

Parish Council News:

The latest meeting of the Council took place in Harmer Hill on Wednesday, 2nd. September when Members of the Council were joined by seven local residents raising a range of issues related to activities in the Parish.

Complaints were made about many dog owners failing to pick up their dogs' faeces in and around children's play areas, even though the Council provides a supply of waste bags and has put in place a number of bins. Continued concerns were raised about speeding traffic, especially on Wem Road and the increasing problem of The Hollow being used as a 'rabbit run'. It was reported that the heavy rain after the long dry spell had resulted in some properties being flooded alongside Ellesmere Road because of blocked drains, although this had been dealt with quite promptly by Shropshire Council. Finally, a resident outlined the reasons he was requesting Footpath 67A to be removed.

Responding, the Chairman thanked everyone for raising their concerns, pointing out that most of the issues raised were on the Agenda and would be dealt with in the full meeting, which was to follow

During the meeting, the following items were considered:

Affordable Housing Project:

It was reported that no progress had been made and that a representative from STAR housing had stated that there could be a road issue with the development, and investigations were ongoing.

The Hollow, Harmer Hill:

Councillor Marston stated that she had discussed with a senior highways officer the proposal to prevent access to The Hollow from Ellesmere Road. He had suggested that, with the approval of the Parish Council and after consultation with residents, it may be possible to install a temporary barrier partway along the road. Members agreed to support the proposal, and Councillor Marston will continue to try and progress the plan.

Harmer Hill Reservoir:

The Council has been made aware that the site was visited by a team of police officers and dogs but there has been no report of any action taken. Responsibility for the enforcement order has been transferred to a new officer who intends to carry out a detailed site visit.

Harmer Hill Footpath 67A:

A proposal that the Parish Council should support the closure of this small path was defeated and Shropshire Council will now have to decide what action they need to take.

Myddle Woodland and Playing Field:

Plans for developing the wood have been put on hold until the Council gets a response from Shropshire Council regarding the possibility of a 100 year lease. This has been under consideration for the past few years

Speeding Traffic:

Shropshire Council are undertaking a wide-ranging review of traffic speed controls, and discussions will be ongoing with their representatives and the police regarding the roads in the Parish which cause the most concerns.

Clickers Club:

The Chairman gave details of the club, which has been set up to help residents make better use of their computers and smartphones. Tuition is free and is being carried out by volunteers from the Council and the wider community. Please get in touch if you would like to become involved.

Shropshire Council:

Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston had produced a detailed report of Shropshire Council activity, and this had been forwarded to Members and can be obtained on request from the Parish Clerk. Members are keen to acknowledge the excellent support the Council is receiving from Sarah since her recent election, where she is willingly chasing issues with Shropshire Council Departments and helping in many ways.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting and other information can be found on the Council's website – www.myddlebroughton-pc.gov.uk, and Jack Wilson, the Parish Clerk, can be contacted by Email - myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by phone on 01743 236810.