

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL
VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11th. 2014 AT 7.30 PM.

Public Session:

There were five members of the public present but no issues were raised.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. P. Keyse

In Attendance:

Parish Clerk.

Five members of the public.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Purslow; I. Gunton; R. Tiernan; Mrs. E. Hodge and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

2. Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

3. Planning Applications:

The Chairman pointed out that the meeting had been called as both planning applications for consideration were important proposed developments and there was a need to ensure that these were dealt with at a formal meeting, where the public had access and could comment. It was also necessary to point out that Shropshire Council was under pressure from the Government to ignore defined parish development boundaries and the evidence provided in Community Led Plans.

He reminded Members that a meeting had been held at both sites under consideration, when members of the public had been present and had expressed views about the proposed developments.

The first application to be considered was:

(a)An Outline Application for the erection of three properties on Land in Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

This was considered in detail and after due consideration there was a proposal that the Council should object to the application for the following reasons:

1. *'The proposed development is outside the designated Parish building area, outlined in the Community Led Plan which has been adopted by the Parish and Shropshire Councils.*
2. *Access to and from the properties will be off Lower Road, which is not in a fit state to accommodate additional traffic movements.'*

The proposal was seconded and unanimously approved.

Members then considered:

(b) An outline application for the erection of ten affordable dwellings on land adjacent to Harmer Hill Village Hall.

The application was considered in detail and note was made of the number of residents who had attended the site meeting and spoken forcefully against the proposal.

A proposal was tabled that the Council should object to the application for the following reasons:

1. Boundary
Proposed development is outside the designated Parish building area outlined in the Community Led Plan, which has been adopted by the Parish and Shropshire Councils.
2. Identified Need:
Extensive surveys had failed to establish a need for affordable housing in the Village.
3. Size of the proposed development:
The number of proposed properties is not in keeping with the aims outlined in the Community Led Plan and supported by the Parish and Shropshire Councils.
4. The proposed site is not suitable for affordable properties.
This was based on location, safety, access and available facilities.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Chairman and Clerk were tasked with compiling a detailed response, based on all the issues that had been raised in relation to the above statements. This to be returned to Shropshire Council's Planning Department before February 17th. with a copy sent to all Members and Councillor B. Williams for approval.

Please note that a copy of this report is available on request from the Parish Clerk.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed: R. Jeffrey **Chairman** **Date:** March 5th. 2014