

**MYDDLE BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON 3rd. SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

There were seven members of the public in attendance and the following issues were raised:

- (a) The need for a 30mph speed limit on Wem Road, Harmer Hill.
 - (b) Failure of dog owners to collect and dispose of dog waste in area where children play even though the Council provided bags for collection and suitable bins.
 - (c) Continued concern about the inappropriate use of The Hollow Harmer Hill as a 'rabbit run'.
 - (d) Drainage problems causing problems to properties alongside Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill, following the recent heavy rain although this had been dealt with quite promptly by Shropshire Council.
 - (e) Further information supporting the request for the closure of Footpath 67A.
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Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)
Mr. A. Harris
Mr. M. Andrew
Mrs. S. Hammond
Mr. G. Miller
Mr. H. Rook
Mr. R. Jones
Mr. D. Evans.

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mrs. S. Marston.
The Parish Clerk.
Four members of the public for part of the meeting.

25/32 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. J. Jackson.

25/33 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No disclosures were made.

25/34 Minutes from the meeting held on 25 June 2025.

Councillor J. Jackson had sent a request for a revision in the report of the issue raised in the Public Session regarding The Hollow, Harmer Hill, which she felt should read '*Several possible solutions were considered including a proposal that action could be taken to prevent access to the Hollow from Ellesmere Road.*' The amendment was agreed and the revised minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

25/35 Matters Arising:

- (a) Affordable Housing project.

It was noted that Shropshire Councillor S. Marston had discussed this with a representative of STAR Housing, who felt that there could be a road issue with the development and had promised a report by the end of July but to date there had been no further response.

(b) Harmer Hill Footpath 67A.

The Chairman reported that only three Members of the Council had attended the site meeting with Shropshire Council's Rights of Way Officer and no decision had been reached. It had been agreed to bring the issue back to this meeting for the full Council to decide if the residents should be allowed to close the small section of the path.

Councillor R. Jones outlined his opposition to the plan and responded to some of the earlier statements made by the applicant in the public session.

A proposal was made stating that the Council should support the closure of the path, this was seconded and the subsequent vote resulted in three Members supporting it and four Members opposing it. The Clerk was asked to inform Shropshire Council's Rights of Way Officer of the Council's decision.

(c) Myddle Woodland Area:

Members had been forwarded a report from Councillor J. Jackson outlining the various actions she had taken but indicating that progress was limited until attempts to re-open discussions about a possible 100 year lease on the land had been undertaken. Contact had been made with the Acquisitions Surveyor at Shropshire Council who had promised to carry out an investigation.

(d) The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

Shropshire Councillor Marston reported that she had received a positive response from a representative of the highways department who felt that a temporary closure part of the way along the road would be the best solution. Consultation with local residents was essential before any decision was made.

Members supported the suggestion and Councillor Marston agreed to continue with the negotiations.

(e) Harmer Hill Reservoir:

It was understood that a team of police officers and dogs had recently visited the site but there was no report of any action having been taken. The new enforcement officer had indicated that he was intending to visit the site.

25/36 Correspondence:

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

25/37 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (July)	£425.15
HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (July)	£327.36
Myddle Youth Club	Grant	£1,000.00
Myddle Village Hall	Room rent (Defibrillator Training Course).	£50.00
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (April-July Inclusive)	£144.00
R. Mayall & Daughter	Rent – Harmer Hill Playing Field	£420.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£425.55
H.M. Revenue & Customs	Tax & N.I. (August)	£326.96
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (April-July)	£1,096.20

Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses July & August	£110.05
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work (August)	£234.00

25/37(b) Financial & Cumulative Statements.

Both Statements were tabled and approved.

25/38 Speeding Traffic:

It was noted that concerns continued to be raised regarding speeding vehicles on Wem Road, Harmer Hill, The Area by Myddle School and Baschurch Road (Myddle to Myddlewood). It was understood that Shropshire Council are undertaking a full review of speed limit controls and it would be sensible to seek their advice before any action was undertaken.

25/39 Possible Projects:

It was agreed to consider the following projects:

- (a) Improvements to Myddle Play Area with the possibility of including some adult fitness equipment.
- (b) Tree planting at various locations.
- (c) Installation of Charging Points for electric cars.

25/40 Report from Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston.

A detailed report on Shropshire Council activity had been prepared by Shropshire Councillor S. Marston and a copy had been sent to all Council Members and is attached to these minutes.

25/41 Planning Issues:

The following applications have been received and considered:

1. Barns at Hill Farm, Newton on the Hill – prior approval for change of use from agriculture to two dwellings (25/02406/PMBPA). *Application rejected by Shropshire Council*
2. Smallbrook School, Sleaf – Application for prior approval for the installation of roof mounted solar panels (25/02464/PSPPA). *Application supported.*
3. Land at Webscott Farm – erection of a General Purpose Agricultural Building (25/02962) – *For information only.*

(b) The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council:

Avalon, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – single storey side and rear extensions with balcony.

(c) Planning Development:

Concerns raised about a development in The Pines Area, Lower Road, Harmer Hill have been reported to Planning Control at Shropshire Council to see if the development needs planning approval. *This is now subject to a planning enforcement investigation.*

(d) Planning Appeal:

It was reported that an appeal had been made regarding Shropshire Council's refusal to permit the construction of a tennis court on land at Roden Farm Barn

25/42 Police Report:

Incidents recorded in:

April:

Nil.

May:

Harmer Hill (A528): Anti-Social Behaviour – 1

Yorton: Violence/Sexual – 1.

June:

Eagle Farm Close, Myddle – Vehicle Crime -1.

Alford Grange, Myddle – Violence/Sexual – 1.

B4397 – Anti-Social behaviour – 1.

25/43 Clerk's Contract:

Members approved a Nationally Agreed Salary award of 3.3% dating from April 1st. 2025.

25/44 Community Led Reports:(a) Housing:

No issues raised

(b) Traffic and Transport:

No additional issues raised.

(c) Community Spirit:

The Chairman:

(a) Stated that he wished to thank and congratulate the many people who had taken responsibility for picking up litter in the Parish and had been giving help with the maintenance of the Parish Footpaths.

(b) Outlined details of the Myddle Clickers Club which has been set up to help residents understand and make better use of their computers and smart phones. The tuition is being carried out voluntarily by some Councillors and members of the community but there was a need to access the Village Halls to carry out the tuition. It was agreed to support this project and make an initial budget of £500.00 to pay for Village Hall rent.

(d) Business and Farming:

Councillor H. Rook reported that local farmers were now moving into the autumn programme of cultivation.

25/45 Exchange of Additional Information:(a) Additional Agenda Items for the November meeting:Issues needing urgent attention:1. Highways:2. Street Lighting:

No issues raised.

3. Other:

No issues raised.

25/4 Environmental Maintenance:

It was noted that Mr. M. Busi had suffered a health problem and was unable to carry out his duties which included the regular removal of dog waste from the bins provided by the Parish Council. Shropshire Council had been contacted and asked to give a quotation for carrying out the work. In the meantime efforts would be made to recruit a local person to cover for Mr. Busi until he was fit enough to resume work.

Councillor M. Andrew was thanked for the sterling work he was carrying out with the help of volunteers ensuring that the dog waste bins in Harmer Hill were regularly emptied.

25/47 Mid-Year Spending Review.

A copy of the review had been sent to Members with the Agenda and after consideration was adopted.

25/48 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports were tabled.

25/49 Date and Time of next meeting.

Thursday 13th. November at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall

Minutes approved as a true record:

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

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL**Correspondence received since the June Meeting:**

John Campion – PCC Newsletter

Phil

Bamber – Site meeting re. footpath.

PCSO Jamie Robinson - Neighbourhood Team Newsletter.

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.

Chairman – Local E Newsletter.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Minutes of June meeting.

Austin Vaughan - Play Area Inspection reports.

Cllr. S. Hammond – Issues raised in SNT Newsletter

Chris Mellings – Consultation on Youth Offer

Shropshire Councillor S. Marston – Affordable Housing.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Newsletter.

Shropshire Councillor S. Marston – Myddle Recreation Ground and woodland.

Severn Trent – Newsletter.

Resident – Concern about development in the woodland at junction of Lower Road and the Pines.

Dianne Dorrell - Weekly Briefing.

Shropshire Councillor S. Marston – Discussions with Planning Dept. re reported development. Helen

Morgan MP – Neighbourhood Plans.

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Summer HAF spaces.

Chris Mellings – Local Nature Recovery strategy.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust – News.

PCSO Jamie Robinson – Newsletter.

Local E Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly Briefing.

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – News Letter.

Harry Leather – Government response to Neighbourhood Plans.

Resident – Streetlight problem in Wellcroft.
Helen Bolam – Proposed Telecommunications Project.
Severn Trent – Investigation work in Yorton.
Chris Mellings – Local Nature Recovery Programme.
Chris Mellings – Weekly Briefing.
Gail Power – Economic Growth – Get Britain Working Plan.
Cllr. G. Miller – response to the above plan.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals NHS Trust – Diabetes (Your Questions Answered).
Chris Mellings Weekly Briefing.
Chris Mellings – Local Nature Recovery.
Chairman – Myddle Clickers.
C. Mellings - Shropshire Good Food Partnership.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Myddle Wood.
C. Mellings – Press Release – Corndon Wood.
ALC – Weekly Briefing.
Resident - Request for information regarding the use of CIL money.
Shropshire Cllr. Jane Walton – Affordable Housing Development.
Mark Adamson – War Service Pendant.
Gail Power – Details of SALC AGM.
The Bos Family – Finding a dead sheep alongside one of the pathways.