

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL
VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 22ND. 2013 AT 7.30pm.

Public Session:

Twenty one members of the public were in attendance and a petition signed by a further fourteen people was presented to the Parish Clerk. Several people voiced opinions and without exception all those present opposed further large scale development in the Parish. Their reasons were widespread but included the lack of community facilities including shops, post office, medical facilities, inadequate roads, etc.

Members explained the reason for the meeting which had come about following the compilation of the Community Led Plan, which indicated that a majority of respondents wished to see limited development in the Parish as a whole, with no more than fifty properties being constructed.

They were advised that they could make individual representations to either the Parish Clerk or the planning department at Shropshire Council about their concerns and were invited to remain for the meeting. Only two accepted the offer.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. C. Ruck

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. T. Evans

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk

Two members of the public.

Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. R. Purslow and Mr. R. Tiernan.

Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Jones and Mr. Heath both declared an interest as possible development land had been identified adjacent to their properties;

Proposals for Possible Housing Development:

The Chairman reminded Members that the meeting had come about following the publication of the recently completed Community Led Plan. The plan had indicated that a considerable majority of the respondents to the questionnaire had indicated that they wished to see some housing development within the Parish but very few had wanted this to exceed fifty dwellings.

This indication was contrary to the original decision made by the Parish Council following two well attended public meetings two years ago, when the Parish Council had informed Shropshire Council that they wished to be viewed as a Countryside Parish, which would mean that there would be no permitted development.

A copy of the Community Led Plan had been forwarded to the Planning Department at Shropshire Council and Mr. Adrian Cooper (Team Leader Environmental and Economic Policy at Shropshire Council) had attended the last Council meeting when he had advised Members that, in view of the information contained in the Community Led Plan, there was an urgent need to re-asses the Council's position.

He subsequently forwarded a range of documents indicating the level of historical development, the current number of approved planning applications and details of land owners who had indicated a willingness to sell identified land for development.

After detailed consideration of all aspects of the Community Led Plan, the views of the members of public who had attended the meeting and the information supplied by Shropshire Council, Members approved the following resolution:

1. Myddle and Broughton should be viewed as a Community Cluster and have development restricted to a maximum of fifty three properties in the period up to 2026.
As there was already planning approval for thirty three properties in the Parish, this would allow for a further twenty properties to be constructed.
2. Property development should be a balanced mixture of houses and bungalows with 2/3 or 3/4 bedrooms. No property should exceed four bedrooms.
3. Any building should take place within the boundaries of Myddle and Harmer Hill Villages as previously defined by North Shropshire District Council, with limited development within the rural hinterland.
4. The Parish Council would support exception schemes which help to address local need for affordable housing but demand must be assessed by an audited review of defined need.
5. Design approaches which respect the local context would be favoured by the Parish Council.

There was no other business discussed.

Minutes approved as a true record:

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