

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. 2019**

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Mr. Garry Johnson from Eon Electrical was present and outlined issues involved in changing the Parish streetlights to LED units which was necessary as SOC lighting units were being phased out. Some of the work was quite complex because of the nature of the current lights and the need to involve Scottish Power with some of the work. There was a total of twenty three lights to be changed at a cost of £8,124.00.

The new lights would reduce the power and maintenance costs.

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

(1) Two residents were seeking support for an application to build a property under the 'Build Your Own' Affordable Housing Scheme. *It was pointed out that this would be discussed by Members later in the meeting under Item 19/43 'Correspondence Received'.*

(2) Ten residents wished to raise the dangers of traffic speed on Baschurch Road, Myddle and to express an interest in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council were well aware of the problems, supported their concerns and had produced a document outlining what actions had already been taken by the Council.

*After discussion it was agreed to:*

*(a) Ask the Safer Road Partnership to arrange an Information/Training event for those wishing to be involved in a Community Speed Watch Scheme - Clerk to organise.*

*(b) Look into the possibility of erecting an additional VAS unit.*

*(c) Write to Lloyds Animal Feeds regarding their transport continually using this road.*

*(d) Look at the possibility of additional signage and/or action that could be undertaken.*

(3) One resident was seeking assurance that action was being taken regarding the safety problem at the A528/Newton Road junction.

*Please see response under 19/39(a)*

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. L. Foulsham

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

**19/36 Apologies:**

There were no apologies received.

**19/37 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**19/38 Minutes of the meeting held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. 2019.**

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

**19/39 Matters Arising.**

(a) A528/Newton Lane junction (19/22(c)).

Mr. Gradwell had reported that he had visited the site to establish where new signs could be erected and it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange to have the path cleared again.

(b) Myddle School – Safer Road project (19/22(a))

Shropshire Council had notified the Parish Council that this could not be funded from the CIL Local Fund as it did not match the criteria needed.

(c) Pathway to Myddle play area (19/28)

The path had been re-surfaced and was now a much better standard.

(d) Community Environment Project (19/22(b)).

A continuation grant had been obtained and the Council would continue to contract Mr. Busi to carry out essential work.

(e) Other road safety issues (19/c, d & e)

Please see Minute 19/45(a) and the attached Road Safety report.

**19/40 Payment of Accounts.**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug/Sept.)		£733.46
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)		£100.63
Mr. J. Wilson	Office rent (April – Sept. Inc.)		£200.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Aug/Sept)	£183.40	
	N.I. (Aug/Sept)	£ 27.30	£210.70
Mr. T. Merchant	Tree inspection		£105.00
Mr. M. Busi	Fees (Environmental Maint. June)		£30.00
Access 2 Trees	Safety work on tree identified by Mr. Merchant		£780.00
Archer Safety Signs	Sign for passing area in Lower Road		£137.72
Scottish Power	Electricity supply March 31 <sup>st</sup> . – June 30 <sup>th</sup> .)		£169.97
U.K. Debt. Management	Loan repayment		£1,558.01
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal audit		£245.00
Eon Lighting	Annual Maintenance contract (50%)		£287.18

**19/41 Financial Statement.**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**19/42 Mid-Year Statement of Accounts.**

A mid-year statement of accounts was tabled, considered and adopted.

**19/43 Correspondence.**

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

**19/44 Planning Applications.**A. The following applications had been received:

1. High View, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – variation of condition 2 (19/02840/VAR).

*No objections raised.*

2. Plot 1 Land adjacent to 3, Myddlewood- formation of a domestic vehicle access (19/02788/FUL).

*Supported with some proposals for improvement.*

3. 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – first floor extension & associated internal alterations (19/02915/FUL). *Application supported.*

4. The Old Rectory, Myddle – repairs and minor alterations (19/03309/FUL).

5. The Old Rectory, Myddle – erection of an extension + repairs ((19/03310/LBC).

*No objections to a complex set of proposals but suggestions that planners consider views of English Heritage over a listed building.*

6. The Access School, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – formation of a car park and vehicular access (19/03595/FUL). *It was confirmed that this was outside the Parish boundary.*

7. The Old Chapel, Webscott – erection of a double garage with store above (19/03619/FUL).

*No objections raised.*

8. Arran House, Myddlewood – erection of a dwelling on adjacent land (19/03731/FUL).

*After discussion it was decided to make a 'No comment' response.*

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

1. Oak Farm, Marton – siting of a mobile home (19.01959/FUL).

2. 12, Myddle – erection of a two storey extension following the demolition of a conservatory (19/02247/FUL).

3. Highview, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – variation of condition 2 (19/02840/VAR).

4. Plot1 on land adjacent to 3, Myddlewood – formation of domestic vehicle access (19/02788/FUL).

5. Land at Sleaf - outline application for the erection of one dwelling (agricultural workers); installation of a treatment plant and the formation of vehicular access (18/0484/OUT).

C. The following applications had been refused by Shropshire Council.

1. Land south of the Red Castle Public House erection of a 1.5 storey dormer bungalow (19/02262/FUL)

2. The Old Dairy, Wood Farm, Myddlewood – erection of a single storey extension. (19/02130/FUL).

**D. Enforcement Order by Shropshire Council:**

Alleged breach of planning control at Sunny Bank, Wem Road, Harmer Hill being investigated by Shropshire Council.

**19/45 Community Led Plan.****(a) Traffic and Transport.**

A copy of the report from the Road Safety Working Group which had been circulated to Members, was considered and adopted. Copy attached.

**(b) Community Spirit.**

No report tabled.

**(c) Housing.**

Discussions regarding a site for affordable housing were on-going but had been delayed by holiday commitments. A further meeting was planned.

**(d) Business and Farming.**

No report tabled.

**19/46 Police Report.****Incidents recorded by the police in May:**

**Violence - 3:** A528; Yorton Parking Area; Sleaf Airfield; (All under investigation).

**Burglary - 1:** B5476 (No suspect identified).

**Incidents recorded by the police in June:**

**Violence – 1:** Wem Road, Harmer Hill (Under investigation).

**Burglary – 1:** Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill (No suspect identified).

**19/47 Risk Assessment.**

A Risk Assessment Review was tabled, considered and adopted.

**19/48 Rural Bus Services.**

Councillor Ms. J. Bienek reported on a County based group that were exploring ways to identify community needs for bus service in rural areas and felt that the Council should explore local needs and feed this information into the survey which was taking place. She agreed to provide an article for inclusion in the messenger seeking responses from local residents which could then be passed to the organisers of the survey.

**19/49 Committee/Meeting Reports.**

No reports tabled.

**19/50 CIL Neighbourhood Fund Projects.**

Clerk had circulated to Members a detailed account of the CIL Neighbourhood money received and spent by the Council. This indicated that there was a balance of £36,555.00 available for approved schemes. It was agreed to spend some of this on the replacement streetlights providing this was approved by Shropshire Council.

**19/51 Exchange of additional information.****1. Myddle Youth Club:**

Councillor G. Harding reported that Ms. C. Collins was the new Chairman of the Youth Club.

2. Public Telephone Boxes:

It was noted that B.T. was carrying out a County wide review of the boxes with a view to removing many of them. It was agreed that the boxes in Myddle and Harmer Hill should be retained.

3. Blocked drains on Ellesmere Road:

This had been reported at the last meeting and details forwarded to Shropshire Council. As no action had been taken Shropshire Councillor B. Williams agreed to arrange a site meeting with an engineer from the Council.

4. Planning Committee Meeting:

It was noted that the failure by the developers to construct a pavement from Bridgewater Place to Shotton Lane was being considered at a meeting being held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Councillor R. Jones offered to attend and speak on behalf of the Council and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams promised his support.

5. Long Service Award:

The Chairman reported that the Parish Clerk would be receiving an award at the SALC AGM having served the Council for twenty years and it was unanimously agreed that the Council should seek to provide finance towards this. It was also unanimously agreed that the Chairman should also attend the event and receive financial backing.

**19/50 Date and time of Next meeting.**

Wednesday November 6<sup>h</sup>. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. Ruck Chairman**

**Date: November 6<sup>th</sup>. 2019**

### **Correspondence received since last meeting – June**

Shropshire Council – Local Plan review.

D. Wise – SALC North Shrop Area Committee.

Dianne Dorrell – letter from Gemma Davies re. CIL.

David Gradwell – response re. Myddle Hill and Lower road.

David Gradwell – placement of an ATC on Myddle Hill.

Dianne Dorrell – Promoting Emergency Health records on Mobile Phone.

Dianne Dorrell – Public meeting re. Strategic Planning Sites.

Gail Power – Heritage Crime.

Brian Williams – resident's complaint re 'lay by' and speeding traffic on Ellesmere Road.

Gail Power – Learning Disability Park Run.

Dianne Dorrell – July Bulletin.

Resident – planning application – self build.

Resident – horse problem.

Resident – speeding traffic.

Brian Rapson – A good death.

John Whitelegg – Rural Bus Services.

NWRR – Shrewsbury NW Relief Road.

Timothy Williams – 'We don't buy crime'.

Gail Power – Farm Fire Safety.

Gail Power – Stress and Coping workshop.

Gail Power - Notice re. Hackney Carriage Licensing.

Gail Power – Fire Service 'takeover'

Dianne Dorrell – Rural Survey 2019.

Corrie Davies – Maternity Leave.

Safer Road Partnership – various.

Survey Group Road closure application.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (August).

Dianne Dorrell – Various re. SALC AGM.

Dianne Dorrell – Payphone removal.

Geoff Bough – re. Community Watch Programme.

Wem Town Clerk – Chairman's service.

Shrewsbury NHS Trust – community events.

Richard Dennison – response to footpath from Bridgewater Place to Shotton Lane.

Myddle residents – problems with anti-social behaviour.

# MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Report of the meeting held in Myddle Village Hall  
On Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>. 2019 at 10.00am.**

### **1. Present:**

Councillor C. Ruck (Chairman)  
Councillor R. Tiernan  
Councillor I. Anderson  
Mr. D. Gradwell (Shropshire Council's Road Safety Officer).  
Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on February 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The minutes were considered and approved.

### **4. Matters Arising from that meeting.**

#### **(a) Road Safety Project – Myddle School.**

Shropshire Council had notified the Parish Council that this could not be funded from the CIL Local Fund as it did not match the criteria needed. It was decided to seek the support of Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams to keep pressure on senior Shropshire Councillors and Staff to ensure that the project was retained on the list of future projects.

#### **(b) New Road Signs.**

It was reported that a new 'Give Way' sign had been erected on Lower Road, Harmer Hill but no further action with the remaining signs, which had been promised.

Mr. Gradwell confirmed that they had been purchased, were in stock and waiting for a team to carry out the work.

#### **(c) Road Safety Projects.**

Because of the continuing financial restraints there had been no progress with a range of issues which had been raised over the past few years.

#### **(d) Hollins Lane.**

Chairman reported that he was still waiting for the environmental team to carry out promised repair work and that Mr. H. Griffiths had offered to cut the grass on the path.

Councillor I. Anderson said that he was prepared to cut the hedge and install a gate but before work was carried out there was a need for suitable signage, indicating that this was a public footpath/bridleway and not suitable for vehicles, apart from those needing access.

Chairman agreed to chase this with the Countryside Team.

(e) Missing Road Signs.

It was reported that Mr. C. Fisher (Area Engineer) had offered to carry out the work to replace the signs for Harmer Hill and Lower Road. He had since retired and his replacement could not find any record of this agreement. Mr. Gradwell promised to raise the issue with Victoria Doran.

(f) Road Signs not illuminated.

Repairs appear to have been carried out.

(g) Defibrillator.

Mr. Jason Hughes (Shropshire Council's Officer i/c lighting) had stated that connecting it a street warning sign was not an acceptable solution as there was no guarantee about continuous power supply.

Councillor R. Tiernan stated that no location had been identified although he thought that an approach might be made to the manager of the Bridgewater Arms. After consideration it was suggested that the most appropriate location would be on the wall of the Village Hall.

(h) Myddle Hill – VAS warning sign.

After consideration it was felt that an assessment of traffic speed should be undertaken to identify if there was a genuine problem with many vehicles exceeding the limit. There were already lights warning of the school and 'go slow' signs. Unfortunately installing a VAS sign would have little effect on irresponsible drivers. Mr. Gradwell promised to arrange a covert speed check once the school opened after the summer holidays.

(i) Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

Councillor R. Tiernan stated that no action had been taken and the problem was increasing. Mr. Gradwell confirmed that for safety reasons it was not possible to carry out a 'self- help project' and it was decided to invite Ms. V. Doran and colleagues to meet with Council representatives to see what the problem was and the likely future problems.

(j) HGV's travelling through Myddle on the Bachurch Road.

Mr. Gradwell stated that this had been considered in detail in the past and there were advisory notices. Unfortunately it was not possible to introduce a ban for HGVs.

(k) Environmental Maintenance Project.

The Chairman reported that this had been a very successful development and a range of projects had been undertaken and was continuing for a further year.

(l) Speeding Traffic on Baschurch Road.

Chairman outlined the concerns raised by a local resident about speeding traffic and the danger to children and his suggestion that there were sufficient residents in Myddle willing to set up a 'Community Watch Team' to monitor traffic speed. The Clerk and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams had informed him of actions already taken and that a Safer Road Partnership could not operate in a locality where Speed Watch was being undertaken. However the Clerk had offered to see if Myddle



could be seen as separate from Harmer Hill, in which case an application could be made to run a scheme.

The officer responsible for making the decision was currently on holiday

**5 Other Issues**

Councillor I Anderson raised concerns about the dreadful state of Shotton Lane which was a 'school run' road and other minor roads in the locality.

It was decided that when Ms. Doran was invited to check Lower Road her visit should include Shotton Lane and other roads in need of improvement.

Clerk to arrange.

**5. Date of Next Meeting.**

Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. at 10.00

Venue to be confirmed later.