

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS JANUARY 2024

The Council made a flying start to the New Year by holding a meeting in Harmer Hill Village Hall on January 3rd. when the Agenda included a variety of issues for consideration including:

The Budget for 2024 -2025.

The proposed budget was adopted after the Clerk reported that by careful financial control, it had been possible to ensure that the current financial year would end well within the planned expenditure forecast. This has enabled the Council to request the same precept from Shropshire Council for the next year and means that that the Parish Council element of the Council Tax should not be increased for residents living within the Parish boundary.

The details of the budget can be found on the Council website or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk by sending in a request accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope.

Highways:

Over the past year the Council has continued to receive many requests for improvements to the roads in and around the Parish including, extensions to 30mph restrictions and the creation of buffer 40mph speed limits; the creation of a footpath from Pimhill to the Bridgewater Arms in Harmer Hill; various warning notices and not least improved road safety at Myddle School. Shropshire Council are responsible for these developments and the Council is in constant discussion with its Officers but is well aware of the financial problems they are facing. As a result, Members are trying to negotiate alternative ways of funding some of the projects.

Myddle Recreation Ground:

The Council has been made aware of reports on the local Facebook querying the safety of the field but we respectfully request that if there are problems, please report them to the Parish Clerk, a local Councillor or the Police so that action can be taken. Every effort is made to keep the area safe for everyone – the play equipment is checked regularly by a qualified officer and Parish Councillors frequently walk round the field. Attempts to get a volunteer or paid help to do a weekly litter pick have not been responded to.

Police:

Members were pleased to welcome to the meeting, PCSO Oliver Morris who has recently been appointed to the Wem Police Team. Oliver is determined to get involved in community issues and is particularly keen on helping to improve road safety at local schools.

As always the full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Council website - www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk and the Clerk can be contacted at myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phone on 01743 236810