

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>. 2020 AT 7.30pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Two member of the public accessed the meeting and raised the following issues:

Mr. D. Rogers stated that he had lived on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill for many years and was increasingly getting problems with surface water and debris running from the road into his garden. The main cause was that the gully on the road was higher than his drive and there was a need for remedial work to create a new gully to rectify the problem.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams confirmed that he had raised this issue with the Highways Department in February and had requested some action and had brought it to their attention again on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. He promised to liaise with Mr. Rogers in an attempt to get the problem resolved.

Ms. J. Hanley stated that she had faced a similar problem a few years ago and the Highways Department had constructed a new gully which had solved the problem. She went on to raise considerable concerns about the planning application at Harmer Hill Reservoir and the increasing use of mountain bikes in the nearby woods.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council and many other people had objected to the Reservoir development and that as the woods in question were privately owned there was little the Council could do and there are no restrictions on bikes being used on public footpaths.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. I. Anderson

Ms. J. Bienek

Mt. L. Foulsham

Mr, G. Harding

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

**20/15 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Heath.

**20/16 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

No interests were declared.

**20/17 Minutes from the meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. 2020:**

A copy of the minutes, having been circulated to all Members, were approved with the following amendment - '*Item 20/10C (ii) should read eight months and not eighteen*'. At an appropriate time the minutes would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **20/18 Matters Arising:**

### **(a) Streetlight Up-grade.**

Clerk reported that no invoice had been received for the recent up-grade and a quotation of £4,590.00 had been received for up-grading the remaining 27 lights to LED units. It was agreed to accept the quotation and pay for the work using Community Infrastructure (Neighbourhood) funds.

### **(b) Road side Data Recorders.**

The Chairman reported that with the help of Councillor G. Harding and Mr. Mitchell, the second unit had been erected on Baschurch Road, Myddle. There was still a need to connect the solar panels and the Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Mr. Gradwell asking for an urgent response to his promise to provide a suitable post.

Councillor G. Harding stated that he had reviewed the data on the unit on June 7<sup>th</sup>. which indicated that most vehicles were travelling at less than 30mph, although one was recorded at 49mph.

### **(c) Community Environment Project (2019-2020).**

The Clerk outlined problems he was having in getting confirmation of the grant for the current year. Two copies of the report with the attached documents had been sent to the Longden Road depot but it appeared the Centre was not being accessed during the 'lock down' and the officer concerned was working from home. A further set of documents had been emailed to Mr. Ian Walshaw, the officer i/c the project, with requests that he confirmed that they had been received but to date there had been no further response.

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

Councillor I. Anderson was thanked for arranging for Mr. Mark Fewtrell to install a new gate and drainage pipes at the Myddle end of the footpath. The work was very impressive and should be sufficient to prevent motorised access to the path. The cost of the work was paid for from grants for Parish footpaths provided by Shropshire Council. Councillor Anderson stated that there was still some work needed to complete the project and that he would deal with it.

### **(e) Harmer Hill Reservoir**

A planning application for development on the site had been received and circulated to all the Members for a response. See details under Minute 20/22 - planning.

### **(f) Wem Road Pavement:**

Members considered an email from Mr. M. Wooton which indicated that there was agreement from the developer to complete the construction of the pavement and the Vice Chairman would continue to liaise with Shropshire Councillor B. Williams and Mr. Richard Dennison to ensure that the work was carried out.

## **20/19 Correspondence.**

Members considered the details of the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting which had already been forwarded and appropriate responses made.

**20/20 Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June/July)		£733.66
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)		£56.98
Inland Revenue	PAYE (June/July)	£183.20	
	N.I. (June/July)	£25.51	£208.71
Mr. M. Busi	Invoice for work in April		£60.00
R. Mayall & Daughter	Harmer Hill playing field rent		£180.00
EON	Annual Lighting Contract (50%)		£159.43
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit		£255.00
Fewtrell Groundworks	Installation of pedestrian gate (Hollins Lane)		£350.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Zoom extension of time allowed		£14.39

**20/21(a) Internal Audit Report:**

Members adopted the report and asked the Clerk to thank Mr. Sheehy for a comprehensive and positive document with a request that he continued to act as the Internal Auditor for the coming year.

**20/21(b) Annual Governance Statement.**

The document was considered in detail, completed and approved.

**20/22 Financial Statement:**

The Clerk reported that he had not received the June bank statement in time to complete the financial statement but would send members a copy as soon as possible.

**20/23 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received:

1. The Hollies, Myddlewood – erection of a single storey side extension (20/02077/FUL).

*No objections raised*

2. Land at Harmer Hill Reservoir Application under Sect.73A Town & Country Planning Act – erection of an agricultural workshop with bird watching platform (20/01681/FUL).

Objected to:

*Because of the current difficulties in holding meetings, this application had been emailed to Members for consideration and there had been a unanimous response objecting to the application stating the following reasons:*

*The proposed development is already in the process of being constructed without planning approval and seemingly without building regulations assessment.*

*It would appear that the application is being made under the regulations relating to conversion of redundant agricultural buildings or for completed building neither of which apply to this site'*

*In the Parish Plan there was no call for this type of development within the Parish and this application constitutes a development in open countryside which is completely unacceptable.*

*The application declares it as an agricultural storage building whereas it is patently being designed as a vehicle workshop.*

*It is stated that only hand tools will be used which will limit any repair programme.*

*The building is visually intrusive and of poor quality.*

*No new access is proposed and the current access is via an unsurfaced farm track which is totally unsuitable for the number and nature of the vehicles it is anticipated will access the unit.*

*There is little or no visibility for drivers leaving the site and the turn at the top is sharp and unsuitable for long vehicles.*

*The outline plan of the building is lacking in detail and has been constructed with unsuitable materials.*

*There is no plan for adequate parking on the site.*

*There is no indication of an area for waste storage and lacks a policy for the disposal of waste material and trade effluents that would be created when machine maintenance is carried out.*

*Questions must be raised about the risk of radiation from the nearby radio transmitters and the possible interference to radio signals.*

*There are few details of the proposed bird watching platform and it is questioned why a bird watching site should be required where there is little evidence of vegetation and the outlook is over flat land.*

*The outline drawn in green of the proposed development includes an area of land which would be seen as agricultural. However this land is privately owned and cannot form any part of this application.*

*It appears that no public notices regarding the planning application have been put on display on or near the site.*

3. 16, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of two, two story side extensions + removal of existing conservatory (20/02137/FUL).

*No objections raised.*

4. Sleaf House Farm, Sleaf – erection of a building to house livestock, feed and bedding (20/02337/AGR).

*No objections raised but Councillor G. Harding felt that because of the height of the building, RAF Shawbury should be made aware of the development – Clerk to action.*

5. Woodside Farm, Sleaf – reserved matters regarding the already approved agricultural workers cottage.

*No objections raised.*

**B. The following application had been approved:**

1. 3, Jubilee Tree Houses, Church Road, Yorton – erection of a ground floor extension (20/01254/FUL).

**C. The following application had been refused:**

Proposed development west of Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of one dwelling with associated work (19/05044/FUL)

**D. Other:**

The Vice Chairman reported that the appeal made against the decision to refuse development on the site of the Red Castle public house had failed.

**20/24 Community Led Plan - Reports:****(a)Traffic and Transport:**

No new issues were raised but Councillor R. Tiernan wished to have recorded his complete dismay that the promised new road signs for The Hollow, Harmer Hill indicating 'Unsuitable for HGVs' had still not been put in place.

*Clerk to raise the issue again with Mr. Gradwell and Mr. Walshaw.*

**b) Community Spirit:**

No report tabled.

**(c) Housing:**

Councillor R. Purslow stated that he was attempting to re-organise the meeting with Mr. Green and Mr. Shrosbree, to discuss the possibility of erecting some affordable housing at a suitable location in the Parish. Interested Members would be invited to the meeting.

**(d) Business and Farming:**

The Chairman reported that many farmers had made exceptional efforts to keep footpaths open during the current epidemic and suggested that a thankyou letter would be an appropriate gesture. It was agreed that he should discuss this in more detail with Councillor I. Anderson.

**20/25 Police Report:**

Clerk reported that for some reason he was no longer receiving reports but had requested and been promised assistance from the police officers at Wem.

**20/26 Exchange of Information:**

The Vice Chairman reported that signs at the junction of the Wem and Ellesmere Roads which were rotting away and had previously been reported to Highways were in danger of falling onto the highway. Councillor R. Jones stated that there was a similar problem on Ellesmere Road.

*Clerk to contact the Highways Department again.*

**20/27 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday September 2nd. 2020

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed:** *C. Ruck*      **Chairman**      **Date:** *September 2<sup>nd</sup>.2020*

**Correspondence received since last meeting – May.**

**Please note: the following list does not include regular information received regarding Coronavirus.**

Gail Power – Crime prevention for horse owners.

Corrine Mitchell – Speed of Lloyds Transport.

Gail Power Interactive Maps newsletter.

Steve Davenport - Wem Road pavement.

Broughton Church – ‘phone call thanking for grant.

Erica Martin – thanks for Harmer Hill Village Hall grant.

C. Ruck – E. Newsletters.

Various – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Gail Power – Warmer homes in Shropshire

Dianne Dorrell – Pay phone up-date.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Cllr. Brian Williams – Wem Road pavement.

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.

Cllr. Geoff Harding - Speed check data.

Gail Power – Severn Trent Community Fund.

Renee Wallace Marshes Community Led Housing.

Shropshire Council Road Works – various closures.

David Mitchell – Community Speed Watch operating again.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin – June.

Cllrs. J. Bienek, G. Harding and I Anderson – responses to planning application.

BHIB – advice on dealing with risks related to coronavirus.

NALC Chief Executive – Newsletter (June 12<sup>th</sup>).

Ian Walshaw (Highways) Community Environment Project.

Dianne Dorrell – Re-opening businesses in Town Centres.

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Shropshire Council Road Works – Church Road, Yorton.\*

Shropshire Council Road Works – Godings Lane.\*

Gail Power – Healthwatch Shropshire.\*

Resident – comments re. planning application.

Cllr. Brian Williams – Wem Road footpath.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Weekly News Bulletin.\*