

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Over the past couple of months various issues raised in the Community Led Plan have been addressed by Council Members. These have included:

Road Safety Measures and Traffic Control

Councillor Robert Jeffrey, the Council Chairman, held a lengthy meeting with Mr. Dave Gradwell from Shropshire Council, who has overall responsibility for these issues within North Shropshire.

Robert was surprised to find out that the Parish is seen as a low priority area compared to some other areas of North Shropshire, because of the lower level of traffic on the roads and the absence of serious road accidents. When questioned about 20mph speed restrictions, Mr. Gradwell indicated that these were limited to town centres, high accident risk areas and outside schools. However he felt that Shropshire Council and the Parish Council should work together to improve the overall safety of the area by Myddle School and the Village Hall, especially if the public house is to re-open. The Parish Council has already raised this as a major concern with Shropshire Council, as part of the planning process for the re-development of the public house.

With regard to the movement of heavy goods vehicles through Myddle, Dave agreed that Shropshire Council would look at some alternative signage but suggested that the Council should open up discussions with local companies in an attempt to get voluntary agreements, similar to that given by Lloyds Transport.

Farm Tractors too were discussed and seem not to be classed as commercial vehicles and the only way forward would be to discuss issues with individual farmers.

Council Members have agreed that the only way to improve road safety within the Parish is to keep continued pressure on Shropshire Council to provide the necessary improvements.

Identification of the need for affordable housing.

In an attempt to identify the genuine need for the provision of affordable and social housing within the Parish, the Council arranged two information sessions - one in each of the two Village Halls. Residents were invited to attend and discuss their own or their families need with Members of the Council, so that the Council would have up to date and relevant data to pass onto Shropshire Council and possible housing associations.

Although in the Parish Plan there was an indication that some parishioners felt there should be provision, the sessions were poorly attended and there was no evidence that at present there is anyone seeking this type of housing within the Parish.

Further consultation sessions are planned but in the meantime if you have a need and were unable to attend one of the sessions, please speak to one of your Parish Councillors or contact the Parish Clerk

Development of Faster broadband for the Parish:

Shropshire Council are working with B.T. to bring a better broadband connection to rural Shropshire and some parishes will receive this service later this year. Councillor Phil Keyse has been discussing the local need for Myddle and Broughton and has been advised that this should reach the Parish during 2014.

Mr. Chris Taylor from Shropshire Council, who has overall responsibility for broadband development, has agreed to come to the Parish Council meeting in Myddle Village Hall on January 8th. starting at 7.30pm when he will update Members on the progress of the scheme. If this is a topic you are interested in, then you are very welcome to attend.