

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>. 2025 AT 7.30 pm.**

**Public Session:**

There were three members of the public in attendance.

Mr. Price stated that he had been hurt and upset that a message had been sent to his employer complaining about parking his lorry in the lay-by opposite the Village Hall, creating noise when he left the site and being unpleasant to members of the public. He realised the complaint had come from a member of the public but he only parked there occasionally and left quietly and was never rude to anyone.

The Chairman apologised for the distress caused but felt it necessary to check with the police if it was lawful to park a lorry in the lay-by.

**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Mr. I. Anderson

Mrs. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. A. Harris

Mrs. J. Jackson

Mr. G. Miller

Mr. R. Jones

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public for part of the meeting.

**24/78 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. A. Jones who had indicated that he would not be standing for re-election in May.

**24/79 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a).

Councillor J. Jackson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(d)

**24/80 Minutes from the meeting held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2025.**

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

**24/81 Matters Arising:**

(a) Affordable Housing project (24/64(a)).

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr. Russell Purslow to make a statement.

Mr. Purslow said that following discussions with representatives of STAR housing he was pleased to report that the issue about the re-sale of the properties had been resolved and the work could go ahead as a Community Led Project. This meant that a Committee made up of Councillors, local residents and Shropshire Council representatives needed to be formed to oversee the development.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Purslow should Chair this Committee and this was unanimously supported by Members. It was further agreed that no action should be taken until the new Councils were elected in May.

(b) 'Welcome to' Signs (24/64 (b)).

It was noted that the order had been placed with Evans Construction Ltd. at a cost of £9,960.00 (+VAT), part of which would be paid from the Community Infrastructure Grant. Cllr. A. Harris was liaising with representatives of the Company and was thanked for overseeing the project.

(c) Myddle Church Clock (24/64(c)).

Councillor G. Miller reported that the repairs to the clock were underway and should be completed by the end of the week. It was confirmed that the Council would be making the agreed contribution to the overall cost of the work.

(d) Tree Maintenance (Myddle Wood) (23/64(d))

Following lengthy discussions with interested parties, agreement had been reached to fell the trees that were likely to cause problems to residents living in houses within the wood. Felling by Access2Trees was planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. March at a cost of £1,500.00 (+VAT).

(e) Myddle Village Hall Car Park (24/64(e))

Cllr. G. Miller reported that the Village Hall Committee had obtained a quotation from Allmarks Ltd. for the work and were awaiting a further quotation. The Village Hall Committee had received a grant of £12,000 from the lottery fund towards the cost and Members approved a contribution of £10,000 from the Community Infrastructure Grant, which meant that the work could go ahead when a contractor was confirmed.

(f) Harmer Hill Reservoir 24/64(f))

It was noted that the Chairman had sent a full report on this problem to Helen Morgan MP and she had contacted Shropshire Council raising her concerns but had received a reply giving the same response received by the Parish Council.

It was agreed that a further letter should be sent to the Enforcement Officer expressing the deep and continued concern about the lack of action.

(g) Harmer Hill Footpaths (24/72)

It was reported that the people who had purchased the woodland containing a number of footpaths were giving every assistance to ensure that the paths were retained and maintained although some work still needed to be carried out. Every effort would be made to conduct discussions in a considered and helpful way to the benefit of the owners and the public who wished to use the paths.

(h) Myddle Youth Club

The Chairman outlined a range of issues that had occurred since the organisers of the Youth Club had decided to close the club just after Christmas, stating that they were unwilling to increase the fees for the young people who attended and the increase in the Village Hall rent meant that the Club was no longer financially viable. They had agreed to re-fund £125.00 of the grant that had been made by the Parish Council.

A new group of people had indicated that they were prepared to re-start the Club after the Easter break and had approached the Parish Council for a grant of £600.00 to cover the start-up costs.

After discussion and consideration this was unanimously approved as it was felt that this was essential provision for young people.

**(i) Council Elections.**

Details of the Election taking place on May 1<sup>st</sup><sup>nd</sup>. were issued to Members, together with Nomination Packs for those wishing to stand for election again. At least four Members would not be seeking re-election and efforts would be made to encourage other residents to put their names forward.

**24/82 Correspondence:**

Members considered the details of the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting and where appropriate, responses had been made.

**24/83 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Jan)	£425.15
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb)	£97.10
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Jan)	£283.60
Defib for Life	Defibrillator Cabinet	£534.00
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work (December)	£450.00
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (December)	£216.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Feb)	£283.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Office Rent (Sept. – March incl.	£200.00
Paperwrite	Stationery & copy paper	£23.73
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Feb)	£283.60
Mr. C. Ruck	Travel to Walking Tourism in Shropshire	£24.30
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (January)	£54.00
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work (February)	£324.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (March)	£283.60

**24/83(b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

**24/84 Myddle Defibrillator:**

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator cabinet had deteriorated to such an extent that it had not prevented the severe frosts from freezing the defibrillator and making it un-serviceable. Following discussions with the Chairman, it had been agreed that a new cabinet should be ordered and the defibrillator replaced into the new cabinet. The work was carried out very quickly and thanks were extended to Mrs. Louise Bullock who oversees the defibrillator, to Mr. Andrew Hodgkiss a local electrician who responded promptly and refused to accept payment for the work he carried out and to Cllrs Harding and Miller for their valued assistance.

**24/85 Planning Applications:**

**A. The following applications had been received for consideration:**

1. Breidden View, Lower Road, Myddle – Replacing polycarbonate conservatory roof with Supalite lightweight tiled roof (25/00272/FUL). *Plan supported.*

Roden Barn, Brandwood, Myddle – Erection of a Tennis Court including change of use of land. (24/04865/FUL). *Plan supported but with a statement requesting that the developer installs clear signage for the footpath which runs from Roden Farm towards Nunerley and Loppington.*

3. The Paddocks, 14, Myddlewood – erection of a single storey extension to the rear, with associated alterations (25/00493/FUL). *Plan supported.*

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

1. Hillcrest Works, Myddle – First floor extension to existing office building (24/04130/FUL).

2. Shotton Hall – work to trees protected by a TPO (24/04805/TPO)

**C. The following application has been refused by Shropshire Council**

Churchfield Farm, Marton – Two storey extension to rear (24/04276/FUL)

**24/86 Community Led Plan Reports:**

**(a) Traffic and Transport:**

Cllr. Harris gave a report on the accident that had occurred at the junction of Wem Road and Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill when substantial damage had occurred. He was trying to obtain further details from the police.

**(b) Community Spirit:**

The Chairman reported that the Community Litter Pick was planned for 22<sup>nd</sup>. March when he hoped there would be full support.

‘Myddle Muddle Charity Run’ was taking place on 6<sup>th</sup>. April, raising funds for the local school.

A ‘Tea Party’ had been organised to take place in Harmer Hill Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup>. April.

**(c) Housing:**

No further issues raised.

**(d) Business and Farming.**

No report made.

**24/87 Police Report:**

The following crimes were recorded in November:

Possession of a weapon – 1 (Yorton).

Violence/Sexual – 3 (Wem Road, Harmer Hill -1; Hillside, Myddle -1 and Yorton-1).

The following crimes were recorded in December:

Drugs – 1 (Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill).

Anti-Social Behaviour - 1 (Wellcroft, Myddle).

Public Order – 1 (Alford Grange. Myddle).

**24/88 Section 137 Grants:**

A grant of £250.00 was made to each of the following Charities who had contacted the Council seeking support – Hope House Children’s Hospice, The Severn Hospice and Crane Counselling.

**24/89 Exchange of Additional Information:**

**(a) Additional Agenda Items for the May meeting.**

It was noted that this would be the AGM and the first meeting of the new Council following the election on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**(a) Issues Needing Attention:**

1. Housing:

No further issues raised.

2. Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

3. Other:

No issues raised.

**24/90 Committee and Other Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**24/91 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. May in Harmer Hill Parish Hall

Annual Parish Meeting 21<sup>st</sup>. May in Myddle Village Hall.

**Retirement:**

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman informed Members that Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams had decided not to stand for re-election in May and Members gave a sincere vote of thanks for the support he had given to the Council and the Community for many years. His help and advice would be sorely missed.

The Chairman also thanked those Members who had decided not to stand for election again for their dedicated service over a number of years.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: Colin Ruck Chairman Date: 14 May 2025 2025:**

Correspondence received since the January Meeting:

Chris Mellings – Well Being Benches.

Resident – Seeking financial help with hedge cutting.

Resident – Seeking information on Harmer Hill Footpaths.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Myddle Wood Trees.

E. Newsletter.

Mr. M. Busi – Hedge Up-date.

Chairman – Email from Sarah Boden.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.

Cllr. G. Miller - Myddle Church Clock.

Emma Green – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Freedom Fibre – Road Closures.

Andy Chatting – National Garden Scheme.

Chairman/Cllr. G. Harding – Myddle Youth Club.

Louise Bullock – Myddle Defibrillator.

Anonymous – Concern re. Harmer Hill wood.

PCSO O. Morris – Police Van visiting Myddle.

Helen Morgan MP – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.

Kerry Blister – Affordable Housing.  
Cllr. J. Jackson – Myddle Wood.  
Resident – Red Castle P.H.  
Robert Henderson – VE Day.  
Severn Trent – Newsletter.  
Amanda Roberts – Draft Minutes from SALC Area Committee.  
ALC – Avian Flu.  
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals – Newsletter.  
Cllr. G. Miller – Fallen trees in Myddle Wood.  
PCSO Jamie Robinson – North Shropshire Newsletter.  
West Mercia Police - Fraud Advice.  
Emily Marshall – Area Planning Committee Meeting.  
Chris Mellings – Parish and Town Council Survey.  
Marco Busi – Hedge Cutting.  
Cllr. G. Miller, Chairman and others – Myddle Youth Club.  
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital - Get Involved.  
John Campion – PCC Newsletter.  
Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Bulletin.  
Chris Mellings –Emergency Planning Survey.  
Chris Mellings – International Women’s Day.  
Laura Howells – Patching Work.  
PCSO Jamie Robinson – Newsletter.