

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE
HALL ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH. 2019 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. L. Foulsham

Mr. I. Anderson

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

PCSO M. Davies

18/84 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Tiernan and J. Heath.

18/85 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests.

No interests were declared.

18/86 Police Report:

Incidents recorded in December:

Myddle:

Near B4397 – Burglary (No suspect identified).

Harmer Hill:

Wem Road – Burglary (Under investigation).

PCSO Davies reported that:

- 1 There was little crime in the immediate area but over the full area there was an increase in the theft of garden ornaments and equipment. He mentioned the value of Smartwater which had been introduced in many parishes with positive results.
2. He and other staff had been involved in carrying out speed checks across the area including both Myddle and Harmer Hill.
3. A programme of road safety visits was being undertaken with all the local schools.

18/87 Minutes of the meeting held on January 2nd. 2019

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

18/88 Matters Arising.

(a) Myddle Play Area (18/73(a))

The Chairman outlined plans for the replacement unit which would cost more than the planned budget but there was unanimous agreement to go ahead with getting a unit put in place using CIL money and the grant from Tesco. There were suggestions that alternative units should be considered dependent on the price and it was decided not to proceed until these had been investigated.

(b) Myddle School Road Safety Project (18/73(d)).

The Chairman confirmed that having received details of the suggested plan, an application had been sent to Shropshire Council asking for the project to be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Local Fund. The Parish Council had offered to contribute £5,000.00 from the CIL Neighbourhood Fund, held by the Council.

A copy of the plan had been sent to the school to enable school staff, the Governing Body and parents to see was being proposed.

The Clerk reported that a decision would be made very soon.

(c) Environmental Maintenance Grant (Correspondence).

It was reported that Shropshire Council had allocated £1,500.00 towards the improvement of environmental issues in the Parish. The money had to be matched with a similar amount from the Council and efforts were needed to spend the money in the current financial year.

An urgent meeting had been held when it was agreed to approach Mr. Busi to see if he would be interested in undertaking various tasks. He readily accepted the proposal and it was agreed to divide the work between Myddle, Harmer Hill and Yorton and the rural area. The Chairman would oversee Myddle; Councillor R. Tiernan, Harmer Hill and the Vice Chairman the rural areas.

He had already started work and was doing a fine job in clearing paths and repairing fencing. Part of the grant had been used to purchase equipment for use by volunteers and Mr. Busi for litter picking throughout the area.

(d) Site meeting re A528 (18/73(c)).

A site meeting had been held at the junction of the A528 (Ellesmere Road) and Newton Lane to determine actions that could be taken to curb traffic speed and improve the safety of pedestrians and motorists at or near this junction. It was reported that there had been four recent accidents at the site, which is used by children going to school; many walkers and residents going to and from Newton on the Hill.

The meeting was attended by Shropshire Councillor S. Davenport (Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport); Shropshire Councillor B. Williams; Police Sgt. C. Greenaway (West Mercia Police); Mr. D. Gradwell (Shropshire Council's Road Safety Officer); three Parish Councillors; four members of the public from Newton on the Hill and the Parish Clerk.

There was unanimous agreement that the lay out of the road; the junction and the footpath into Harmer Hill all contributed to the creation of a very dangerous situation. A range of suggestions for improvement were made, including introducing a 40mph buffer zone before the start of the 30mph limit; increased signage on the road and/or the verge; extended use of the Road Safety Partnership and substantial improvements to the footpath.

Councillor Davenport appreciated the concerns that had been raised but pointed out the problems in securing suitable finance but asked Mr. Gradwell to discuss the suggestions with Mr. C. Fisher (Local Highways Manager) and then provide him with estimated costs for each of the various proposals. These could then be considered by Shropshire Council and the Parish Council to explore ways in which they could be funded. He suggested that it may be possible to use CIL Local or Neighbourhood Funding for some elements and finance from the Environmental Maintenance Project Fund.

Sgt. Greenaway promised to discuss the issues with the Safer Road Partnership to see if they could enhance the current service they provide.

The Parish Council Chairman had thanked everyone for attending and hoped that every effort would be made to improve the situation.

18/89 Payment of Accounts.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Feb/March)		£533.14
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)		£109.34
	Office rent (Oct – March incl.)		£200.00
Interactive Information	Website hosting & domain renewal		£240.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Feb/March)	£355.60	
	N.I. (Feb/March)	£25.77	£381.37
Scottish Power	Electricity supply (30/09-31/12)		£171.86
Mr. T. Merchant	Tree Inspections		£350.00
EON	Maintenance contract (50%)		£287.18
EON	Streetlight repair		£90.14
UK Debt Management	Loan repayment (D.D.)		£1,587.98
Interactive Information	Website hosting & domain renewal		£240.00
Access 2 Trees	Tree maintenance work		£360.00

18/90 (a) Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

18/90(b) CIL Neighbourhood Fund.

It was noted that the Parish would be receiving a further allocation with next year's precept payment and a detailed statement was presented and approved.

18/91 Section 137 Grants.

It was unanimously agree to give a grant of £100.00 to the following charities which had applied:

Hope House; Severn Hospice and Crane Quality Counselling.

18/92 Clerk's Salary.

Members approved the payment of the increase in salary from April 1st. 2019 as recommended by the National Advisory Committee.

18/93 Correspondence.

Members considered the correspondence which had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting and where necessary responses were made to varying items.

Details attached.

18/94 Planning Applications.

A. The following planning applications had been received and were considered with no objections being raised to any of them:

1. Ashcroft, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey rear extension (19/00329/HHE).
2. Highview, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey rear extension to include a Juliet balcony (19/00311/FUL).
3. Meadowland, Sleaf – installation of roof mounted solar panels (19/00403) PSPPA).
4. Red Castle Court, Harmer Hill – variation of condition 2 to allow for the erection of single storey attached garages to approved properties (19/00546/VAR).
5. Land west of Holly Bank, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a single dwelling following the demolition of an existing building (19/0030/FUL).
6. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a portal framed, steel clad aircraft hangar (19/00619/FUL)
7. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a portal framed, steel clad aircraft hangar (19/00620/FUL)
8. Sleaf Airfield – erection of a portal framed, steel clad aircraft hangar (19/00827/FUL)
9. Land west of Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of a dwelling (19/00944/FUL)

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

1. The Old Rectory, Myddle – erection of a greenhouse.
2. Silverbriers, Lower Road, Myddle – erection of a detached dwelling and garage.
3. Highfields, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension to include Juliet balcony.
4. Burlton Lane Farm – construction of three free range egg units and ancillary buildings.

18/95 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport.

Report of the Road Safety meeting was considered and adopted. Copy attached.

(b) Community Spirit.

The Chairman stated that he felt there had been a forward movement across the Parish – citing the splendid work being done by both Village Hall Committees; the success of the recent Scarecrow Festival and the forthcoming litter pick. The work being carried out by Mr. Busi had a positive effect and was greatly appreciated by residents as was the regular Community Letter and articles in the Messenger.

(c) Housing.

The Vice Chairman reported that he and Councillor R. Jones had met with a local land owner regarding the possible availability of land for affordable housing and following a positive response, Mr. Ian Richardson (Housing Association) had become involved and discussions were taking place with Shropshire Council's planning department.

(d) Business and Farming.

No report tabled.

18/96 Committee/Meeting Reports.

No reports tabled.

18/97 CIL Neighbourhood Fund Projects.

The Chairmen reported that a request had been made to have a VAS unit erected on Myddle Hill.

After consideration it was decided that a covert check of vehicle speed should be carried out before any action was taken.

18/98 Exchange of additional information.(a) Dog Waste Bins and bag holders:

After due consideration it was decided to purchase two additional waste bins for use in Lower Road and two dog waste bag dispensers for location at sites to be confirmed in Myddle and Harmer Hill.

It was hoped that by doing this the amount of dog waste throughout the area would be reduced.

2. Red Lion, Myddle – Asset of Community Value.

It was reported that the five year protection order on the public house had elapsed and the Clerk was asked to take action to re-new the order for a further five years.

3. Land at the Glebelands, Myddle.

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from a resident asking if the barriers in front of the houses could be removed to allow cars and other vehicles to park there.

At the request of the Chairman he had identified that the land was owned and managed by Shropshire Council, so any request for action would need to be directed to Mr. Chris Fisher.

4. Shotton Lane:

Councillor I Anderson reported on the parlous state of the road surface and the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Chris Fisher to attend a site meeting to discuss measures that needed to be carried out.

5. Lower Road:

The Vice Chairman reported that drains at the entrance to Lower Road had been unable to cope with the recent rainfall although it appeared they had been cleaned recently.

Clerk to report to the Highways Department.

6. Destroyed Road Signs:

It was noted that Mr. Gradwell had promised to arrange to have the signs for Ellesmere Road and Higher Road replaced if the Parish Council agreed to pay for the signs.

This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to discuss this with Mr. Gradwell and Mr. Fisher.

4. Parish Paths:**(a) Footpath 44 Hollins Lane:**

The Chairman outlined plans to improve the drainage of the lane using Shropshire Council contractors and funding from the Parish Paths grant. He was hoping to get permission to install two substantial gates to prevent the path being used by vehicles.

(b) Footpath 45 from the bottom of Hillside across the field.

It was agreed that the Chairman could discuss the renovation of this path with the relevant farmer and representatives of the Diocese and that the Clerk would see if CIL neighbourhood money could be used.

18/97 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday Mary 1st. 2019 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall which is the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Harmer Hill Village Hall on Wednesday, May 15th. at 7.30pm. The Clerk was asked to approach P.C. B. Williams (Police Road Safety Officer)

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____

Correspondence received since last meeting – January.

Brian Williams – Harmer Hill status.

Brian Williams – missing road sign.

Dianne Dorrell – Place Plans.

Gail Power – Future Fit media release.

John Cheslett – BMX pump track.

Local resident – road safety issues by Myddle School.

Chairman – Myddle playing field bin.

Dianne Dorrell – NHS Future Fit.

Dianne Dorrell – CIL up-date.

D. Wise – minutes from SALC area committee meeting.

R. Tiernan – residents request for additional dog waste bin.

Dianne Dorrell – letter from VCSA.

Dianne Dorrell – Future Fit decision.

Various – A528 Problems.

Gail Power – Mosque Open Day.

Dianne Dorrell – February Bulletin.

Brian Williams – Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

Gail Power DAAT Newsletter.

Corbet Newsletter.

Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter No. 2 February.

Victoria Gurney – request for barrier on land outside Glebelands to be moved or removed to facilitate easier parking – will be attending the meeting.

Mr. David Smith – concerns about speeding traffic through Myddlewood.

Brian Williams – Myddlewood.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council’s London Bridge Protocol.

Phil Keyse – complimentary email.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council Media Release – specialist teams appointed. (Corrie Davies).

Gail Power – Legal up-date.

Shropshire Council – removal of Red Lion Public House from ACV list.

CAMRA – re above and offer of help.

Insurance Company – Tree inspections.

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

**Report of the meeting held at Westfield, Brookside, Myddle on Wednesday
August 22nd. 2018 at 10.00am**

1. Present:

Councillor C. Ruck (Chairman)

Councillor R. Tiernan

Mr. D. Gradwell (Shropshire Council's Road Safety Officer).

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

2. Apologies:

There were no apologies.

3. Minutes from the meeting held on June 14th. 2017.

The minutes from the meeting were presented, considered and approved.

4. Matters arising from that meeting.

(a) Road Safety Project, Myddle School:

Mr. Gradwell confirmed that WSP (previously Mouchel) had completed a preliminary design which encompassed a raised platform and other measures, which would assist in slowing the traffic on the approach to the school. No further consultation had been undertaken following Shropshire Council's decision to reduce the capital funding for this type of expenditure and postpone any projects for at least two years.

The earliest any progress could be expected would be in the financial year 2021 -2022.

At a request from the Chairman, Mr. Gradwell promised to forward to the Council a copy of the initial preliminary design.

(b) Erection of requested new road signs.

Mr. Gradwell reported that Kier, the new County contractors had taken responsibility for ordering the signs that had been requested and would be responsible for erecting them as they caught up with a backlog of unfinished work left by Ringway. The signs included 'Not suitable for HGVs' at the entrances to Brookside, Myddle; Pedestrians' Crossing' on the A528 close to the new development and a 'Junction' warning sign at the entrance to Myddle Hill from the A528.

(c) Lower Road – extension of 30mph limit:

Mr. Gradwell agreed that this should have been carried out when the original road up-grade was undertaken but felt there was little chance of money being provided now for the legislation and work that was needed.

(d) Access to The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

Mr. Gradwell confirmed that as this had been raised with him many times as a Road Safety Concern, it fell into the category of items that had been delayed by two years.

(e) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – Safety and Speed Control

It was noted that the VAS signs had been erected on the Wem Road at the entrance to the village from both directions. These had been funded entirely from the Council's Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy money. Shropshire Council had refused to grant aid the project from CIL local fund money as it was deemed not to be an infrastructure project. Members were less than happy by this decision.

The Safer Road Partnership had carried out a covert check on traffic speeds along the road and had reported that the majority of the traffic was travelling within the set limit and as such they would not carry out a programme of camera checks. It was pointed out that prosecutions are not undertaken unless the speed exceeds the stated limit +10% +2 – in this case 46mph.

(f) Hollins Lane.

The Chairman reported that this Bridleway was in a poor state of repair with ruts needing to be filled and was now being used by a range of vehicles.

Mr. Gradwell pointed out that was not within his remit and suggested that contact was made with:

- (a) Chris Fisher to see if he could provide some planings when road repairs were carried out in the area and
- (b) Richard Knight (Countryside Maintenance Manager) asking them to carry out some form of construction which would prevent vehicle use but allow pedestrian/horse riding access.

5. Other issues raised and discussed:

(a) Harmer Hill sign in Lower Road.

Councillor Tiernan reported that the local consensus was that the sign was in the wrong location and need to be moved. Mr. Gradwell stated that the Parish Council could take this decision and he would arrange for the work to be carried out but the Parish Council would have to pay for the work.

It was agreed to raise this as an agenda item at the next Council meeting.

(b) Obscured Road Signs.

It was pointed out that a number of warning signs in the Parish were becoming obscured by overgrown vegetation and Mr. Gradwell agreed that these should be identified during the inspection process. He recommended that the Council should report these to Mr. Chris. Fisher (Area Highways Manager) and ask for appropriate action to be taken.

(c) Unsuitable for HGV Signs – The Hollow.

Councillor Tiernan pointed out that the signs at each end of the road were in a very poor state of repair and Mr. Gradwell agreed to look at the possibility of having them replaced with the new improved signs.

(d) Road re-surfacing.

The Chairman reported on the re-surfacing of a local road where no attempt had been made to fill in the potholes which were present before the work took place and queried who was responsible for overseeing the work.

(e) Staffing:

Mr. Gradwell explained that because of resignations and the current policy regarding recruitment, he was now having to cover a much wider area of the County and was virtually the only remaining safety officer.

6. Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to meet at the same location at 10.00am On Wednesday February 5th.