

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH. 2019**

Public Session:

Six members of the public and PCSO Jamie Robinson were present and the following issues were raised and considered.

- (a) A report that a black recording box had been seen on the road side in Harmer Hill and a query regarding its purpose.
- (b) Continued concern about speeding traffic in Harmer Hill on Lower, Ellesmere and Wem Roads and the need for extended action.
- (c) A detailed report from Mrs. Corrine Mitchell on the activities of the Myddle Community Watch Team and the actions that had been undertaken.

The Chairman responded by:

- (a) Stating that the Council had not been informed about the black recording box but would endeavour to find who had placed it there and for what reason.
- (b) Pointing out all the actions already taken by the Council to deal with speeding traffic and the problems related to enforcement. The Parish Council had no power to deal with irresponsible drivers but would put pressure on the police to catch and prosecute them and on Shropshire Council to undertake suitable remedial action. The Parish Council would continue to look at ways in which preventative action could be taken.

His comments were supported by PCSO Robinson who agreed that speeding traffic was the most common complaint received by the local police from all the Councils in the Wem Area, where there were only three officers employed to deal with all the reported crime incidents. He urged members of the public to report dangerous incidents to the police by telephoning 101.

- (c) Welcomed the report from the Community Watch Team and congratulated them on their efforts. Their suggestion for a Roadside Data Recorder would be considered later in the agenda.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)
Mr. R. Purslow
Mr. G. Harding
Mr. R. Jones
Ms. J. Bienek
Mr. R. Tiernan
Mr. J. Heath

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams
The Parish Clerk

19/51 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. E. Hodge, Mr. I. Anderson and Mr. L. Foulsham.

19/52 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

19/53 Minutes of the meeting held on September 4th. 2019.

The minutes having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

19/54 Matters Arising:(a) A528/Newton Lane junction (public session).

Mr. D. Gradwell (Shropshire Council's Highways Officer) had notified the Council that because of the freeze on highways expenditure it was not possible to proceed with the identified programme of signage and road marking.

The footpath had been cleared again by Mr. Busi, as part of the Community Environment Project.

(b) Baschurch Road – traffic problems (public session).

Clerk reported that a Community Speed Watch training event had been organised by the Safer Road Partnership and attended by sufficient numbers of local residents to allow the scheme to operate in Myddle. Volunteers are able to carry out vehicle checks on the Baschurch side of the village and a successful start had already been made, which had been detailed in the public session report.

The managing director of Lloyds Animal Feeds had been written to with a request that their drivers should be directed to avoid driving through Myddle.

(c) Community Environment Project (19/39(d)).

It was noted that Mr. Busi was continuing to carry out important tasks round the Parish and these would increase during the winter months.

(d) Streetlight up-grade to LED Units (19/50).

Work was planned to start this week and cost will be paid from CIL (Neighbourhood Fund). A request had been received from Myddle School for improved lighting on the path that leads to the entrance to the Nursery and it was agreed that the Clerk should discuss this with Eon to see if a solution was possible.

(e) Rural Bus Services (19/48).

Councillor Ms. J Bienek stated that she had generated a good deal of publicity seeking the views of local residents regarding improvements to the local bus services but there had been no response from the public.

(f) Reported Highways Issues.

It was noted that a meeting had been held with the local Highways representatives regarding the state of Shotton Lane and drainage problems in Ellesmere Road and Wem Road. It had been agreed that action was needed but responsibility for the repair was now being handled by a different section headed up by Mr. Mark Wootton. The issues would be passed on to him

but the Clerk was advised to send in a report too. Efforts to get a response or a further site meeting had proved to be fruitless.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams felt that Mr. Wooton would not have responsibility for these issues and offered to carry out further investigations.

19/55 Payment of Accounts.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Oct/Nov.)		£733.46
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)		£142.26
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Oct/Nov.)	£183.40	
	N.I. (Oct/Nov.)	£ 27.30	£210.70
Mr. M. Busi	Fees (Environmental Maint. (Aug)		£45.00
Shropshire Council	Myddle play area path up-grade		£420.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance April 4 th – September 6 th .		£1,373.76
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit		£360.00
Mr. C. Ruck	I.T. Support (1/8/2019-31/07/2020)		£120.00
Mr. M. Busi	Hedge cutting (Myddle playing field)		£75.00
Mr. M. Busi	Fees (Environmental Maintenance		£165.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/06/19 – 30/09/19)		£171.86
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal		£17.00

19/55 Financial Statement.

A Financial statement was tabled and approved.

19/56 External Audit Report.

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had not raised any concerns over the financial management or administration of the Council and the report was adopted.

19/57 Correspondence.

Members considered the list of correspondence that had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting (details attached) and appropriate responses had been made.

19/58 Planning Applications.

A. The following applications had been received:

1. 'Karima', The Hollow, Harmer Hill – revised application. *Application supported.*
2. GWR Ltd., Sleaf construction of a Biomass Boiler Building (19/04278/FUL). *No comment response.*
3. The Old Dairy, Wood Farm, Myddlewood – erection of a single storey side extension (re-submission) (19/04398/FUL). *No objections raised.*
4. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a steel portal framed aircraft hangar with solar PV panels and a roof mounted wind turbine (19/04506/FUL). *No objections raised.*

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

1. The Old Rectory, Myddle – various alterations.
2. The Old Chapel, Webscott – erection of a double garage with store above.
3. Erection of one dwelling, formation of access and associated work adjacent to Arran House.

4. Karima, The Hollow, Harmer Hill.

C. The following application has been refused:

Orchard House, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – request for a variation of the condition attached to application 14/04893/FUL, for the construction of a pavement from the estate access to Shotton Lane.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams and Councillor R. Jones were thanked for their support and efforts at the appeal session.

C. Appeals had been made re. the following applications, which have been refused by Shropshire Council:

1. Land South of Red Castle, Harmer Hill – erection of a 1.5 storey dorma bungalow with off street parking. (19/02262/FUL)

2. Land South of Red Castle, Harmer Hill erection of two semi-detached bungalows with off street parking (18/05537/FUL)

19/59 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport.

No further issues raised.

(b) Community Spirit.

No report tabled.

(c) Housing.

The Vice Chairman reported that on-going discussions were being held with the Rural Housing Officer.

(d) Business and Farming.

No report tabled.

19/60 Police Report.

Incidents recorded in August:

Myddle:

Hillside:

Violence -4 (Two unable to prosecute and two under investigation.)

Harmer Hill:

Higher Road:

Vehicle Crime -1 (No suspect identified); Anti-Social Behaviour -2; Public Order – 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Shotton Lane:

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1

Incidents recorded in September:

Harmer Hill:

Higher Road

Vehicle Crime – 1 (Unable to prosecute).

Shotton Lane

Violence – 1 (Under investigation.).

19/61 Committee/Meeting Reports.

No reports tabled.

19/62 Exchange of additional information.(a) Roadside Recording of Speeding Traffic:

It was noted that the Community Watch Team had suggested that a recording unit should be purchased and this was considered alongside a range of other suggested options. Ultimately it was decided to seek the advice of the Safer Road Partnership and/or the Traffic Police on what would likely to be the most effective solution.

(b) Damaged Road Direction Sign:

It was reported that one of the posts holding a sign at the junction of the Ellesmere and Wem Roads was rusted through and the sign was in danger of falling, which could cause a health and safety risk.

Clerk to report the problem to the local Highways Division and ask for urgent action.

(c) Waste Bin:

It was noted that the post holding a waste bin in the hollow needed to be replaced. Councillor R. Tiernan would advise the Clerk of the post's dimensions and he would order a new one and Mr. Busi would be asked to carry out the repair.

(d) Budget:

It was stated that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk would be meeting to produce a draft budget for consideration at the January meeting and Members were asked to suggest new projects for consideration before November 25th.

It was agreed that an additional item should be included for road safety expenditure.

19/63 Meeting dates for 2020.

The Clerk tabled a proposed programme of dates which were approved. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on May 6th to coincide with the normal Council Meeting.

19/64 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday January 8th. 2020 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck **Chairman**

Date: January 8th. 2020

Correspondence received since last meeting – September.

Dianne Dorrell – September Bulletin.
Dianne Dorrell – West Midland Trains Community Grants.
D. Wise - Visit to West Midland Ambulance Service.
Dianne Dorrell – Oswestry Mile End Roundabout improvements.
Dianne Dorrell – Youth Support Consultation.
Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council Directory.
Dianne Dorrell – NALC Audit Code.
Gail Power – CIL update.
Dianne Dorrell – Drug & Alcohol Action Plan – newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Community Led Housing.
Dianne Dorrell – Suicide prevention.
Dianne Dorrell - News on Monday 16th. September.
Cllr B. Williams – result of planning appeal.
Gail Power – Water user’s license.
Gail Power Shropshire Care closer to Home.
Lois Dale – Phone Boxes.
Brian Rapson – Access to G.P. Services.
Dianne Dorrell – Impetus Amenity Fund.
David Gradwell - Myddle Hill
Dianne Dorrell - Current Shropshire Council Consultations.
Dianne Dorrell – Improving Patients Experience - SaTH press release.
Steve Shaw – ‘Electricity Bill’.
Pageant Master – VE Day 75.
Gail Power – Library Strategic Consultation.
Gail Power – Midland Partnership NHS.
Gail Power – Highways Winter Service Plan.
Gail Power – Therapy Ward opening at RHS.
OPCC – Police Commissioner’s Rural Crime Strategy.
Gail Power – SALC AGM & 70th. Birthday Celebrations.
Citizens Advice Bureau – AGM.
Gail Power – Rural Strategy Workshop.
David Mitchell – Speeding Traffic.
Shropshire Council – Privacy Statement Update.
Shropshire Council – Improvements towards Zero Carbon.
Shropshire Council – Fuel Poverty.
Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery – Book signing by David Trumper.
Shropshire Health Watch – Dementia Care Homes.
Police Commissioner – Newsletter.
North Shropshire Police – ‘Police on the Beat’.
J. MacKail – FAS Presentation.