

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Harmer Hill Village Hall at 7.30pm on**  
**Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>. 2019**

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**Present:**

Councillor Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Councillors: Mr. R. Purslow; Mrs. E. Hodge; Ms. J. Bienek; Mr. G. Harding; Mr. R. Tiernan; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. L. Foulsham and Mr. J. Heath.

The Parish Clerk.

Community Support Officer Mark Davies (West Mercia Police).

Five members of the public.

**1. Apologies:**

No apologies had been received.

**2. Welcome by the Chairman.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2018.**

It was reported that the minutes had already been approved at the Council meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. 2018 and copies were available for those in attendance.

**4. Matters Arising.**

There were no issues raised.

**5. Council Report.**

The Chairman pointed out that a detailed written report was available for them to consider and this outlined Council activity throughout the past year. However he wished to highlight important developments and issues and proceeded to give an interesting and informative account of varying projects, allowing opportunity for those present to comment or raise questions, where appropriate.

*Councillor R. Tiernan asked for the support of Members to claim CIL funding to improve the junction of Ellesmere Road and The Hollow, to prevent this being used as a 'rabbit run'. There was unanimous support for this proposal.*

In conclusion the Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors, Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams and the Clerk for their commitment and support.

A detailed report is attached.

**6. Police Report.**

The Chairman welcomed Community Support Officer Mark Davies to the meeting, who confirmed that crime figures across the whole Parish were very low and that the main concern raised by residents related to speeding traffic. He stated that the police had been carrying out checks on many roads in the area and worked closely with the Safer Road Partnership. He suggested that if people were aware of vehicles continually speeding they should take the number and report it to one of the local team and they would then target that vehicle. He suggested that residents should sign up to the Police Community Messaging Service and agreed to send details to the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Mark for attending and for the actions which he and his colleagues were taking.

## **7. Forum**

Concerns raised by members of the public:

1. Concern about the speed of traffic on Lower Road and the need for the 30mph limit to be extended; the lack of defined passing areas and the breaking up of the road edges. The Chairman confirmed that this had been raised with Shropshire Council but because of the spending freeze it was proving difficult to get any action. However the Clerk would raise the issues again with the Highways Department.
2. Report of a blocked drain at the junction of Wem Road and Cambridge Close, which had caused the flooding of the garden of a local resident, leaving the area in a dreadful state. The Clerk stated that his problem had been reported to the Highways Department last November, when they had agreed that there was probably a broken drain but because of funding cuts were unable to carry out a detailed inspection. The Clerk was asked to send in a strong letter of complaint and ask for urgent action to repair the drain with help given to the resident in an attempt to clear away the debris.

## **8. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

Thanks were extended to those in attendance and for their active participation.

**Minutes approved as a true copy:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Chairman.***      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_