

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Harmer Hill Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday May 8th. 2013

In the absence of the Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Jeffrey agreed to Chair the meeting.

1. Present:

Councillors Mrs. T. Evans, I. Gunton, J. Heath, R. Jeffrey, R. Jones C. Ruck and R. Tiernan, Shropshire Councillor B. Williams, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs E. Hodge and Mr. R. Purslow.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 18th. 2012:

It was noted that the minutes had already been approved at the Council meeting held in June 2012.

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report:

Mr. Jeffrey gave a report on the Council's activities over the past twelve months, which included details of responses to planning applications; areas for which the Council was responsible; grants made to Village Halls, Myddle Church and the Myddle Messenger.

He expressed thanks to Mr. Shingler and Mr. Keyse who had been instrumental in providing a hard surface area by the Children's Play Area, where skate boarding and similar activities could take place

He reported that there was a need for the Council to appoint a new contractor to carry out street light maintenance as the current company had ceased business.

He praised the work of those involved with the production of the Community Led Plan, which had come to fruition and to the parishioners who had been carrying out litter collection around the Parish to great effect.

He concluded by thanking his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their dedication and hard work.

6. Update on the Community Led Plan:

Mr. Ruck reported that the Community Led Plan had been completed and was ready to be printed. It was a comprehensive report which had already received much praise from those who had seen and read it. At the Council meeting, which was to follow this meeting, Members would be asked to adopt the Plan and forward it to Shropshire Council.

The Plan highlighted many areas where local parishioners would like to see improvements and developments.

Councillor Brian Williams congratulated the committee for producing what he described as the most comprehensive plan he had seen and felt that Shropshire Council would value its findings

6. Report on Parish Paths Partnership:

Mr. Ruck gave an update on the work of the group of activists who had worked hard to upgrade and maintain the paths around the Parish.

Paths had been cleared and re-opened and stiles repaired or replaced.

It had been necessary at times to remind local land owners of their responsibilities in keeping paths open and mostly there had been good co-operation, although discussions were still on-going with a few. To date 119 volunteer hours of work had been recorded

7. Litter Picking:

Mr. Ruck also reported on the excellent work being carried out by volunteers who were regularly collecting road side rubbish and on the success of the litter collecting event that had taken place around the Parish on April 13th involving 20 people and the collection of a trailer full of waste material.

The regular litter pickers had recorded about 50 hours of volunteer work.

8. Public Forum:

From the floor Mr. Stephen Williams raised the following issues:

- (a) He felt that the recommendations outlined in the Community Led Plan were based on the views of insufficient people.

In response it was pointed out by the Chairman, Councillor Ruck and Councillor B. Williams that questionnaires had been delivered to every household and that the response was probably one of the highest returns recorded in any parish. It was virtually double the percentage of people who had voted in the new Shropshire Council elections. There had been public meetings and every one had been given an opportunity to put forward their views.

- (b) He queried why road signs warning of hazards were left in place long after the problem had been resolved.

Replying Councillor B. Williams pointed out that this was the responsibility of Ringway who were contracted to do the work. He would speak to the Highways Department and ask them to raise the issue with representatives of Ringway.

- (c) He asked why kerbing had been placed alongside a road in Ollerton as there seemed to be many more important areas needing attention.

Councillor Williams felt that this was probably to aid drainage from the road but would carry out an investigation.

9. Chairman's Closing Remarks;

Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Minutes approved as a true copy.

Signed: _____ (Chairman).

Date: _____