

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 6th. 2024 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

Two members of the public were in attendance but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Mr. I. Anderson

Mrs. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. A. Harris

Mr. G. Miller

Mr. R. Jones

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

Two members of the public.

Amendment:

Before the start of the meeting Members unanimously approved a proposal from the Chairman to move Agenda Item 7 to be considered together with Agenda Item 4(b).

24/46 Apologies:

An apology was received from Councillor Mrs. J. Jackson.

24/47 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a).

24/48 Minutes from the meeting held on September 4th. 2024.

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

24/49 Matters Arising:

(a) Affordable Housing project.

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council's legal officer had responded stating that she would be contacting the land owner's solicitor requesting a draft contract, etc. for the purchase of the land.

Mr. Harfitt had been advised of the termination of his contract but had not replied.

Councillor I Anderson confirmed that Shropshire Council's solicitor had made contact and the project appeared to be moving forward.

(b) 'Welcome to' Signs.

A quotation of £12,253.00 (+re-claimable VAT) had been received from the contractor and forwarded to Members but a mixed response had caused the Chairman to decide that it needed further discussion at this meeting.

Shropshire Council had advised that this was a suitable project to be paid for from the Community Infrastructure budget and as there was £12,300.00 in this budget there would be no payment needed from the precept.

Councillor G. Miller raised concerns over the state of Myddle Village Hall car park which was used extensively by carers of children attending Myddle School as well as those attending events at the Hall. The Deeds for the Hall showed that ultimately the Parish Council has responsible for the Hall and he suggested that the refurbishment of the car park should be included in the Place Plan and that CIL (Neighbourhood) Fund should be used to finance the repair. He quoted a reference to the Act which stated that CIL could be used for repair or maintenance. He felt that using CIL money for this was more appropriate than 'Welcome to' signs. He had been advised that the cost of the resurfacing would be in the region of £20,000; that the Village Hall were seeking a Lottery Grant and hoped that the Council would agree to fund part of the cost. The Clerk confirmed that Shropshire Council had agreed that this was a suitable project to be paid from the CIL budget and also confirmed that there was sufficient money in the reserve budget which, together with the CIL budget, could finance both projects.

After considerable discussion the following proposals were tabled.

Proposal No: 1

The Council supports the proposal to purchase and erect 'Welcome to' signs at various locations in the Parish.

This was seconded and approved after a vote, with four in favour and three opposed.

Proposal No: 2

The Council supports the provision of a grant of up to £10,000.00 towards the cost of resurfacing Myddle Village Hall car park.

This was seconded and unanimously approved.

(c) Myddle Church Clock.

Councillor G. Miller reported that he was still waiting for a response from the Diocese.

(d) Tree Maintenance - Myddle Wood.

Following the concerns raised by residents about the growth of some nearby trees which were causing problems, details had been referred to Mr. Terry Merchant the Arborist who has regularly reported on the trees in the wood. He suggested a range of remedial action to deal with the problem, including the use of glysohate on the remains of any trees which were felled but stated there was now a need to gain permission from the Forestry Commission before any felling took place.

As the Council leases the land from Shropshire Council the proposals were sent to them for consideration and advice. The Clerk had been informed that the matter had been passed to a tree officer but as yet there had been no further report but he understood from Councillor J. Jackson that an officer had carried out a visit.

24/50 Correspondence:

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

24/51 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Oct)	£425.15
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses Sept./Oct/)	£82.05
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI Oct.)	£283.60
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (Aug.)	£36.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£252.00

Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work (Aug. & Sept.)	£387.00
Highline Electrical	Streetlight repair (Harmer Hill)	£102.60
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (Sept.)	£36.00
Interactive Information	IT Support (01/08/24 -01/08/25)	£120.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath	£20.00
Safelincs	Defibrillator Battery (Myddle)	£358.14
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (November)	£283.60

24/51 (b) Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

24/52 External Audit Report:

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no concerns raised with the Financial and Overall Management of the Council and the details of the audit had been published.

24/53 Mydde Village Hall.

Dealt with under 24/49(b)).

24/54 Budget Setting for 2025 – 2026:

The Clerk reported that with the support of the Chairman and Vice Chairman he would be producing a draft budget for consideration at the January meeting and suggestions for additional budget heads would be welcome.

Suggested was the need for a budget to carry out a further detailed assessment of providing a footpath from the Bridgewater Arms to Pimhill.

24/55 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received for consideration:

1. Charmwood Farm, Marton – provision of a cattle building – (24/03688/FUL)

Application supported.

2. 7, Chapel Lane, Yorton Heath – Raising ridge height of existing dwelling plus side extension and sun room with balcony (24/03920/FUL). *Application supported.*

3. Hillcrest Works, Hillcrest View, Myddle – 1st. Floor extension to existing office building (24/04130/FUL). *Application supported.*

4. Woodlands, Lower Road, Myddle – Two storey extension plus a detached garage (24/04180/FUL). *Application objected to until remedial work is carried out to prevent the large wall falling into Lower Road which has previously happened and is again showing signs of further problems.*

B. The following application has been approved:

12, The Pines, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of attached garage (24/02756/FUL).

24/56 Community Led Plan Reports:

(a) Traffic and Transport:

It was noted that the Chairman and Councillor Harding had up-dated and cleaned the VAS Units.

(b) Community Spirit:

The Chairman reported that he would welcome details of additional residents who would like to receive a copy of the E.Newsletter

(c) Housing:

No additional items raised.

(d) Business and Farming.

No further items were raised.

24/57 Police Reports:

There were no incidents recorded in July, August and September:

24/58 Exchange of Additional Information:(a) Additional Agenda Items for the January meeting.

1. Confirmation of the proposed Budget for 2025 -2026.
 2. Renewed request for footpath from Bridgewater Arms to Pimhill.
- Other Items to be forwarded to the Clerk at least ten days prior to the next meeting.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:1. Highways.

No further issues raised.

2. Street Lighting;

No issues raised.

3. Other:

No issues raised.

24/59 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports tabled.

24/60 Date and Time of next meeting.

Thursday, January 2nd. 2025 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. R. Ruck Chairman Date: January 2nd. 2025:

Details of correspondence received since September meeting.

Local E Newsletter.

Gail Power – SALC AGM details.

Gail Power – Helicopter Liaison - Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Monday Briefing.

Chairman – further development at the Reservoir

Enforcement Officer – response.

Shropshire Council – ‘Visit Shropshire.

Severn Trent – Road Closure (Broughton Cottages) 14-15 January 2025.

NALC – Legal Up-date.

Chairman – Local E Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Leaders Newsletter.

PCSO Jamie Robinson- Local Police News.

Marches Energy Agency – ‘Ready for Winter’.

Cllr. B. Williams Trees on Hillside Recreation Ground.

Cllr. B. Williams – Shropshire Council and Multevo win national award.

Kerrie Golder – Trees on Hillside Recreation Ground.

Amanda Roberts – Minutes of SALC Area Committee.

Dianne Dorrell – Exploring Future Options.
West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.
John Campion – Newsletter.
Claire Crackett – Lieutenancy Newsletter.
Laura Howells – Grass cutting up-date.
Electoral Services – Revised date for up-dated register of electors.
Project Gigabit – Update.
Dianne Dorrell – Flooding (Information Request).
Laure Howells - ‘Fix My Street’ improvements.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals – Transformation Up-date.
Health Watch (Brian Rapson) - Press Release.
Chairman – Developments at Reservoir.
Emma Green – Response re. Reservoir.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Information Up-date.
Dianne Dorrell – Re-cycling Centre information.
Chairman – E-Newsletter.
Resident – Concern re continued delay with repairs to the old Rectory in Myddle.