

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 2ND. 2022 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

Councillor Andy Woodthorpe from Baschurch Council was in attendance and gave an informative short talk and answered questions regarding the Baschurch Station Campaign and stated that Baschurch Parish Council were seeking support for the project from adjacent Parishes. The Chairman thanked him for attending and stated that this would be considered later in the meeting.

Mr. Roger Jones was also in attendance, pointing out that although the new buffer zone had been completed on Ellesmere Road, the name sign for the road had not been replaced. He was advised to report this to Shropshire Council under 'Fix My Street' which seemed to get the best response.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. G. Miller

Miss. K. Row

Mr. I. Anderson

Mrs. J. Jackson

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams

The Parish Clerk.

22/50 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. A. Harris & Mr. A. Jones.

22/51 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interests were declared.

22/52 Minutes from the meeting held on September 7th. 2022.

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

22/53 Matters Arising:

(a) Street Lights – power supply.

The Clerk reported that arrangements had been made for the Council to join the Shropshire Council consortium from the start of November, which will mean that the annual cost for power will be £690.00, saving about £900.00 per year. He stated that whilst organizing the change he had received excellent advice and support from Elaine ORahilly at Shropshire Council. Maintenance of the lights will remain with E.ON.

It was noted that there had been one complaint about the streetlights not being on in the early morning.

(b) Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill - VAS signal.

It was noted that the post has been installed by Shropshire Council at the selected site and that Councillor K. Row has received quotes from Morelock Signs for VAS Units that can be programmed to show a variety of messages.

Quotes were considered and it was unanimously decided to order a Solar Powered unit costing £2,995 (+VAT) and ask the company to undertake the installation at a cost of £495 (+VAT). The Clerk stated that the overall cost could be paid for from the CIL (Neighbourhood) Fund money that has been received by the Council.

Councillor Row agreed to meet the Company on-site when the unit was erected.

(c) Myddle:

(i) Woodland Area - issues and inspection.

It was reported that representatives from Shropshire Council had visited the site but that there had been no response about the proposed project or the possible sale to the Parish Council. Councillor J. Jackson had raised concerns about the safety aspects of some of the trees and the Clerk stated that after discussion with the Chairman it was decided to bring forward the four yearly inspection of the trees, which is an insurance obligation. Mr. Terry Merchant will carry this out once there is sufficient leaf fall to get a clear view of the trees.

(ii) Bridleway:

Following the report at the last meeting from Councillor I. Anderson, Councillor Jackson had raised further concerns about the state of the Bridleway. As Footpaths and Bridleways are the responsibility of Shropshire Councils Parish Paths Committee, the Clerk had asked Mr. Paul Butter to visit the site. Mr. Butter is in charge of the team that carries out maintenance on footpaths across the County and has previously done work for the Parish Council. After he carried out his visit he stated that he felt the path was in much better condition than most in the County and wished there were many more like it. As a result, he would not approve any major work which would probably cause root damage and destroy trees.

It was decided that an attempt would be made by the local Parish Paths team to get help to cut back overhanging branches and tidy the area.

(d) Wem Road, Harmer Hill - construction of pavement.

Shropshire Council's Enforcement Officer had confirmed that the constructor has been served with a breach of condition notice; had completed the legal paperwork and was in the process of securing the timing of the work with a contractor.

Pressure would be put on the Company to complete the work promptly.

(e) Allotments.

Councillor Row stated that no one had volunteered to act as Chair to a group, to enable an Allotment Committee to be formed and Members agreed that the Council was unable to proceed any further with this proposed project.

(f) Play Area maintenance.

It was confirmed that Mr. Armando Meci had completed the work he was asked to do and Mr. Ray Parry has been sent the details of the outstanding mechanical defects and asked to carry out the repairs.

(g) Harmer Hill Reservoir site.

The Enforcement Officer had reported that despite assurances from the owner that he would carry out the demolition of the unauthorised building at the site, this has not been carried out. Shropshire Council is now seeking to proceed to formal action to secure this.

(h) Lower Road, Harmer Hill – passing bay.

Reports from PCSO J. Robinson and Shropshire Council stated that the sign indicating ‘No Parking’ in the passing bay was not an official legal sign so no action could be taken against owners of vehicles that park there. PCSO Robinson questioned whether the Council had made contact with the owners of the vehicles.

It was reported that the ‘No Parking’ sign had been painted over which has been reported to the police as a criminal damage incident.

(i) Queen’s Jubilee Celebration Seats.

The Chairman stated that the seats had arrived and he was seeking help to get them moved to suitable sites in the area. The site for the Myddle seat had been agreed but so far there had been no decision over a possible location in Harmer Hill.

Harmer Hill Councillors agreed to discuss this as an urgent issue.

It was agreed that the plaque on the seats should now be a Memorial statement rather than a Jubilee one.

(j) Access to wood opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall:

A reply had been received from Mr. Adam Osbaldiston at Sansaw Estates stating that he was unaware that the gate had been removed and would take appropriate action to improve the site.

22/54 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.

22/55 (a) Accounts for Payment:

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)	£371.15	
Inland Revenue	PAYE (October)	£247.60	
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Sept./Oct.)	£135.08	
Myddle & Broughton PCC	Grant for Messenger colour print	£500.00	
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£240.00	
Mr. M. Busi	Community Environment Project	£30.00	
Printer Base Ltd	Printer cartridges (Chairman)	£64.40	
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£371.15	
Inland Revenue	PAYE (November)	£247.60	
Mr. M. Busi	Hedge cutting – Myddle Playing Field	£120.00	
	Community Environment Project	£30.00	£150.00
Mr. S. Busi	Community Environment Project		£232.00
Mr. A. Mecì	Play Area painting and repairs		£2,200.00
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Two commemorative seats		£2,439.00*

*This account (less VAT) will be paid from the CIL money held in reserve.

22/55(b) Financial Statement

The Financial Statement for November was tabled and approved.

22/55(c) CIL (Neighbourhood) Fund and Community Environment Project:

Copies of both current statements were tabled and approved.

22/56 External Audit Report 2021-2022:

The report, which raised no concerns regarding the financial and overall management of the Council, was considered and adopted. A copy of the report has been placed on the Council's website and on the notice boards.

22/57 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. 7, Bridgewater Place, Harmer Hill – erection of a first-floor extension over the existing utility room (22/04100/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
2. Haremere Cottage, 9, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a single-storey extension and alterations to the interior; change of roof and erection of a detached home office building (22/04211/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
3. 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – erection of a detached building for the storage of both working and vintage tractors and farm machinery (22/04374/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response was made.*
4. Highview, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a detached garage with office and store over (22/04383/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
5. The Harris, Godings Lane, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey extension to side of existing bungalow (22/04883/FUL). *No objections raised.*

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

1. Alder Cottage, Myddlewood – erection of rear extension and internal re-modelling (22/03625/FUL).
2. Charnwood Farm, Marton – siting of an agricultural workers mobile home and the installation of a packaging treatment plant (22/03042/FUL).
3. 7, Bridgewater Place, Harmer Hill – Erection of 1st. floor extension over the existing utility room (22/04100/FUL).
4. Springfield Barns, Marton – Erection of Shepherds Huts, etc. plus associated work (22/02508/FUL).
5. Haremere Cottage, 9, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a single storey extension, alterations and a detached home/office building (22/04211/FUL).

C. The following applications have been refused:

- (a) 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – retrospective change of use of a holiday let to unrestricted residential dwelling (22/03519/FUL).
- (b) Proposed caravan site adjacent Woodside, Yorton Heath (22/03468/FUL).

22/58 Community Led Plan reports.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Councillor Row stated that she was arranging for the police to carry out further checks on vehicle speed on Wem Road and the Vice Chairman suggested that consideration should be given to placing an additional VAS sign on Wem Road.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

No report tabled.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

22/59 Issues arising from the Review of the Community Led Plan:

The Clerk reported that the review had been published but he had not received any responses. However, he had contacted the Mobile Post Office Department to see if would be possible to have a mobile office established in the Parish on one day each week and had been advised that this was being considered.

It was reported that some residents were trying to get the mobile library to visit Harmer Hill as well as Myddle.

It was agreed to take no further action over the Plan.

22/60 Police Report:

The following incidents were recorded in:

July:

Myddle (Eagle Farm Close) – Other Theft (1)

Harmer Hill (Cambridge Close) - Public Order (1); Violence – (1).

Lower Road – Violence 2

August:

Violence and Sexual Offences – 7 (Hillside Close, Myddle -1; Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill -4; Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill -3).

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill).

September:

No incidents recorded.

22/61 Exchange of Additional Information:

(a) Agenda Items for the November meeting:

No additional items raised.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:

1. Highways:

No current new issues:

2. Street Lighting:

No reported issues.

3. Other:

Baschurch – proposed railway station:

The information given in the public session by Baschurch Councillor Andy Woodthorpe was considered and it was agreed to respond to Shropshire Council's Planning Department, stating that 'Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council support in principle the plans to develop a railway station in Baschurch.

22/62 Committee and Other Reports

SALC Area Committee:

Councillor J Bienek gave a short report on the business conducted at the meeting which included plans to develop local support for people suffering from the increased cost of living.

22/63 Meeting Dates for 2023

Members approved the suggested dates for the planned meetings.

22/64 Budget Setting

Clerk reported that he would be meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman later in the month to prepare a draft budget for 2023 -2024 for consideration and adoption at the January meeting.

22/65 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 4th. 2022 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____ 2022:

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Correspondence received by the Clerk since the September meeting.

Special Edition E Bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell – NALC – CEO’s Bulletin

Molly Fowles – Severn Trent water pipeline scheme.

SanSaw – Access to woodland.

Littlejohn – External Audit report.*

Andy Woodthorpe – Baschurch Railway Station campaign.

Cllr. A. Harris – apologies for November meeting.

Dianne Dorrell – Cost of Living briefing session.*

Unmetered Supplies.

NALC _ CEO’s Bulletin.*

Shropshire Council - Hadnall A49 closure October 17 -21

Dianne Dorrell – Report on holiday activities run by Shropshire Council.*

Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Goes Green event.*

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*

Philip Davey (WSP) – request for safety inspection of Wem Road, Harmer Hill.*

Dianne Dorrell – Warm Hubs.*

Claire Crackett – Lieutenancy Newsletter.*

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.*

ALC – SALC’s AGM.*

Dianne Dorrell – ALC CEO’s Bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.*

Tom Gordon – Helen Morgan’s Secretary.

Sarah Cosgrove – VAS post Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill.

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.*

Hannah Thomas – Ask about Asthma.*

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.*

Elaine ORahilly –Street lights.

Cllr. B. Williams –Wem Road Pavement; Road Naming; Welcroft.

Ray Tiernan – Access to playing field.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Fire on Myddle Playing Field.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Tree branches loose.
Terry Merchant – Tree Inspection.
Cllr. G. Miller – report on remains of the fire.
Amanda Roberts –SALC Area Meeting.*
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – Upcoming Events.*
Cllr. K. Row –Morelock Signs.*
Wem Town Clerk – Advice Leaflet.*
Library Service – Your Health Admin.*
Helen Morgan MP – Armistice Day Event.
Cllr. A. Harris – Access to Playing Field.
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*
Helen Morgan MP – Hillside Streetlights.
Gail Power - SALC vacancy.*
PCSO Jamie Robinson – Lower Road parking.*
John Campion – Newsletter.*
Julie Bramford – Police Charter Meeting – minutes.*
Resident – Damaged road sign in Myddle.
Cllr. A. Jones – Apology for Council meeting.
Cllr. G. Harding – Application for Village Hall grant.
Cllr. G. Miller – Application for Church and Messenger grants.
Emma Green – Wem Road Pavement and Harmer Hill Reservoir
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.*
ALC – Legal Up-date.*
West Midland Police – Fraud Advice.*
Cllr. J. Jackson – Baschurch Railway Station and Bridleway.
Shelly Davies – Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee meeting.*
ALC – DLUHC Funding Review.*
NALC _ - CEO’s Newsletter.*