

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JUNE 28th. 2017 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr, R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. J. Heath

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. R. Tiernan

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

17/21 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors C. Ruck and L Foulsham and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

17/22 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

There were no interests declared.

17/23 Minutes of the meeting held on May 10th. 2017.

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

17/24 Matters Arising.

(a)Highways issues.

1. Shropshire Council's Works Department have been issued with order to repair kerbs at Alford Gardens.
2. Sign has been ordered for 'Ellesmere Road'
3. Barriers placed around damaged headwalls at Yorton Heath and work order issued for their repair.
4. Councillor Heath felt that there were insufficient warning signs for drivers approaching the junction of the Ellesmere and Wem Roads when travelling from the direction of Ellesmere.
5. Please see further report on highways issues under item 17/34.

(b) Wem Road – daffodils (17/19(4)):

Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Shingler asking for a donation towards the purchase of some daffodils for planting in the autumn. He had not received an acknowledgement of his letter.

(c) Overhanging tree on footpath (17/19(7)):

Following on from reports to the School and Shropshire Council Departments, Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams has been informed that it has been identified that the tree is in the grounds of Brook House and the owner, Mr. Terry Barber, had been advised that remedial action needs to be undertaken. Failure to comply will result in the Council carrying out the work and an invoice for payment forwarded to Mr. Barber.

Councillor Harding stated that there were other trees that looked as if they would pose a problem in the near future and the whole path was overgrown.

It was agreed that this was no longer a Parish Council issue and the Clerk should inform Shropshire Council, via Councillor Williams, of the issues raised by Councillor Harding.

(d) Harmer Hill Play Area Lease:

Clerk reported that there had been no further developments since the last meeting when he had reported that he had signed the lease on behalf of the Council, returned it to the County solicitor who in turn had registered it and returned the signed copy to Hatchers, Solicitors for counter signing. Councillor Anderson apologised for the delay caused by him overlooking an attachment to an email sent by the Solicitors

17/25 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 17th. 2017

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

17/26 Issues Arising.(a) War Memorial Project.

It was reported that the restoration work had been completed and the invoice paid and Councillor Jones confirmed that the committee were happy with the work that had been carried out.

Work was continuing with the production of the two books and placing a plaque inside the Church.

(b) Dial a Ride and Volunteer Car Service project.

Members noted a report from Councillor Tiernan and Bob Jeffrey stating that there had been no response to the proposals and it had been decided to abandon both projects.

17/27 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)	£522.58
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£118.45
Inland Revenue	PAYE/N.I. (June/July)	£374.75
Paper Write	Printing cartridge	£72.45
EON	Annual Maintenance contract (50%)	£287.20
War Memorial Co.	Restoration of the local War Memorial	£3,357.36
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (21/05 & 06/06)	£305.28
SLCC	Membership fee 2017 -2018	£49.00
Mr. M Sheehy	Internal Audit	£225.00

17/28 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/29 Income & Expenditure and Supporting Statement 2016-2017

The reports were presented, considered, approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO as true records.

17/29 Internal Audit Report and Returns to External Auditor.

The documents were considered, approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO. Mr. Sheehy to be thanked for the detailed report.

17/30 Correspondence.

Members considered the correspondence received since the last meeting. No responses were required.

17/31 Planning Applications.

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

2, Glebelands, Myddle – erection of a two storey extension.

Castle Farm, Myddle – two storey side and rear extensions + internal alterations.

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

Shropshire Aero Club, Sleaf – erection of portal framed hangar.

Home Farm, Marton – erection of an agricultural store.

2, Leaside, Myddlewood – erection of extensions.

Heatherdale, Webscott, Myddle – erection of single storey extension.

17/32 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Please see attached report.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

The Chairman reported that currently there appeared to be insufficient demand for additional social housing but he would continue to monitor the situation.

(d) Business and Farming:

Councillor Anderson confirmed that he was willing to oversee this element of the Parish Plan but at present had nothing to report.

17/33 Police Report.

Incidents recorded in April:

Pimhill Lane - Theft and Public Order (No suspect identified for either incident).

17/34 Committee/Meeting Reports.

(a) Road Safety Committee.

Please see attached report of the meeting which had been circulated with the agenda. The document was considered and the Clerk reported that he had discussed the Wem Road problems with P.C. Brian Williams (Road Traffic Officer) who had suggested that if a 30mph limit was to be introduced, there was a need for engineering work to be carried out to slow down the traffic.

He would arrange for some covert checks to be carried out to identify the speed of traffic along the road and felt that the use of VAS warning signs had some impact on helping to reduce speed.

Councillor Anderson suggested that there was an urgent need to check the speed of traffic along the straight section of the road leading to Harmer Hill as it appeared to be excessive, especially at weekends.

Clerk would discuss this with the Safer Road Partnership to see if they could carry out some checks on that section.

(b) Harmer Hill Play Area.

The Chairman reported that together with the Clerk, he had met the owner of Sunshine Gym on site and he had agreed to produce a costed proposal for a range of play area equipment. Clerk reported that to date nothing had been received which was unusual as he had dealt with the company in the past and they had been very reliable.

(c) SALC Area Committee:

A written response from Councillor Foulsham indicated that there had been presentations from 2D Law Barristers and Ian Kilby (Shropshire Senior Planning Officer).

He had asked for a presentation on speed enforcement at a future meeting.

(d) Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee:

A written report from Councillor Foulsham stated that:

A 60's event held in the hall had raised in excess of £550 profit.

The entrance porch at the rear of the hall is under construction.

It was planned to replace a 12m section of fencing and it had been noted that the fire exit lighting boxes needed to be replaced.

17/36 Exchange of additional information.

(a) It was noted that Councillor Williams had received a complaint about the new path leading to the play area. Clerk to discuss with Councillor Ruck when he returns from holiday.

(b) Councillor Heath reported that he had received complaints about (a) an overgrown bridleway and (b) a blocked drain in Shotton Lane. It appeared that remedial action had already been taken to clear the path and the Clerk stated that he would advise the Highways Department about the drain.

(c) Councillor Tiernan suggested that as well as providing a children's play area on the Harmer Hill playing field, Members should consider installing some adult fitness equipment.

(d) Councillor Tiernan raised concerns at the lack of action by Shropshire Council in repairing the road sign lighting at the junction of Ellesmere Road and Wem Road.

It had been reported to Shropshire Council as an urgent problem because the lack of lighting increased the likelihood of traffic accidents at the junction. Shropshire Council had responded stating it would be repaired in due course.

(e) Chairman reported that he and Councillor Tiernan intended to invite all the residents from The Hollow to a meeting to discuss the possibility of creating a one way system in the Hollow to prevent it being used extensively as a 'rabbit run'.

(e) Councillor Jones suggested that there was an urgent need to begin a review of the Community Led Parish Plan and it was agreed to include it as an item on the September agenda.

17/37 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday September 13th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck Chairman

Date: September 13th. 2017

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14TH. 2017

Present:

Councillor R. Tiernan (Chairman)
Councillor R. Purslow
Mr. D. Gradwell (Shropshire Council)
Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on December 14th. 2016:

The minutes having been circulated were approved as a true copy.

2. Matters Arising:

(a) Road Safety Project, Myddle School:

Mr. Gradwell confirmed that the project had now been included in the programme for development and Mouchel had been requested to carry out a feasibility study of the site and to prepare a detailed report. This report should be available by the end of July and would be made available to the Police, The Parish Council and Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams for consideration and comment. Once a plan was agreed there would be a meeting between both Councils to determine how to finance the scheme and it should then be included in the 2018-2019 works programme.

(b) Erection of new road signs:

Mr. Gradwell stated that he was waiting for authorisation and the finance to erect the signs which had been obtained.

(c) Lower Road – extension of 30mph limit:

This had been agreed at a cost of about £2,000.00 and he was trying to secure the funding to arrange for the work to be carried out.

(d) Access to The Hollow from Ellesmere Road:

Mr. Gradwell reported that he had been unable to get this included in the development programme pointing out that there had been over ninety requests from across his area and because of financial restraints only eight had been included for consideration.

(e) Wem Road – Safety and Speed Control.

Mr. Gradwell pointed out that he had been unable to get this included in the programme but that there was a need to introduce measures to reduce the current speed level. Recent checks has shown that the average speed was well above the current level of 40mph and this would have to be controlled before the police would agree to countenance a lower level. Various suggestions were considered and Councillor Purslow offered to check an effective VAS sign which was working well in a nearby parish.

(f) Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill:

Councillor Tiernan questioned whether repeater signs or road markings could be used to remind drivers of the speed limit. However this is not an option because there are regular streetlights along the road and this indicates that it is a 30mph road.

3. Other Actions:

- (a) Clerk to renew the request for Mr. Gradwell to include Wem Road and The Hollow, Harmer Hill as roads that are road safety concerns for both the Council and local residents.
- (b) Clerk to contact the Road Safety Partnership and ask for speed checks to be carried out on Wem Road through Harmer Hill.
- (c) Councillors R. Purslow and R. Tiernan to arrange a meeting with residents of The Hollow to see if there was support for turning the road into a 'one way system' by blocking the entrance from the Ellesmere Road.
- (d) Request for Councillor C. Ruck when he returns to check to see if any action has been taken to improve Hollins Lane.

4. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 6th. December 2017