

PARISH COUNCIL

LATEST NEWS

At the Council Meeting held in Myddle Village Hall on the 26th. June, following items were considered:

The Annual Audit:

The administration of the Council and its financial records have to be audited in two stages – the first is a local based audit known as the Internal Audit and when that is complete the details have to be sent to auditors based in London for the External Audit. Members were pleased to receive the report from the Internal Auditor giving the Council a clean bill of health on all issues and the documents have now been forwarded to London. These details are available for public scrutiny and can be obtained from the Clerk on payment of a £5.00 fee.

Housing Project:

Council Members were disappointed to hear that there had been no progress with the proposal to build some affordable properties on land in Godings Lane, Harmer Hill. Shropshire Council's legal department had confirmed that the project was still under consideration but it is understood that there has been no movement from them to purchase the land.

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams has offered to try and find out the reasons for the prolonged delay.

Harmer Hill Reservoir:

At the Council meeting held in May, information had been received from Shropshire Council stating that a legal enforcement order had been placed on the owner to cease on site development, to remove unlawfully constructed building and to return the area to its original state. From observation it would appear that none of this has taken place, the Enforcement Officer has been advised of the situation and we understand that that the issue may need to go to Court.

Village Entry Signs:

Members have supported a proposal from Councillor Alex Harris to erect Welcome to Myddle and Harmer Hill signs on the six main entry roads to the Villages. This will be subject to the approval of Shropshire Council where new sites are identified, although some will replace existing signs which have stood the test of time. The project will be funded from Community Infrastructure Levy grants that have been received by the Council.

Environmental Maintenance Grant:

For many years the Council has received a grant of £1,500 from Shropshire Council for undertaking environmental maintenance in the Parish. This grant has to be matched by a similar amount from the Parish Council's budget. This money has enabled the Council to carry out a range of jobs which helps to improve the quality of the local environment including litter picking, provision of dog waste bags, emptying dog waste bins, gully and pavement cleaning, grass cutting and at times emergency action. Many residents have made the Council aware of how much they appreciate this work being carried out and it has the full support of all the Councillors.

Unfortunately as part of their cost cutting exercise, Shropshire Council has cut this year's grant by 50% so we will only be receiving £750.00. As the Council had already budgeted its

£1,500.00 it meant there would have been a short fall of £750.00. However it was felt it to be so important for this type of work to be maintained that there was a unanimous decision to identify small savings on other budgets so that £3,000 was still available.

The full minutes of the meeting can be found on the Councils web site – www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk. and the Clerk can be contacted on myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phoning 01743 236810.