

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 4th. 2024 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

There were three members of the public in attendance seeking information about the following: Overhanging hedges causing road safety concerns; progress on the Affordable Housing Project in Godings Lane and the situation regarding footpaths in the recently sold woodland area in Harmer Hill.

Responding to the queries the Chairman:

- (a) Pointed out that hedges overhanging roads was a problem for Shropshire Council to deal with and should be reported on 'Fix My Street', which usually gained an effective response.
 - (b) A detailed report on the Affordable Housing project was being considered in the main meeting but it had been confirmed that it would be a Community Project.
 - (c) He had received favourable responses regarding the future of the footpaths when he had met several of the new owners of the woodland.
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Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)
Mr. M. Andrew
Mr. I. Anderson
Mrs. J. Jackson
Ms. J. Bienek
Mr. G. Harding
Mr. A. Harris
Mr. A. Jones
Mr. G. Miller
Mr. R. Jones

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.
The Parish Clerk.

24/32 Apologies:

No apologies were received.

24/33 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor J. Jackson declared an interest in Agenda Item 12(biii).

24/34 Co-option of New Member.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Roger Jones to the meeting who had applied for co-option onto the Council to fill the vacant seat. He introduced himself to Members and his application was supported and approved, which enabled him to participate in the meeting.

24/35 Minutes from the meeting held on June 26th. 2024.

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

24/36 Matters Arising:**(a) Affordable Housing Project:**

There had been confirmation from Shropshire Council's legal department that future development on the site in Godings Lane would be treated as a Community Project and £3,000 would be paid to the Parish Council for each completed property. There had been no request to stop using the play equipment before building work commenced.

The Council had been advised to seek legal advice regarding the forfeit of the lease and as this had now been agreed it was decided that further advice from Mr. Paul Harfitt was no longer required and the contract should be terminated.

(b) Entrance Signs for Villages:

The location and the erection of the signs had been approved by Shropshire Council and Evans Construction from Oswestry had been invited to quote for carrying out the project, with Councillor Alex Harris acting as the liaison officer. It was agreed that when a quotation was received for the work details would be forwarded to Members for consideration and if approved Councillor Harris would meet with the contractors to confirm the exact location for the signs. The project would be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy money held by the Council.

(c) Myddle Church Clock - repairs:

Councillor G. Miller reported that together with the Chairman and Councillors G. Harding and J. Bienek three quotations had been considered and it had been decided to accept the bid of £9,000 from Cumbrian Clocks. Details had been sent to the Diocese for approval which would then be subject to a twenty eight day public consultation

(d) Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Cllr. G. Miller had raised further concerns about development on the site, contrary to the enforcement order. The concerns plus photographs had been forwarded to the Enforcement Officer, who had replied stating that she had met the owner and he had stated that part of the new development was to enable him to access the site to remove the existing construction.

(e) Environment Maintenance Grant:

The Clerk confirmed that the Councils contribution had been raised to £1,500 by transferring £500.00 from the Housing Project budget and £250.00 from the Contingency budget. Shropshire Council had now asked for a quarterly response indicating how the money was being spent.

24/37 Correspondence:

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

24/38 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (July)	£425.15
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/August)	£77.10
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (July)	£283.6
Mr. J. Wilson	Office Rent (April – Sept. Inc.)	£200.00
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (June)	£36.00
Access2Trees	Cutting back overhanging tree	£348.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£425.55
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (August)	£283.20

Mr. S. Busi	EMG (June & July)	£81.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Sept.)	£2873.80
Mr. M. Busi	EMG (July)	£54.00

24/38 (b) Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

24/39 Mid-Year Financial Statement:

The statement which had been forwarded to Members with the Agenda, was considered and adopted.

24/40 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received for consideration:

23, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – 1st. Floor Extension (24/02648/FUL). *Application supported.*

12, The Pines Lower Road, Harmer Hill – Erection of a detached garage (24/02756/FUL). *Application supported*

Meadowland, Sleaf – Variation of conditions attached planning permission (24/02735/VAR).

A ‘No Comment’ response has been made.

B. The following application has been approved by Shropshire Council:

21, Wem Road – 1st. Floor Extension (24/02648/FUL).

24/41 Shropshire Council Documents:

The following two documents were considered and appropriate responses made:

(a) Place Plan Up-date.

(b) Town and Parish Council Survey.

24/42 Community Led Plan Reports:

(a) Traffic and Transport:

No additional items were raised.

(b) Community Spirit:

The following items were noted:

(i) Parish Paths:

The Chairman reported that a lack of volunteer helpers was proving it to be very difficult keeping the well-used paths maintained to a high enough standard. Attempts to recruit new people to support the few current volunteers had proven to be unsuccessful.

(ii) Myddle Youth Club.

Meetings of the Youth Club were having to be curtailed because of a lack of adult volunteers and it seemed possible that the Club would be closed down, unless people came forward offering help.

(iii) Bus Time-Table Changes.

It was reported that there were some changes to the times and frequency of the buses.

(iv) Harmer Hill Vegetable Show.

Taking place on Saturday 7th September.

(c) Housing and (d) Business and Farming.

No further items were raised.

24/42 Police Reports:**Incidents recorded in May:**

Violence/Sexual – 2 (Eagle Farm Close, Myddle).

Incidents recorded in June:

Public Order – 1 (Wellcroft, Myddle).

Burglary -1 (The Hollow, Harmer Hill).

Violence/Sexual – 2 (Sleap -1; The Gables, Lower Road - 1)

24/43 Exchange of Additional Information:

(a) Additional Agenda Items for the September meeting.

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;

Light in Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill - on all day.

Clerk to advise contractors.

3. Other:**Overhanging trees in Myddle Wood:**

A report had been received from Councillor J. Jackson regarding a number of rapidly growing and self- seeded sycamore trees which were overhanging the properties situated in the woodland adjacent to Myddle Playing Field.

As the woodland is leased by the Council it has to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek advice from Mr. Terry Merchant, the Arborist who regularly inspects the trees for the Council. He would advise on the best line of action to deal with the problem.

Harmer Hill Footpaths:

The Chairman reported that in his role of Parish Paths Coordinator he had a successful and pleasant meeting with many of the people who had recently bought sections of the woodland in Harmer Hill. They all appeared to have good knowledge of their responsibilities regarding the various footpaths and were keen to ensure they were well maintained.

24/44 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports tabled.

24/45 Date and Time of next meeting.

Wednesday, November 6th. 2024 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____ 2024:

Details of correspondence received since the June meeting.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Works Team – Godings Lane.

Chairman – Local E-Newsletter.

Works Team – Station Road, Yorton.

Cllr. G. Miller – Tree problem on Hillside, Myddle

James Robinson – Local Police report.

Cllr. J. Jackson – problem with over-hanging trees.

Access2Trees – Quotation.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – News Up-date.

Laura Howells - Grass cutting briefing note

Dianne Dorrell – Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

Lezley Picton – Newsletter.

Mrs. J. Huxley – Concerns about speeding traffic and lack of road signs.

Gigabit – News up-date.

Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin.

Henry Rook – Development at the Old Rectory, Myddle.

Mr. Roger Jones – Application for the vacant Council seat.

John Campion – PCC newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Town and Parish Council Survey.

Chairman – Local E Newsletter.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Place Plans.

Sarah Musgrove – Affordable Housing Project.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

PCSC Jamie Robinson – North Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Scheme.

ALC - G.P Collective Action.

Dianne Dorrell – Local Nature Recovery.

Paul Harfitt – Affordable Housing.

PCSO Oliver Morris – Rural Crime.

Shropshire Councillor S. Jones –National Planning Policy.

Cllr. G. Harding – Speed Survey in Myddle.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams – Letter from Council Leader.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Query re. publicising Leaders letter.

Cllr. G. Miller – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Gigabit Up-date.

Emma Green – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Severn Trent – Closure of Godings Lane (25th. – 27th. September).