

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Myddle Village Hall at 7.00 pm on**  
**Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. 2021**

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**Present:**

Councillor Mr C. Ruck (Chairman)

Councillors: Mr I. Anderson, Ms. J. Bienek, Mr. G. Harding; Mrs. J. Jackson, Mr. G. Miller, Ms H. Morgan, Miss K. Row, Ms C. Whittingham.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

Police Inspector C. Greenaway.

The Parish Clerk.

Six members of the public.

**1. Apologies:**

An apology was received from Mr A. Harris.

**2. Welcome by the Chairman.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced all the Council Members and apologised for the meeting being postponed from May because of the lockdown regulations.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2019.**

It was reported that the minutes had already been approved at the Council meeting held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. 2019 and copies were available for those in attendance.

**4. Matters Arising.**

There were no issues raised.

**5. Council Report.**

The Chairman gave an interesting and informative report on Council activity throughout the past year pointing out that business had been compounded by the regulations surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a detrimental effect on both the Parish and Shropshire Councils. Parish Council meetings had taken place throughout the year by the use of Zoom which enabled discussions to take place and decisions to be made, although getting responses to many issues had been difficult and frustrating.

Highlighting some of the many activities undertaken, he stated that as usual each year the Council had been asked to comment on many planning applications, most of which were renovations or extensions to existing properties, although two which had raised concern and were eventually refused permission by Shropshire Council were developments at Harmer Hill Reservoir and the site of the old Red Castle Public House. Looking ahead he stated that the Shropshire Housing Plan for the next twenty years had indicated that the Parish would not have large scale developments.

Dog Fouling and Litter were still a major concern and even though the Council had provided a ready source of bags for collecting dog waste there were still many owners who failed to clean up after their dogs. He was pleased to report that although it had not been possible to hold a litter picking event many residents were making an effort to clean local areas and Mr Busi, who

was employed by the Council, had continued to make regular collections of waste alongside other important activities

Road safety was always a major concern – especially the problem of speeding traffic and during the year two additional VAS units had been erected on the Bachurch Road through Myddle and these seem to be having an effect in reducing speed.

He outlined the work being carried out by a dedicated team on the many and varied footpaths throughout the Parish to enable full use of them to be made by residents during the recent lockdowns.

In conclusion, he pointed out that at the elections held in May eight new Members had become part of the team, replacing those who had decided not to stand for re-election, several of whom had served for very long periods. He thanked them for their dedication and all the current Members, Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams and the Clerk for their dedicated help and support.

A full copy of the report is attached.

## **6. Police Report.**

The Chairman welcomed Police Inspector Claire Greenaway who is based at Oswestry with overall responsibility for the area which includes the Parish. The Inspector confirmed that crime figures across the whole Parish were very low and that the main concern raised by residents related to speeding traffic and anti-social behaviour. There had been a number of incidents related to violence but most of these related to a domestic situation which appears to have been resolved.

She was aware that the Council had indicated their major areas of concern which in the main related to road traffic offences and anti-social behaviour and these would be kept under constant review.

The small police team responsible for the area were based in new accommodation in Wem which was not manned all the time and she advised residents to be aware of the officer's email addresses and mobile telephone numbers which were widely publicised. They would always be willing to respond to reported incidents.

The Chairman thanked the Inspector for her attendance and the overall support of the police team.

## **7. Open Forum.**

Items raised by members of the public:

(a) Residents of the Red Castle Public House expressed dismay at the delay in responding to a planning application they had made for converting the property and for the lack of action in dealing with the flooding problem on Ellesmere Road.

The Chairman pointed out that both of the issues were the responsibility of Shropshire Council and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams agreed to try and resolve them.

(b) Mr R. Purslow and Mrs Jenny Walsh asked the Council to consider including some adult fitness equipment alongside the Children's Play areas in both villages.  
The Chairman agreed to have it included on the agenda at a future meeting but asked the Clerk to check the regulations governing how close the equipment could be placed to the existing play areas.

**8. Chairman's Closing Remarks.**

Thanks were extended to those in attendance and for their active participation.

**Minutes approved as a true copy:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Chairman.***

**Date:**