were taking place but that there were still some farmers who were not keeping paths open. It was agreed that he should prepare a letter for the Clerk to send out to the offending farmers pointing out their responsibilities.

### 3. RoSPA Inspection Report (13/44(3)):

Clerk reported that:

- (a) Mr. R. Parry had visited the site and suggested that as the problem with the surface was 'low risk' it would be preferable to leave the repairs until the spring when access over the field would be easier and the repairs more effective. He would also do a thorough check on all the equipment. Cost is likely to be in the region of £1,900.00 (+ VAT)
- (b) He had spoken to the Inspector from RoSPA and the need for a second gate was not essential but just a recommendation. A frequent check should be made to ensure that there was no bullying on site.

### 4. Baschurch Fire Station. (13/41):

Mr. Keyse updated Members on the developments that had and were taking place and the Chairman thanked him and Mr. Gunton for attending the meetings. It was agreed that the Parish Council should concentrate its efforts on ensuring that the Baschurch Fire Station was not closed and that a banner should be purchased and displayed in Myddle.

The Chairman and Mr. Keyse would try and arrange a meeting with Mr. West, the Chairman of the Fire Authority, to point out in detail the effect that the closure of Baschurch Fire Station would have on the Parish.

### 5. Land adjacent to Orchard House (13/44(6)):

It was noted that the application had been refused by Shropshire Council. No further information was available.

### 6. The Hollow, Harmer Hill (13/44(7))

A written report from Mr. Tiernan indicated that at the meeting with Mr. Gradwell a number of options had been considered. His favourite was to build out the curbing to restrict the speed of entry into the Hollow.

It was agreed to postpone any decision until the next meeting, when the proposals could be discussed with Mr. Tiernan.

### 7. Inspection of Trees (13/53(5)):

Clerk reported that he had discussed this with Mr. Terry Merchant who had agreed that there was a need for the trees to be inspected during 2014. The estimated cost for carrying out the inspection and up-dating the records was £420.00.

It was agreed to go ahead with the inspection in the spring.

### 8. Disused Pump (13/53(3)):

Chairman reported that Mr. Griffiths had repaired and replaced the pump at a cost of £197.00

### 9. Speeding Traffic on Ellesmere Road, Myddle (13/53(1)) :

Mr. Gradwell (Shropshire Council) had reported that it was not possible to introduce a reduced speed limit on a section of this road but he would arrange for an additional junction sign for Brookside to be provided on the approach from Shrewsbury. It was agreed to ask Mr. Gradwell if additional 'SLOW' notices could be painted on the road.

### 10. Shropshire Council – Offer of Trees (13/50(7)):

It was decided not to ask for any trees at present but to include it as an agenda item in June when possible sites could be identified for the next year.

**13/61 Accounts for Payment:**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Oct/Nov+ back pay)	£460.01
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept./Oct.)	£90.47
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Oct/Nov.)	£115.00
T. H. Griffiths	Repairs to pump	£190.37
Data Protection	Registration 2013 -2014	£35.00
Mazars	External Audit	£150.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/06 – 30/09)	£171.86
EON	Repairs to three lights @ £37.20	£111.60
SALC	Publication – Council explained	£49.99
EON	Initial pre- inspection	£1,026.40
EON	Annual maintenance fee	£559.73
Interactive Information	Work associated with new computer for Clerk	£180.00

**13/62 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**13/63 External Audit Report:**

Clerk reported that the external auditors had raised no concerns over the accounts or the administration of the Council.

**13/64 Community Infrastructure Place Plans:**

Clerk commented on the information he had sent out to Members and advised them of the importance of getting the return updated with correct information. It was agreed that the Clerk should put together a draft document for Members to consider and confirm at the next meeting.

**13/65 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received and considered:

A 'qualified support' response has been made to:

Red Lion Public House, Myddle:

Erection of five houses.

Refurbishment of the public house.

A 'no comment' response had been made to the following applications:

(a) 19, Wem Road, Harmer Hill:

Single storey extension to the rear of the property.

(b) 4, Church Road, Yorton:

Erection of a part two and part single storey extension to side and rear of the property.

(c) Pantiles, Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

Erection of front and rear extensions and loft space conversion.

(d) Land adjacent to White Meadow, Ellesmere Road.

Improvements to site access for new property.

(e) Woodsyde, Lower Rd. Harmer Hill

Extensions to previously approved detached double garage.

(f) An application for the erection of a small scale wind turbine at Top Farm, Baschurch, was deferred until Members obtained further details of the plan.

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

4, Church Road, Yorton – single and two storey extensions.

**13/66 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 a forthcoming edition of the Messenger*

Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety: –

*The Chairman reported that he had met with Mr. Dave Gradwell from Shropshire Council's Highways Department and discussed a range of issues related to traffic control and safety measures. He was concerned to learn that the Parish was identified as a low risk area with regard to control measures. This was because of the lower level of traffic and relatively few serious accidents.*

*Mr. Gradwell had confirmed that:*

- 1. 20mph zones were restricted to town centres, high accident risk areas and outside schools but felt that the Parish and Shropshire Council should look to providing more safety measures by Myddle School.*
- 2. Tractors were not considered to be HGV's and concerns about their speed etc. should be addressed with the local farmer/owner of the vehicles.*
- 3. He would look at the possibility of signs directing HGV's away from Myddle and through Betton*

Business and Farming: –

*Mr. Keyse gave details of the response he had received from Mr. C. Taylor, the Programme Manager for developing faster broadband for Shropshire, which indicated that this would reach the Parish by the end of 2014. It was reported that BT were in the process of surveying the area.*

*It was agreed to invite Mr. Taylor to the next Council meeting. Clerk to action.*

Housing Development: -

*In an attempt to clearly identify the need for affordable housing within the Parish, information events had been arranged in the two Village Halls. These had been well advertised and Shropshire Council had given a grant of £100.00 to cover any necessary expenses.*

*The Chairman indicated that this should be a regular event so that the Parish Council were always aware of the need within the community.*

Publicity: -

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

**13/67 Correspondence:**

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk.

Councillor P. Keyse – advertising sign in hedge.

*This had been reported to the Highways Department but no action had been taken to date.*

ALC – Membership Agreement.

*This was noted and adopted*

ALC – September Bulletin.

Brian Williams – Dog Fouling Byelaws.

Brian Williams – Hedge to Hedge case study.

Patrick Cosgrove – Better Rural Broadband Connection.

Nigel Thorns – Land at Mayfield, Yorton.

*Mr. Tiernan had confirmed that he knew the applicant and that he had been a resident in the area for many years.*

Centurion Traffic Management – road closure at Baschurch Level Crossing January 25th/26<sup>th</sup>. 2014.

Alison Tudor – Shropshire Rural Hub Newsletter.

Emma-Jane Ellison – Emergency Planning Newsletter.

ALC – Bulletin 16<sup>th</sup>. October.

Shropshire Council – Information re. Election fees.

*Clerk reported that there would be a levy of £300.00 payable at the start of the next financial year.*

Mr. C. Chapman – issues related to graffiti on road signs.

*Clerk reported that the problem raised had been forwarded to the Highways Department who had promised appropriate action.*

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service – meeting in Telford.

Brian Williams – Road Signs

Chris Taylor – Broadband Development.

Patrick Cosgrove – Broadband developments

Brian Williams- Changes to planning procedures.

### **13/68 Streetlight Report from EON**

Members considered a detailed report provided by Eon on the current state of the street lights owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the work would have to be carried out over a planned period and to invite a representative from Eon to meet with Members to discuss a rolling programme of repair. The Chairman, Mr. Jones and Mr. Ruck agreed to attend.

Clerk to arrange.

### **13/69 Committee Reports:**

#### 1. Harmer Hill Village Hall:

Mr. Jones reported that the Village Hall Committee had been approached by a the owner of the adjacent field, asking if the Committee would agree to change the access road into the car park as he was intending to apply for planning permission to build on the field.

#### 2. ALC Annual Conference:

The Chairman gave a detailed report on the conference which he had attended at Shirehall. He had found the event interesting and worthwhile and the programme had included inputs from Departmental Heads from Shropshire Council, including the Chief Executive Officer and representatives of the Fire, Health and Ambulance Services.

It had been confirmed that 700 employees at Shropshire Council had applied for voluntary redundancy but that the Council were still seeking a further 700 redundancies by the end of the financial year and that the Shirehall was being sold to save administration costs. Other service heads outlined the need to manage greatly reduced budgets.

**13/70 Exchange of Additional Information:****1. Old Reading Room, Myddle:**

Mr. Ruck stated that the owner of the property adjacent to the Old Reading Room in Myddle had started to cultivate the land, where the Reading Room had been located and queried if this was acceptable. Mrs. Hodge reported that the Church Authorities had tried unsuccessfully to identify the owners of the land and no one appeared to know who had originally owned it.

After a good deal of debate about possible action, the Chairman offered to try and get some further information.

**2. Speeding Traffic.**

Mr. Jones raised concerns about the continual speed of traffic through Harmer Hill on the Ellesmere Road and requested that the police be asked to take some action.

Clerk agreed to discuss this with Sgt. Greenaway.

**13/71 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. 2014 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed:** *B. Jeffrey* **Chairman**

**Date:** *January 8<sup>th</sup>. 2014*