

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. 2020 AT 7.30pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Ms. K. Row accessed the meeting and explained that she was keen to see Smart Water crime protection being made available to residents in Harmer Hill, following the success of the recently introduced Neighbourhood Watch project. She gave a broad outline of the Smart Water plan and suggested it would require financial help from the Parish Council. She felt that a representative from the 'We Don't Buy Crime' team could provide up to date information and agreed to forward a range of documents for Councillors to study.

The Chairman thanked her for attending and for the work she was doing to support residents and confirmed that Smart Water would be discussed in detail at the next Council meeting.

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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.

**20/43 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Heath.

**20/44 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

No interests were declared.

**20/45 Minutes from the meeting held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2020:**

A copy of the minutes, having been circulated to all Members, was approved and at an appropriate time would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**20/46 Matters Arising:**

**(a) Streetlight up-grade to LED Units.**

All the lights belonging to the Parish Council had been converted to Led units and paid for from CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds. Details of the changes had been forwarded to Scottish Power to enable the charges for power to be reduced.

**(b) Reported Highways Issues.**

There was no reports of any action having been taken to deal with the issues raised at the last meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk should compile a list of issues that had been forwarded to Shropshire Council over the past four to five years which had still not been actioned. When approved by the Chairman, the details would be sent to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams reported that Mr. Gradwell (Highways Safety Officer) was moving to take responsibility for the Central area and a new officer was taking over responsibility for the North. He suggested that early in the New Year both those officers should be invited to meet representatives of the Parish Council to discuss outstanding issues.

(c) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – pavement.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams was thanked for his efforts to get this matter resolved but no action had been taken to date.

(d) Purchase of additional waste bins.

Members considered the response from the Highways Department indicating that additional bins could be provided at a cost of £300.00 per bin with an annual fee for emptying them currently set at £125.00.

It was decided not to make an immediate response to securing additional bins but to keep it under review.

(e) Play area report and repairs.

The Clerk reported that the annual RoSPA report had highlighted a number of minor problems and that Mr. Busi had been asked to deal with these. The one outstanding item was the need to re-paint the shelter but it was decided that it would be more appropriate to carry out this work when the weather conditions were more appropriate.

Because of changing personnel at Shropshire Council, it had been necessary to re-negotiate the contract with them for the inspections of the sites. In future there would be two weekly minor inspections and a full RoSPA inspection carried out annually in August.

(f) Bus service review.

Councillor Ms. Bienek gave a report on the findings arising from the recent survey of bus services in Shropshire which had been undertaken in an effort to improve the service for the public especially those living in rural areas.

A number of recommendations had been made, the main one being that Shropshire Council should increase its budget for bus services to £6.39 million from the current level of £2.8 million. Other recommendations included diversification of operators; single ticket fares; improved park and ride facilities; a new bus station for Shrewsbury and a regular 10 minute electric bus service from central Shrewsbury to the hospital.

(g) Damaged Sign in Yorton.

Councillor Jones reported that he had asked Mr. Busi to carry out the work and it had already been repaired.

**20/47 Correspondence.**

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

**20/48 Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Oct/Nov.+ back pay)	£610.70
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept/Oct.)	£268.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (Oct/Nov.)	£446.20
Mr. C. Ruck	Zoom registration	£14.39
Mr. M. Busi	Community work August	£30.00
Eon Energy Supplies	Up-grading streetlights	£5,508.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Zoom registration	£14.39
Printer Base	Colour Ink cartridges	£42.84
Glasdon	Dog waste bags	£119.30
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (30/06-30/09)	£133.43
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	£360.00

**20/49 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**20/50 External Audit Report:**

The report, which indicated that no concerns had been raised by the auditors about the management of the Council and its finances, had been forwarded to Members and was adopted. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for successfully seeing the Council through the audit.

**20/51 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received, considered and responded to:

1. Sleaf House Farm, Sleaf – construction of an agricultural building (20/02758/FUL).  
*No objections raised.*
2. Harvest Hare 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill - erection of single storey extension, formation of open porch and improvements to front elevation (20/03471/FUL)  
*No objections raised.*
3. Freshwinds, Wem Road, Harmer Hill –conversion of a detached garage to provide ancillary accommodation (20/03412/FUL).  
*Objections had not been raised providing there was a 106 Order placed on the development preventing the extension being sold on as a separate unit.*
4. The Old Rectory, Myddle – repairs, alterations and extensions (20/03879/LBC).  
*No Objections raised*
5. Myddlewood Farm, Myddle –erection of an agricultural livestock and fodder storage building (20/04232/FUL)  
*No objections raised.*

B. The following application had been approved:

Harvest Hare, 8, Lower Road - single storey extension, etc. (20/03471/FUL)

C. The following application had been withdrawn

Woodhammer, 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – Change of use of garage etc. to holiday let (20/00013/FUL)

D. Other – Harmer Hill Reservoir:

It was noted that there had been no appeal against the decision to refuse planning approval for the development at the Reservoir. The Clerk was asked to contact the planning department and request that an enforcement order was issued to ensure that partial development was removed from the site.

**20/52 Parish Plan.**

Following a request from a member of the public it was agreed that there was a need for the construction of a footpath alongside the Ellesmere Road in front of the housing development on the Red Castle car park. The path had been on the original planning application but had been removed when amended plans were approved.

Clerk to request that this was included in the Parish Plan and to submit an application for it to be funded from CIL (Local) Funds.

**20/53 Community Led Plan - Reports:**

(a)Traffic and Transport:

No additional issues raised.

b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

The Vice Chairman reported that an initial meeting had been held with Mr. Green, the Housing Officer, to discuss possible developments but a follow up meeting had been cancelled because of a Covid infection.

The Chairman indicated that he would carry out a full review of developments.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

**20/54 Police Report:**

Clerk reported that:

(a)He was still not receiving any reports.

(b) Claire Greenaway had been promoted to Inspector level and had returned to oversee the Division.

**20/55 Exchange of Information:**

(a)Budget Setting:

The Chairman reported that he would be meeting with the Vice Chairman and the Clerk to produce a draft budget for 2021 – 2022 and asked Members to suggest any additional projects they would like to have included, so that they could be costed in to the document.

(b) Shotton Lane:

The Vice-Chairman raised concerns about the continuing deterioration of this road which had frequently been brought to the attention of Shropshire Council with no adequate action undertaken.

(c) Thank You:

Councillor Mrs. Hodge expressed thanks to all the Members who had contributed towards a lovely present and thank you card for the work she had undertaken in editing the Messenger.

d) SALC Area Committee:

Councillor L. Foulsham reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Committee where there had been a report on the future housing development in Shropshire, indicating that there were plans for the construction of a further 30,000 properties over the next twenty years with a large proportion of them being affordable properties. He urged Members to study the report which had been sent to them on the 28<sup>th</sup>. September.

**20/56 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. Ruck    Chairman    Date: January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2021:**

**Correspondence received since last meeting.**

**Please note the list does not contain the many messages received and forwarded regarding Coronavirus and planned Highways work.**

Shropshire Council – Play Area Inspection reports.

Karyn Row – Smartwater grant.\*

Cllr. B. Williams – Footpath (Ellesmere Road).\*

Dianne Dorrell – Community Reassurance.\*

Richard Dennison – planning response.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Planning Briefing.\*

Patricia McInnes – Hospital Discharge.\*

Diann Dorrell – Planning Briefing.\*

NALC - CEO's briefing.\*

Gail Power – Connecting Shropshire – broadband.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Electoral Registration.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Shropshire Council – Visit Shropshire campaign.\*

Messenger – New editor.\*

Gail Power – Leisure Facilities consultation.\*

John Green – Housing Committee.\*

Nick Williams – waste bins.\*

Dianne Dorrell – National consultation on pavement parking.\*

Police Commissioner – Newsletter.\*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council reassurance.\*

Amanda Roberts – report from SALC North Shropshire Area Committee meeting.\*

Ben Walker – Broadband up-date.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Local Plan Review.\*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Crime Action Partnership.\*  
Dianne Dorrell – Governments Planning White Paper response.\*  
Sarah Boden – Housing Plus Group Annual Report.\*  
High Sheriff – Support for Shropshire.\*  
Ray Parry – Play area inspections report.  
Lois Dale – Telephone Boxes  
John Campion – Engaging with the public.\*  
Gail Power – Draft Community and Rural Study.\*  
Resident – streetlight in Welcroft not working.  
Chris Broadhurst – footpath by Red Castle car park development.  
Dianne Dorrell – Latest news form VCSA\*.  
John Brown – excessive noise from Aero Club.\*  
Lord Lieutenant - Thank you cards.\*  
Dianne Dorrell – Covid Testing stations.\*  
\*Forwarded to Members.