

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH. 2013 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

There were six members of the public in attendance, including Councillor John Lloyd from Baschurch Parish Council.

Mr. Biggot raised concern over the traffic problems in The Hollow, Harmer Hill. The Chairman advised him that concerns had already been raised with the Highways Department at Shropshire Council and that a representative was meeting with Councillor Ray Tiernan later in the month.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. C. Ruck

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. I. Gunton

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Teirnan

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor)

Six members of the public.

13/39 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. E. Hodge.

13/40 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

13/41 Baschurch Fire Station:

The Chairman opened the discussion by reminding Members that a letter received from Baschurch Parish Council had pointed out that details of the future cuts facing the Fire Service in Shropshire had included the possibility of closing Baschurch Fire Station. Support had been requested and Councillor Phil Keyse had attended a meeting in Baschurch and had subsequently produced a report indicating the effect this would have on Myddle and Broughton Parish. The Chairman thanked him for the excellent report and confirmed that letters had been sent to the local M.P; the Chairman of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Service and the Senior Fire Officer, expressing the Council's concerns.

The replies from all three had indicated that this was only one of a number of possible cuts being looked at and if there was a proposal in the autumn to close a station there would be full public consultation.

The Chairman then introduced Councillor John Lloyd from Baschurch, who detailed the actions being taken by Baschurch and surrounding Parishes to raise public awareness of the situation, in an effort to prevent consideration of the option to close the fire station. A series of events were being planned, including a meeting with Owen Paterson M.P on October 4th. at 6.00pm in Weston Lullingfields Village Hall. Mr. Keyse and Mr. Gunton agreed to attend the meeting as representatives of Myddle and Broughton Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Lloyd for attending the meeting and for the information he had given.

It was agreed that further publicity for action and the purchase of a banner should be postponed until a later date.

13/42 Police Report:

A written report had been received, which indicated that in the period from May 1st. to July 31st. the following offences had been recorded:

Myddle Area – anti-social behaviour – 4; Harmer Hill Area – anti-social behaviour - 3; vehicle crime – 1.

Clerk reported that he had met Claire Greenaway, the new police sergeant for the area and had been very impressed by her commitment and desire to become involved in the communities she was policing. Clerk was asked to invite her to a Council meeting.

Mr. Purslow reported that there had been a police speed camera team on the Wem Road, Harmer Hill in the past week but no one had been caught exceeding the speed limit.

13/43 Minutes of the meeting held on June 26th. 2013:

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

13/44 Matters arising from the meeting:

1. Vehicle Operated Speed Control in Myddle (13/25(2)):

It was noted that the sign had still not been erected and the Clerk was asked to discuss the situation with David Gradwell at Shropshire Council.

2. Parish Paths (13/25(4)):

Mr. Ruck gave a very encouraging report on developments, with land owners seeking advice, opening up paths and putting in stiles. Chairman thanked him for his persistent and detailed work with the land owners.

3. RoSPA Inspection Report (13/25(7)):

Members considered the report which had been sent by RoSPA following the inspection in June. Overall the site had received a very positive report but there were several issues that needed addressing, although not indicated as dangerous. The Clerk had asked Mr. Woolley to tighten a few loose bolts; Mr. Tiernan agreed to continue with cleaning and painting rusted areas and the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Ray Parry to look at the wet pour edges. The need for a second gate in the play area was questioned and the Clerk agreed to discuss this with the Inspector.

4. Additional Streetlight (13/37(1)):

Clerk reported that he discussed this with the contractors, who had indicated that there would be little difference in the price between a footpath light and a standard light as most of the

costs would be the same. These would include planning, labour costs, connection fee, etc and the cost of providing a light would be somewhere between £1,500 and £2,500.

It was decided not to proceed with this at present.

5. Highways (13/37(2)):

It was reported that the bank on Hillside, Myddle had been cut back very effectively.

6. Land adjacent to Orchard House (13/34):

It was noted that at present there had been no response from Shropshire Council but the potential developers had sent a rather threatening letter to Members about possible alternative development. It was agreed to acknowledge the letter but to make no further comment.

Copy of letter attached.

7. The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

It was recorded that arrangements had been made for Mr. Tiernan to meet with David Gradwell from Shropshire Council at 8.00am on September 16th. to study the problem.

13/45 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug. Sept.)	£442.49
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug)	£255.75
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Aug./Sept.)	£170.40
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Community Led Plan meetings	£45.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Ground Maintenance (2/05;15/05;17.06)	£457.92
RoSPA	Play Area Inspection	£130.80
Interactive Information	IT support (31/07/13- 01/08/14)	£144.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Ground Maintenance (28/06 and 09/07)	£305.28
Scottish Power	Electricity (01/04/13 – 30/06/13)	£169.97
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (April- Sept inc)	£240.00
Nobridge Nurseries	Ground maintenance 13/08/13	£152.64
SALC	Good Councillor's Guide	£10.00

13/46 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

13/47 Mid-Year Financial Review:

Clerk had provided Members with a detailed review and this was adopted.

13/48 Review of Council's Risk Management:

The Council's Risk Management Documentation was approved.

13/49 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications were considered with no objections raised:

1. Houlston Manor – erection of overhead power lines supported by wooden poles.
2. Woodsyde, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – extension to previously approved double garage to include raising roof and first floor

A decision on an application for the erection of 5 dwellings on land to the rear of the Red Lion Public House was deferred until a site meeting had taken place.

This was arranged for September 9th. at 6.00pm. and the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Shingler to attend.

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

- Land at Smallwood, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a dwelling.
- Springfield Farm, Marton – erection of a two storey extension,
- 3, Myddle – erection of two affordable dwellings with double garages.
- Houlston Manor – erection of overhead cables.

13/50 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk, which had already been circulated:

1. Shropshire Council – Consultation on SAMDev Revised Preferred Options.
2. ALC – Information Bulletin (16th. July).
3. Shropshire Council – pavement permits.
4. ALC - Information Bulletin (25th. July).
5. Shropshire Council – Hedge to Hedge Environmental Maintenance.
6. Shropshire Council – Re-designing of Shropshire Council’s Highways and Transport
7. Shropshire Council – provision of free trees.

It was noted that there were specimen trees available for Parish Councils to plant in identified locations and smaller trees and hedging available for general planting. Members to consider suitable locations.

8. Penny Stephens – request to attend Parish Council meeting to discuss possible planning application.

At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk had replied, outlining the Council’s policy.

9. Various – Baschurch Fire Station.
10. Shropshire Council – Outdoor Recreation.
11. Shropshire Council – Town Surveillance CCTV information day.

Chairman reported that he had attended this meeting in Shirehall. It had been interesting and informative but it was still expensive to install and maintain CCTV cameras and at this stage he felt that there was no real call for it in either of the villages.

12. Shropshire Council – Rural Fair Share Petition.

Chairman outlined the reason for the petition, which was to try and put pressure on the Government to make grants to rural communities more equitable with those given to urban areas.

A number of signatures had been collected and the Clerk was asked to send them to the appropriate department at Shirehall.

13. NALC – Local Councils explained.

Clerk reported that this was a new publication and the Chairman had asked him to order a copy at a cost of £49.99.

14. West Mercia Police Commissioner – survey.

Clerk thanked Members who had commented on the survey – he would compile a Council response.

15. Councillor Brian Williams – re letter he had received seeking information about the Parish Council supporting possible development in Lower Road.

The Chairman had responded pointing out the Council’s policy on future development.

16. Patrick Cosgrove – Better broadband for parts of rural Shropshire.

Mr. Keyse agreed to deal with this on behalf of the Council.

13/51 Community Led Plan:

The Chairman reminded Members of the need to implement, where possible, issues which were highlighted in the Community Led Plan published earlier in the year. The plan had been endorsed by the Parish Council and Shropshire Council and there was a need to move forward, with an opportunity to make a visible difference.

He thanked Members for their responses in agreeing to undertake the following roles:

Housing and Building Development – Councillors R. Purslow; R. Jones and J. Heath.

Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety – Councillors R. Tiernan and R. Jeffrey

Community Spirit, Activities and Amenities – Councillors Mrs. T. Evans and Mrs. E. Hodge

Natural and Local Environment – Councillor I. Gunton.

Business and Agriculture – Councillor P. Keyse

Roving Resource Role – Councillor C. Ruck

There was still a need to cater for Services and Young People, although many of the identified roles overlapped these areas.

He asked the Clerk to ensure that Community Led Plan Reports were included on all future agendas and it was agreed that the Clerk would produce regular updates on progress for inclusion in the Messenger and on the Web Site.

The following reports were then tabled:

Community Spirit and Amenities: – *Mrs. Hodge had offered to publish a list of all the clubs and societies in the area for inclusion in a full page spread in the Messenger. It was agreed to fund this from the Community Led Project grant.*

Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety: – *It had been decided to concentrate initially on road safety, looking at what the Parish Council could do in relation to the speed, volume and mass of traffic and where the greatest threat was to members of the community.*

Business and Farming: – *Mr. Keyse felt the first issue should be campaigning to ensure that there was faster broadband access for the community, by putting pressure on the various bodies involved with the County project.*

Housing Development: – *Members of the team were looking at ways in which the need for social/affordable housing could be accurately assessed and how to ensure that everyone knew how to access information on available properties.*

Publicity: – *The Clerk agreed to produce an article on the current situation for inclusion in the Messenger and on the Web site*

13/52 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

It was confirmed that Mr. Keyse would be the Council's representative on the Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

13/53 Exchange of Additional Information:1. Speeding Traffic:

Mr. Purslow reported that he had been approached by a resident, raising concerns about the speed of traffic past the junctions to Myddle Hill and Brookside on the Ellesmere Road.

Clerk to write to the highways department about the possibility of speed restriction section being created.

2. Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill:

Mr. Jones stated that a recent incident has indicated that some of the public services were unaware that this road existed as on their records and 'Sat Nav' it was identified as Higher Road.

Clerk was asked to write to the services pointing out the problem.

3. Disused Pump:

Chairman stated that he had been approached by a resident who had a broken and disused pump on her property, similar to the one by the Village Hall. She had enquired whether it could be repaired and made into a 'Village Feature'.

The Chairman's suggested that he should seek further advice from Mr. Griffiths and this was agreed.

4. Myddle and Harmer Hill Defibrillator:

Mr. Keyse informed Members that the Annual Meeting of the organisation was being held in Myddle Village Hall and this would include a training session. In the past year there had been seven call outs, two had been attended and one life had been saved.

5. Council Trees:

Clerk advised Members that for insurance purposes, there was a need to have the trees on land adjacent to Myddle playing field inspected again during the next twelve months.

Clerk to discuss this with Mr. Terry Merchant (Chartered Forrester).

13/54 Clerk's Salary:

Members approved a National Salary Award of 1% for the Clerk back dated to April 1st increasing his annual salary by £32.91 per annum

13/55 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday November 6th. 2013 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

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

CHARTLAND

30th August 2013

To: Members of Myddle Parish Council

Dear Parish Members,

Proposed residential development - Land Adjacent Orchard House, Wem Road, Harmer Hill. Planning Ref 13/02018/OUT

We refer to our application of the 28th May 2013 upon which we note your objections.

The application remains pending a decision by Shropshire Council and any necessary appeal which we may feel appropriate.

Whilst we can sympathise with some of the objections in relation to development generally we do note however the conclusions of the Parish Community Led Plan Report March 2013.

Clearly, there is an identified preference for the provision of some housing within Harmer Hill with the most popular being Affordable Local Need.

Subsequent to the publication of the report, we have had constructive dialogue with a Housing Association to promote this site as an exception site for local need affordable housing. With the support of Policy at National and Local level they feel confident that an application as an exception site in this instance would be successful.

However, for obvious reasons this is not a route we would like to pursue at this stage with our preference being for private housing.

Wherever possible we prefer to move forward with Parish support which we appreciate is unrealistic and unlikely in this instance.

However, we write only in the unlikely circumstance that the Parish may wish to undertake some constructive dialogue with a view to gaining their support to a compromised scheme which may appease some of the locals and satisfy some objections.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
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