

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 2ND. 2025 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

Nine members of the public were in attendance and the issues raised included requests for further information about the planned affordable housing project, changes to footpaths/bridleways and the need for traffic controls on Godings Lane.

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.
Various members of the public for part of the meeting.

24/61 Apologies:

No apologies were received.

24/62 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)

24/63 Minutes from the meeting held on November 6th. 2024.

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

24/64 Matters Arising:

(a) Affordable Housing project.

Members were very concerned to hear that the proposed sale of land in Godings Lane for the development of a small estate of affordable housing was unlikely to go ahead. The owner of the land had offered to sell the land to Shropshire Council at a vastly reduced market price on the understanding that the planned properties would all be for rent. They had now been informed that Shropshire Council were either unwilling or unable to do that and as a result they had decided to withdraw the offer of the land. They could only agree to sell if there was a legally signed document indicating that all the properties built would be available for local residents to rent in perpetuity.

(b) 'Welcome to' Signs.

Councillor A. Harris had provided a detailed map outlining the suggested locations of the signs but it was decided that there was a need to change the location of the sign entering Myddle from the direction of Ellesmere. The new location was agreed and the Clerk was asked to forward the revised map to the contractors and ask for a new quotation.

(c) Myddle Church Clock.

Councillor G. Miller confirmed that all the necessary consultation had been undertaken and a quotation approved and he was hopeful that the repair would be carried out in February.

(d) Tree Maintenance - Myddle Wood.

The Clerk confirmed that Shropshire Council had not raised any objections to the remedial work proposed by Mr. Terry Merchant and as advised all the details were forwarded to the Forestry Commission seeking permission to fell some trees. He eventually received a telephone call on the 6th. December which resulted in a request for Terry Merchant's contact details so that the proposals could be discussed with him in more detail. Since then there had been no further response but he would be contacting them again in the next week.

(e) Myddle Village Hall Car Park.

The Clerk confirmed that he had registered this on the Parish Place Plan and payment from the CIL fund would be acceptable. Councillor G. Miller confirmed that an application had been submitted for a lottery grant to cover part of the cost.

(f) Harmer Hill Reservoir:

The Chairman outlined the many complaints which were received about continued development at the site in spite of an enforcement order being placed on the developer and the site. All these had been forwarded to Helen Morgan our MP with a request for her help to pursue this matter.. Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams indicated that the Council had insufficient resources to carry out the necessary action, which would be to remove all the development which had taken place.

24/65 Correspondence:

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

24/66 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

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| Mr. J. Wilson | Salary (Dec.) | £425.55 |
| Mr. J. Wilson | Expenses Nov/Dec/) | £93.30 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE & NI (Dec.) | £283.20 |
| Mr. M. Busi | EMG Work (October) | £54.00 |
| Mr. T. M. Andrew | Paint for play area equipment | £32.29 |
| Printerbase | Ink cartridges | £60.00 |
| Information Commissioner | Annual registration | £35.00 |
| Mr. S. Busi | EMG Work (Oct./Nov.) | £504.00 |
| Nobridge Ltd. | Ground Maintenance (01/07-25/09) | £883.44 |
| Mr. M. Busi | EMG Work (November) | £38.00 |

24/66 (b) Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

24/67 Footpath from Bridgewater Arms to Pimhill:

Councillor G. Miller suggested that a voluntary group could seek financial assistance for this project from 'Crowdfund Shropshire' The Parish Council could give advice but were not able to apply for the grant. If anyone was interested they should contact the Parish Clerk for details.

24/68 Budget and Precept Setting for 2025 – 2026:

A draft budget prepared by the Clerk with the support of the Chairman and Vice Chairman had been forwarded to Members for consideration prior to the meeting and after being considered was unanimously adopted. The precept was set at £29,250.00, which has remained at that level for four years indicating careful financial management at a time of high inflation.

24/69 Planning Applications:

A. The following application had been received for consideration:

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

Application supported.

2. Shotton Hall Management – Application to carry out work on trees at Shotton Hall covered by a TPO (24/.04805/TPO). *Application supported.*

B. The following applications have been approved:

1. 7, Chapel Lane, Yorton Heath – Raising ridge height of existing dwelling plus side extension and sun room with balcony (24/03920/FUL).

2. Woodland, Lower Road, Myddle – erection of a two storey extension plus a detached garage (24/04180/FUL).

C. Information Letter:

The Old Stores, Ellesmere Road Harmer Hill. – Single storey rear extension (24/04703/CPL)

24/70 Community Led Plan Reports:

No additional items were recorded on the following items:

(a) Traffic and Transport:

(b) Community Spirit:

(c) Housing:

(d) Business and Farming.

24/71 Police Report:

The following incident was recorded in October:

Criminal Damage & Arson (Wellcroft, Myddle).

24/72 Footpaths and Bridleways:

Following the sale of a large area of woodland in Harmer Hill, numerous concerns had been raised regarding the access to the many and varied paths which are well used by walkers throughout the year. Of particular concern was the closure of the access opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall which meant that walkers had to access and leave the paths at a dangerous location on the main road.

The Chairman confirmed that he had met most of the new owners who were aware of their responsibilities and had discussed the situation with Helen Beresford, Shropshire Councils Footpaths Officer.

Councillor Roger Jones outlined in detail the research he had carried out in conjunction with senior officers at Shropshire Council and this would continue until satisfactory solutions were formulated and agreed.

24/73 Section 137 Grants:

Members were reminded that organisations seeking a grant should send in a written application for consideration by Members at the next meeting

24/74 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a) Additional Agenda Items for the March meeting.**

Allocation of Section 137 Grants.

Additional items to be forwarded to the Clerk at least ten days prior to the next meeting.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:**1. Highways.**

No further issues raised.

2. Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

3. Other:

No issues raised.

24/75 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports tabled.

24/76 Meeting Dates for 2025

The proposed programme which is attached was approved.

24/77 Date and Time of next meeting.

Wednesday March 5th. 2025 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____ **2025:**

Correspondence received since November Meeting.

Cllr. B. Williams S.C.R.A.P. –Briefing Note.

Laura Howells – Fly Tipping.*

Shropshire Council – Myddle Wood.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.*

Place Plans - Village Hall Car Park Welcome Signs.*

Cllr. A. Harris – Report of aggressive dog.

Chairman – Footpaths.

Helen Beresford – Footpaths.

Cllr. G. Miller – Myddle Church Clock.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area reports.

Chairman – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Dog Warden –Aggressive dog.

Wendy Harris (Road Safety Team) – Lay By opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall.*

Project Gigabit – Progress report.*

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.*

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Amy Taylor – Simpler Recycling.*

Terry Merchant – Myddle Wood.

Shropshire Council – Lay by opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall.*
Resident – Concern re. Vehicles parking outside the Old Rectory in Myddle.
P.C.S.O James Robinson –Local Police Newsletter.*
West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.*
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.*
Forestry Commission – Myddle Wood.
Clear Councils Insurance – Charity Donations.*
Chairman – Harmer Hill Reservoir.
Helen Beresford – Harmer Hill Woodlands.
Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.*
Shropshire Council – Leaders Up-date.*
Cllr. A. Harris – Welcome Signs.
Chairman – E-Newsletter.*
Dianne Dorrell - Weekly Newsletter.*
Cllr. G. Miller – Development at Reservoir Site.*
Chairman – Youth Club Grant.
Emma Green – Reservoir Site.
Austin Vaughan - Play Area reports.
Catherine Bailey – Flooding problems.*
Dianne Dorrell – Final Newsletter for 2024.*
Resident – Complaint regarding parking outside The Old Rectory, Myddle.*
Gail Power – SALC Training Programme.*

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MEETING DATES – 2025

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| January 2 nd . 7.30pm | Harmer Hill Village Hall |
| March 5 th . 7.30pm | Myddle Village Hall |
| May 7 th . 7.30pm | Harmer Hill Village Hall |
| June 25 th . 7.30pm | Myddle Village Hall |
| September 3 rd . 7.30pm | Harmer Hill Village Hall |
| November 12 th . 7.30pm | Myddle Village Hall |

Please note that the November meeting will be on the 2nd. Wednesday to prevent it clashing with Guy Fawkes events.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Myddle Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday May 21st.