

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH. 2020**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. L. Foulsham

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

The Parish Clerk

19/65 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. E. Hodge.

19/66 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

19/67 Minutes of the meeting held on November 6th. 2019.

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

19/68 Matters Arising:

(a) Streetlight up-grade to LED Units (19/54(d)).

Clerk reported that the company supplying the necessary plastic boxes had gone out of business and Eon were having to seek a new supplier. It was anticipated that the work would be completed within the next two or three weeks. He would contact Mr. Johnson later in the week.

(b) Roadside Data Recorder/VAS Signs etc. (19/62(a)).

The Chairman stated that following on from the last meeting he and Councillor Harding had researched a range of equipment which was available to check and record vehicle speeds and indicate the speed to the driver and the public. The units could be solar powered or powered by electricity, attached to a fixed post and could be permanent or moved to posts at varying sites. Whilst the information obtained would be valuable the Safer Road Partnership had indicated that they would not act on the information gained. The units were being used extensively in Baschurch with reported success.

Councillor G. Harding gave further details and prices of a range of equipment and the Chairman suggested that more research should be undertaken with particular regard to cost and suitability and proposed that two of the most suitable units should be purchased before the next meeting and initially placed on Myddle Hill and at the entrance to Myddle from the Baschurch direction. The project would be funded by CIL Neighbourhood money.

After considerable discussion and comment the proposal was adopted by six votes to three.

(c) Reported Highways Issues (19/54(a) & (f).

A report from the Leader of Shropshire Council had been circulated to all Members, which indicated that because of the current financial situation it was unlikely that any of the reported issues would be dealt with in the current year. Resurfacing roads and repairing potholes would be undertaken. Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Gradwell regarding the promised covert check on vehicle speed on Myddle Hill.

(d) Waste Bin in The Hollow (19/62(c).

A new post had been purchased and would be installed by Mr. M. Busi and funded from the Shropshire Council Community Environment Project grant.

(e) Community Environment Project (19/54(c)

Mr. Busi was now available to undertake additional work and the Chairman had provided him with a list of projects that needed attention. He urged other Members to discuss these and other projects with him, to ensure that they went ahead.

(f) Damage to 'No Parking' sign in Lower Road.

It was reported that the recently erected sign had been removed or stolen and this had been reported to the police. A new sign had been purchased and erected but vehicles were still parking there and the Police and Council are unable to take enforcement action as it not an authorised sign.

(g) Transparency Fund

It had become necessary to replace the computer and printer owned by Shawbury P.C. and shared with this Council. The new units were financed from a Government grant which had been provided to the Council for this purpose. The computer and printer now belonged to Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Council and would be shared with Shawbury Parish whilst the Clerk continued to work for both Councils

(h) Rural Bus Service (19/54(e)

Councillor Ms. J. Bienek stated that she had now received several responses to her published articles. The main concerns raised included:

No bus service to Wem or Baschurch;

No bus service in the evenings and Sundays

Timing of the current services.

Problems for students needing to get a pass for each operator.

She agreed to send a report to Shropshire Council, The Rural Bus Project and the Messenger.

19/69 Payment of Accounts.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)		£733.46
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (November/December)		£85.58
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Dec/Jan.)	£183.40	
	N.I. (Dec/Jan.)	£ 27.30	£210.70
Archer Signs & Panels	Sign and Post		£115.74
Paper Write	Photocopy paper		£20.44
Laptops Direct	Hewlett Packard Laptop		£475.97
Printerbase	Brother Printer		£205.78
Interactive Information	Ordering and installing new printer and laptop		£180.00
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Bio-degradable dog waste bags		£119.30

19/70 Financial Statement.

A Financial statement was tabled and approved.

19/71(a) CIL Neighbourhood Account.

The account, showing details of all the money received to date and the Parish projects undertaken with money from the fund, was considered and approved. It was noted that there was a remaining balance of £36,315.00 with a committed payment for up-grading the streetlights to LED Units.

19/71(b) Community Environment Grant.

Details of the current situation were considered and approved.

19/72 Budget & Precept Setting.

A draft budget prepared by the Clerk had been considered and approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and forwarded to Members with the current agenda.

After consideration and comment the document was approved by Members and the precept was set at £29,250.00, which was a 5% increase on the previous year, designed to take account of inflation costs and increased responsibilities.

It was noted that because of additional housing development in the Parish this should have little impact on the Parish Council element of the total Council Tax Account.

Budget details can be found on the Council web site or a paper copy obtained from the Clerk for a fee of £5.00.

19/73 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 or were made.

19/74 Planning Applications.

A. The following applications had been received with no objections raised:

- 1, Fairfield, Yorton Heath – erection of a domestic carport and store (19/04862/FUL).
2. West of Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of dwelling and creation of vehicular access (19/05044/(FUL).
3. 1, The Pines, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – construction of a single storey conservatory/garden room (19/05313/FUL).

An application received just before the meeting for development at 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill was tabled and Members were asked to consider it in detail and send comments to the Clerk within the next two weeks.

B. The following applications had been approved:

8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – 1st. floor extension + internal alterations (19/02915/FUL).

1, Fairfield, Yorton Heath – erection of a domestic car port and store (19/04862/FUL).

19/75 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport.

No further issues raised.

(b) Community Spirit.

No report tabled.

(c) Housing.

The Vice Chairman reported that he had arranged a meeting with the Rural Housing Officer to discuss possible sites for affordable housing and invited other Members to join him.

(d) Business and Farming.

No report tabled.

19/76 Police Report.

Incidents recorded by the police in

(a) October:

Harmer Hill:

At or near The Hollow – Robbery – 2 (under investigation).

Higher Road – Criminal Damage/Arson -1 (No suspect identified).

Cambridge Close – Theft (No suspect identified).

(b) November:

Harmer Hill:

Higher Road – Anti-Social Behaviour 1; Violence – 1 (Under investigation).

Lower Road – Theft 1 (No suspect identified)

Cambridge Close – Criminal Damage – 1 (No suspect identified).

19/77 Committee/Meeting Reports.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee;

Councillor I. Anderson reported that it had been a well- attended meeting with relatively few complains about noise from the new helicopters. The base had expressed considerable concern about Shropshire Council's proposal to build the new Crematorium at Nesscliffe, which was used extensively for training by helicopter crews with the noise causing disruption to funerals.

19/78 Section 137 Grants.

After consideration it was agreed to make a grant of £100.00 to each of the following charities that had applied:

Severn Hospice; Hope House and Shropshire Mind.

19/79 Exchange of additional information.**1. Harmer Hill Village Hall:****(a) Quiz.**

The Parish Council had been invited to enter a team in a Community Quiz being held on January 24th. in the Village Hall and volunteers were invited to take part.

Trees:

The Village Hall Committee were keen to plant additional trees on land behind the Village Hall and the Clerk offered to try and identify whether any were being offered free this year.

2. A528

A proposal had been received suggesting that installing double white lines on the section of the road passing through Harmer Hill would probably curb the excessive speed of traffic.

Clerk to discuss the proposal with Mr. David Gradwell (Road Safety Officer).

3. Streetlights:

It was reported that a few lights were not working. Clerk to discuss this with the contractors.

4. Parking by the Doctors in Clive.

Councillor J. Heath raised concerns about the amount of parked vehicles on the approach to the Doctor's surgery which meant that access was virtually impossible.

5. Wem Road – Overgrown Footpath:

Mr. Busi to be asked to carry out remedial work on the path.

6. Messenger:

It was agreed that the Chairman should meet with Councillor Mrs. E. Hodge to discuss the possibility of the Council providing regular news items for inclusion in the Messenger.

19/80 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday March 4th. 2020 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. Ruck **Chairman**

Date: March 4th.2020

Correspondence received since last meeting – November.

Councillor B. Williams – Highways report and road signs.
Wendy Harris (Safer Road Partnership) – Speeding Traffic.
P.Cs. L Heathcote & J. Harper – Theft of Sign.
Councillor B. Williams – Mobile ‘Phone coverage.
Dianne Dorrell – November Newsletter.
Wem Town Clerk – Climate Change Forum.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday ‘News in Brief’.
Shelly Davies – Draft minutes of the Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.
Town Clerk, Wem – Climate change meetings.
Liam Heathcote – Poster re. reporting scams.
Gail Power – Volunteers Needed.
Gail Power – Repairs to Church Property.
Gail Power – G.P. access over Festive Period.
Shrewsbury/Telford NHS Trust – care of patients with mental health problems.
Shropshire Council - Support choice for care.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday news (December 16th).
Building Control – new appointments.
Dianne Dorrell – December News Bulletin.
NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.
Police Commissioner’s Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Monday news (December 23rd).
Resident – telephone call re.pothole on A528 causing damage to daughter’s car.
Lois Dale – defibrillator/phone box