

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

PCSO Jamie Robinson was in attendance and commented on items which had been raised by Councillors and members of the public. He pointed out that Wem and the surrounding rural area were covered by one police officer, supported by one full-time and one-part time community support officer, which made it difficult to attend meetings regularly. He stated that the Parish had a very low level of crime compared to other areas but promised to look at the way statistics were recorded and would see if action could be taken over certain highway issues.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)  
Ms. J. Bienek  
Mr. G. Harding  
Mr. G. Miller  
Miss. K. Row  
Mr. I. Anderson  
Mr. A. Jones  
Mrs. J. Jackson

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams  
The Parish Clerk.

**22/36 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. M. Andrew and Mr. A. Harris

**22/37 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Councillor Mrs. J. Jackson stated an interest in Agenda Item 4(f) and Councillor Mr. G. Miller in Item 12(iii) (a).

**22/38 Minutes from the meeting held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2022.**

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

**22/39 Matters Arising:**

**(a)Wem Road, Harmer Hill - Dropped Kerb, (22/23(a))**

It was reported that the work had been completed satisfactorily.

**(b) Maintenance of road name signs (22/31(3b))**

Only two signs had been reported and it was noted that the Vice Chairman had cleaned the sign for Godings Close and Shropshire had been asked to replace the damaged sign for Bridgewater Close but had stated that they did not have responsibility for the Close, as it was not an adopted road.

**(c) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – pavement (22/23(c)).**

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams stated that he had been informed that work to construct the pavement alongside the Bridgewater Estate on Wem Road should be underway within a couple of weeks.

(d) Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill - VAS signal

The Clerk reported that arrangements were in hand to install the post and Harmer Hill Members decided to select the type of signal they would like and make arrangements to have it installed.

(e) Ellesmere Road/Newton Lane junction (22/23(c)).

It was noted that the long-awaited project was currently in progress and should be completed on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

(f) Myddle – Woodland Area (22/31(c)).

The clerk reported on responses he had received from Shropshire Council regarding the Council's offer to purchase the Playing Field and the adjacent woodland which was currently leased to the Council. Representatives from Shropshire Council planned to visit the site to assess the situation.

If the purchase was not a possibility then hopefully the plan suggested by Mr. Terry Merchant would be agreed.

Councillor Mrs. Jackson declared an interest in these developments – she had not attended the last Council meeting when these issues were discussed and pointed out that she owned a property on the edge of the wood and some time ago had approached Shropshire Council offering to purchase either a section of the wood or the whole wood to secure more privacy for her house. Representatives from Shropshire Council had visited her and surveyed the site but no response had been received. She was thanked for the information.

Councillor Jackson stated that she wished to raise other concerns about the woodland area;

(i) She had already pointed out that the bridleway through the wood needed work to improve the surface to allow easier access for residents. Councillor Mr. Anderson stated that he had visited the site and felt that the path was in a much better condition than many other paths in the Parish and there was a danger that tree roots would be damaged by repairs, causing trees to die. However it was decided to get a contractor to look at possible solutions and indicate the likely cost.

(ii) Pallets were being brought into the wood to create a BMX track resulting in damage to trees. The Chairman suggested she should contact Mr. M. Busi and ask him to remove the pallets.

(iii) Residents had raised concerns about young people using the field late into the night, making noise and drinking alcohol.

This would be kept under review but it was felt that with schools and colleges re-opening and a change in the weather conditions the problem would probably cease.

(iv) Spoil from repairs carried out on a house adjacent to the field and wood entrance had been left on site.

Clerk stated that if no action was taken by the builders to clear the site he would contact Conexus Housing Association who were responsible for the work.

(g) Speed checks – Wem Road and Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill (22/28(a)).

The Safer Road Partnership had sent the Council details of covert checks carried out on traffic speed over a two-week period on Wem Road. The results indicated that there was good compliance with the speed limit with an average speed of 42 mph. recorded. Checks were now planned for Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill.

(h) Allotments (22/08(o)).

Councillor Miss K. Row reported that there was some considerable interest in the provision of allotments and one person was considering taking responsibility for Chairing an Allotment Association. A further meeting was planned to see if developments could take place.

(i) Play Area maintenance.

A series of family problems had prevented the contractor from making a start on the identified repairs that were needed but he hoped to be able to start in the very near future.

(j) Harmer Hill Reservoir site (22/08(c)).

It was noted that in spite of an enforcement order stating that the site should be cleared further development was still taking place. The details had been sent to the Enforcement Officer asking for urgent action to be taken by Shropshire Council and she had responded by stating that based on that information she was asking for legal proceedings to be activated.

(k) Lower Road, Harmer Hill – passing bay (22/31(a)).

PCSO Robinson had agreed to investigate the problem.

(l) Queen's Jubilee – Memorial Seats:

The Chairman reported that two seats had been ordered and would be securely located at suitable sites in Myddle and Harmer Hill. CIL (Neighbourhood) Funds would be used to pay for the seats.

**22/40 Correspondence.**

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

**22/41 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (July)	£371.55
Inland Revenue	PAYE (July)	£247.20
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)	£71.70
Mr. J. Wilson	Office rent (April- Sept. inclusive)	£250.00
E.ON Energy Solutions	Changing lights to switching off at mid-night.	£2,820.00*
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (31/03 – 30/06)	£484.73
Printerbase	Printer cartridges	£64.40
Mr. M. Busi	Community Env. Project (July)	£90.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£371.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (August)	£247.60
SALC	Training Course Fees	£170.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (13/04 – 06/07 incl.)	£817.02
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)	£371.60
Inland Revenue	PAYE (September)	£247.60
Mr. S. Busi	Community Env. Project (July)	£180.00
Access2Trees	Felling and removal of tree from Myddle wood.	£468.00

Mr. M. Busi	Community Env. Project (July 31 <sup>st</sup> .)	£30.00
Evans Construction Ltd.	Construction of wheelchair access (Wem Road)	£1,650.00*
Interactive Information	IT Support (1/08/220 -1/08/23)	£120.00
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Bio-degradable dog waste bags	£230.22

\*These accounts (less VAT) have been paid from the CIL money held in reserve.

### **22/41(b) Financial Statement**

The Financial Statement for September was tabled and approved.

### **22/42 Mid-Year Financial Statement:**

The statement, which showed the Council was in a healthy financial situation, had been forwarded to Members and was considered and adopted. A copy would be placed on the Council's website.

### **22/43 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received and considered:

1. Witterage Cottage, Houlston Lane, Myddle – installation of ground mounted 10KW solar array (22/02724/FUL). *No objections raised.*
2. New House Farm, Sleaf – changes to existing workshop to create a live/work unit (22/02915/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response made.*
3. Charnwood Farm, Marton – siting of an agricultural workers mobile home and installation of package treatment plant (22/03042/FUL). *Supported but with a caveat regarding nearby ponds.*
4. Witterage Cottage, Houlston Lane, Myddle erection of a detached storage building (22/03519/FUL). *No objections raised*
5. 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – application under 73a Town & Country Planning Act for retrospective change of use on a holiday let to unrestricted residential dwelling. (20/03519/FUL) *Application objected to – unsuitable property for a residential dwelling which had been identified by the Planning Dept. when a previous application was tabled.*
6. Alder Cottage, Myddlewood – erection of rear and side extensions plus interior re-modelling (22/03625/FUL). *Application objected to.*
7. Woodside, Yorton – change of use agricultural land to a site for two caravans, including alterations to access, parking and drainage (22/03468/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response was made.*

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

1. Foxwood, Yorton Heath – erection of a single storey infill and a side extension plus a double garage. (20/02306/FUL).
2. Witterage Cottage, Houlston Lane, Myddle – installation of a ground mounted 10KW solar array (22/02724/FUL)
3. Witterage Cottage, Houlston Lane, Myddle – erection of a detached storage building (22/03519/ Ful).

### **22/44 Community Led Plan reports.**

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Issues had already been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

No report tabled.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

**22/45 Review of Community Led Plan:**

Details of a report compiled by the Chairman and the Clerk, which had already been forwarded to Members, were considered. It was noted that the report indicated that a great deal of progress had been made since the report was adopted in 2013 but that there was still scope for further developments.

Councillor Mr. I. Anderson thanked the Chairman and Clerk and felt that the report should be made available to the wider Community. This was agreed and it was decided that Members would identify outstanding issues which should be addressed where possible. In the meantime the Clerk would investigate the possibility of securing a mobile post office to visit the Parish.

**22/46 Police Report:**

Incidents recorded by the police in:

May 2022

Yorton Heath –Other theft (1)

Harmer Hill (Shotton Lane) - Violence (1)

Myddle (Hillside) – Violence (1)

Sleap - Robbery (1) Other Crime (1).

June 2022

Yorton – Violence -1

Myddle (Alford Grange) - Other Theft (1) and (Welcroft) – Public Order (1).

**22/47 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a)Agenda Items for the November meeting:

No additional items raised

(b) Issues related to:1. Highways:

(a) Concern was raised about the state of the unofficial car park at the entrance to the wood opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the site to discuss possible remedial action.

(b) Fly Tipping of spoil had taken place in the drain in Lower Road following building work on an adjacent house.

The Clerk suggested relevant Members should report this to Shropshire Council on ‘Fix My Street’.

2. Street Lighting:

No reported issues.

3. Other:

Councillor Mr. Miller outlined suggested plans to print part of the Messenger in colour for an experimental period of six months, which would increase the cost of production. Several advertisers had agreed to the plan but there would be a shortfall of about £500.00. Members unanimously agreed to fund this shortfall.

**22/48 Committee and Other Reports**

No reports tabled.

**22/49 Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2022 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: Colin Ruck Chairman Date: November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2022 2022:**

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL****Correspondence received since last meeting in June.**

Mark Fox – Shotton Lane maintenance.

Victoria Doran – Grass cutting.

Cllr. S. Jackson – Planning (Marton Shepherds Huts).

Lezley Picton – purchase of playing field and woodland.

ALC – Summer holiday programme of activities.

Lucy Grove Woodland inspection.

Gail Power – Neighbourhood Planning.

ALC – Consultation on Shropshire Draft Economic Strategy.

Play Area inspection reports.

Shelly Davies – Draft minutes of Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee.

Mark Sobazak – North Shropshire reinforcement upgrade.

E. Newsletter.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Woodland.

Resident – Road name sign.

Dianne Dorrell – Government review of Shropshire Local Plan.

ALC – Carers feedback.

Amanda Roberts - SALC Area Committee.

Helen Morgan MP – Wem Road pavement.

Dianne Dorrell – Request for help with resident’s survey.

Melanie Holland – Shropshire Council draft empty homes policy.

ALC – CEO’s bulletin.

Vice Chairman – street signs.

Vice Chairman – Wem Road – two car accident.

Gail Power – Proposed Shrewsbury Health Centre.

Healthwatch Shropshire – Annual Report.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Problems in the Myddle Woodland.

Mark Fox – Response regarding work on Ellesmere Road/ Newton on Hill junction.

Sarah Cosgrove – Harmer Hill VAS Unit.

Scottish Power – Staffing problems.

Cllr. B. Williams – pot hole problems.  
Dianne Dorrell – July Newsletter.  
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.  
Cllr. K. Row – speed checks Wem and Ellesmere Roads.  
Brian Rapson – Healthwatch Shropshire – survey.  
Shropshire Council – Higher Road closure.  
Gail Power – Shropshire Tree Scheme.  
Gail Power – Shropshire Food strategy.  
SAAA – Audit Op=out.  
Garry Johnson (E.ON) Updated Inventory.  
NALC CEO’s bulletin.  
Gail Power – NALC Legal Up-date.  
Cllr. J. Jackson – Planning application response.  
Lucy Groves – Myddle Woodland tree inspection.  
Austin Vaughan – Bi-monthly play area inspections.  
Sarah Cosgrove – Post erection at site for VAS sign on Ellesmere Road.  
Cllr. G. Miller – Harmer Hill reservoir continued development.  
Emma Green – response to above when return to work after holiday.  
Cllr. J. Jackson – Planning Application Alder Cottage, Myddlewood.  
Vice Chairman – Play Area maintenance.  
Shropshire Council – Surface dressing Marton – Myddle.  
Cllr B. Williams – Harmer Hill reservoir.  
Lucy Groves – Inspection of woodland area.  
Emma Green – Further response indicating action being taken.  
NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.  
John Campion – Police Commissioner’s Newsletter  
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital – News Up-date.  
Vice Chairman – Street sign confirmation.  
Cllr. G. Miller – Messenger proposal.  
Wendy Harries – Speed Watch report on Wem Road speeds.  
Hope House – Application for grant aid.  
NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.  
Helen Morgan – response re Council meeting.  
Assistant Clerk Wem Council – Civic Service.  
NALC \_CEO’s Bulletin.  
Gail Power – SALC September newsletter.  
Cllr. B. Williams – Footpath up-date.  
Cllr. K. Row – Police reports.