

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>. 2023 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were six members of the public in attendance and two residents Mr. & Mrs. Marr stated that they just wanted to see how the Council operated after which the following items were raised.

**(a) Location of the Commemorative Seat in Harmer Hill:**

Mrs. Gregory and Mr. Busi raised serious concerns about the location of the seat which was directly opposite their property and undermined their privacy and that of other residents in adjacent properties.

Councillor Mr. Anderson said if this was the case there was a need to move the seat to a more acceptable site and this was agreed. Efforts would be taken by Harmer Hill Councillors to identify a new site and arrange the transfer.

**(b) VAS unit in Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill.**

Mr. Roger Jones thanked the Council for installing a Unit in Ellesmere Road and hoped it would have some effect on those who regularly exceeded the speed limit.

**(c) Affordable Housing:**

Mr. Russell Purslow gave an informative report on attempts to secure land for the development of a small estate of affordable accommodation, specifically for residents of the Parish. He had been tasked with this project after the publication of the Local Parish Plan in 2013 when he was a Parish Councillor and the current Chairman had invited him to continue with the project after he left the Council at the last election.

Owners of an identified site have agreed to sell the land and STAR Housing Association have agreed to go forward with the plans for development. They have conducted a range of surveys and searches and gained pre-planning advice from Shropshire Council but before they move forward they needed to be sure that they have the support of the Parish Council as without it the plan is unlikely to go ahead.

The Chairman thanked him and assured him that this would be considered during the meeting which followed.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. G. Miller

Miss. K. Row

Mr. I. Anderson (for part of the meeting).

Mr. A. Harris

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public (for part of the meeting).

**22/66 Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs. J. Jackson and Mr. A. Jones and Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams.

**22/67 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Mr. I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 (c).

**22/68 Change of Agenda Order:**

Members supported the Chairman's proposal to move to this stage of the meeting -

**Agenda Item 10 Community Led Plan Reports:****(a) Traffic and Transport:**

It was reported that a serious accident had occurred at the junction of The Hollow and Wem Road in Harmer Hill. Although there were no serious injuries, the damaged vehicles were still in place obstructing the view of other drivers and a road sign had been badly damaged.

The Clerk stated that he would contact the local Highways Officer and ask for advice and action.

**(b) Community Spirit:**

No report was tabled.

**(c) Housing:**

Members considered the report given by Mr. Purslow at the start of the meeting and gave a unanimous vote of support to the following proposal *'The Parish Council thanks Mr. Purslow for the excellent work he has carried out and gives full support to the proposals contained in the report he produced and looks forward to the development of a small estate of affordable properties which would be available for local residents to rent or purchase..'*

It was further agreed that Mr. Purslow would Chair an advisory committee and Councillors Mr. A. Harris and Mr. G. Miller would join the committee. Councillor Mrs. Jackson would be invited to become a member but if she declined the Vice Chairman would take the final place. Two or three members of the public would be invited to become members and the Parish Clerk would act as Secretary.

**(d) Business and Farming:**

No report was tabled.

**22/69 Minutes from the meeting held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.**

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

**22/70 Matters Arising:****(a) Wem Road Pavement (22/53(d)).**

It was reported that a contractor had been engaged to carry out the work and was waiting for permission from Shropshire Council to carry out work on the highway.

**(b) Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill - VAS signal (22/53(b)).**

Councillor K. Row confirmed that she had met representatives from the company who supplied the Unit and it appeared to be working well. Early records indicated that about 6% of drivers were exceeding 35mph.

**(c) Commemorative Seats (22/53(i)).**

The seats had been placed in position in Myddle and Harmer Hill but as noted in the public session the one in Harmer Hill was causing problems to the privacy of residents and when a new site was identified it would be moved.

(d) Tree Inspection (22/53(c)).

Mr. Terry Merchant was planning to carry out the four-yearly inspection of all the trees within the next few weeks.

(e) Myddle Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that Councillor J. Jackson had reported messages had been placed on the local Facebook page regarding incidents of anti-social behaviour on the field when bottles had been broken and litter left on site. It was noted that this was shortly after the examination results had been announced and since then there had not been further reports and regular checks had been carried out.

(f) Harmer Hill Reservoir site 22/53(g)).

Further development, including moving a mobile home onto the site, had been reported and the details were sent to the Enforcement Officer, who was trying to get a full enforcement order placed on the site by Shropshire Council's Legal Department. This would give greater powers of eviction.

**22/71 Correspondence.**

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

**22/72 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)	£371.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE December)	£247.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov./Dec.)	£78.11
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£371.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (January)	£247.60
E.On	Street light repair (Hillside, Myddle)	£91.10
M. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (October)	£30.00
Morelock Signs Ltd.	Provision, delivery & installation VAS unit	£4,188.00*
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (01/07/22 – 30/09/22)	£738.52
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	£20.00
Mr. S. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (November)	£165.00
SALC	Training fee (Neighbourhood Planning)	£75.00
R. Mayall & Daughter	Harmer Hill playing field rent – annual fee	£180.00
Mr. M. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (November)	£75.00
Shingler Group	Installation of the two commemorative seats.	£552.76
Shropshire Trophy Centre	Plaques for Commemorative seats	£80.00

**22/72(b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement for January was tabled and approved. .

**22/73 Clerk's Contract.**

Members considered and approved the National Award payable to Parish Clerks from April 2022.

**22/74 Budget 2023 - 2024.**

Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk had prepared a draft budget which had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting.

Following consideration, it was approved with no request for an increase in the precept, which means there will be an increase of a few pence per year for residents in that element of the Council Tax for 2023 -2024.

**22/75 Planning Applications:**

A.The following applications had been received:

1. Charnwood Farm, Marton, Baschurch – erection of a single span polytunnel for lambing. (22/05049/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
2. Lower Houlston Farm – extension to dwelling to re-configure interior layout and removal of exterior extensions (22/04559/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
3. 2, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill –two-storey rear extension plus removal of front hedge to enable off-street parking. (22/05189/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
4. 3, Hawthorne Close, Harmer Hill – single-storey extension (22/05733/CPL) *Lawful development certificate.*

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

1. Highview, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a detached garage with office and store over (22/04383/FUL).
2. 11Kv overhead electricity distribution line rebuild (22/05055/OHL).
3. The Harris, Godings Lane, Harmer Hill – erection of a single-storey extension to the side of the existing bungalow (22/04883/FUL).
4. 2, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill –two-storey rear extension plus removal of front hedge to enable off-street parking. (22/05189/FUL).
5. Charnwood Farm, Marton, Baschurch – erection of a single-span polytunnel for lambing. (22/05049/FUL).

C. The following application had been refused:

- 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – erection of a detached building for storage of tractors etc.

**22/76 Police Report:**

The following incidents were recorded in:

(a) September.

Nil report.

(b) October.

Myddle – 4 incidents:

Eagle Farm Close – 3 (Public Order; Other Theft and a Violence/sexual offence).

Hillside Close – 1 (Public order).

(c) November.

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Wellcroft – Anti-Social Behaviour.

**33/77 Myddle Playing Field.**

The Chairman proposed that some of the remaining CIL money could be used to purchase two picnic tables and site them on Myddle Playing Field but a decision was deferred until the March meeting when that and other options could be considered.

**22/78 Exchange of Additional Information:****(a) Agenda Items for the March meeting:**

Options for using CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds and the Projects budget to provide Picnic Tables, White Entrance 'Gates' on the main road entrances to the two villages; information maps and notices.

**(b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:****1. Highways:**

No current new issues:

**2. Street Lighting:**

No reported issues.

**22/79 Committee and Other Reports****Myddle Village Hall Committee**

Councillor G. Harding reported that the Committee had received a substantial lottery grant which would allow them to purchase equipment for showing films.

**22/80 Applications received for a Section 137 Grant.**

It was noted that to date applications had been received from Hope House and The Hospice and Members were urged to suggest other charities to apply.

**22/81 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2023 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022:**

**Correspondence received since November meeting:**

Elaine ORahilly (Shropshire Council) – possible price increase for street lighting from April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Austin Vaughan – Annual RoSPA play area reports.

Linda Savage – application for grant aid for Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Cllr. J. Jackson – concerns regarding litter on Myddle Playing Field.

ALC – VCSA Newsletter.

Cllrs. A. Harris & K. Row – siting of Commemorative Bench in Harmer Hill.

K. Williams – response to a request for the mobile post office.

Your Local E. Newsletter.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust – Newsletter.

Emma Green – Harmer Hill Reservoir – update.

NALC CEO's Bulletin.

Community Resource – Good Neighbourhood Scheme.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Elections Office – New register of Electors.

Local Boundary Commission – consultation over proposed changes.

SALC – Cost of Living and Warm Welcome campaign toolkits.

Gail Power – Grant Funding News.

Resident – complaint over siting of commemorative seat.

Vice Chairman – Copies of survey responses regarding siting of the seat.

Cllr. A. Harris & Chairman – developments at Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Confirmation of External Auditors for next five years.

Shropshire Council Works Team – closure of Clive High Street – March.

Geoff Brough (Shropshire Council) – Amended speed limits on Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill.

E. News Letter.

Dianne Dorrell- Winter Bulletin.

Planning appeal.