

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL
ON JUNE 22nd.2022 AT 7.30pm.**

Public Session:

There was one member of the public present but no items were raised for consideration:

Present:

Mr. T. Andrews (Chairman)

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. A. Harris

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. G. Miller

Miss. K. Row

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. A. Jones.

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

One member of the public.

22/20 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr. C. Ruck and Mrs. J. Jackson and Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams.

22/21 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interests were declared.

22/22 Minutes from the meeting held on May 4th. 2022.

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

22/23 Matters Arising:

(a) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – Dropped Kerb (22/08(n)):

Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had approved the project and waived the fee. The contractor was now awaiting Highways permission to use traffic lights at the site and would then carry out the work.

(b) Street Lights (22/08e)).

It was noted that the lights had been converted to switch off at mid-night and as soon as the invoice and new inventory were received the Clerk would contact Shropshire Council about joining their scheme.

(c) Wem Road Pavement (22/08(i))

The saga continues with the Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council reporting that legal action was now being considered because the contractor had not contacted the Highways Department as promised to get the necessary permit to carry out the work. The Chairman reported that Helen Morgan MP had challenged Shropshire Council and had received positive responses.

(d) Jubilee Celebrations (22/08(a)).

Representative from Myddle and Harmer Hill gave positive reports on the activities which had taken place with very good support from local residents. Letters of thanks for the Council grants had been received from both Committees.

Councillor G. Miller raised concern over the removal of advertising signs for the event in Myddle which seemed to indicate that someone was not keen on the Jubilee being celebrated. Members fully supported his concerns and felt this was an example of anti-social behaviour which should not be tolerated by the Council.

22/24 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.

22/25 (a) Accounts for Payment:

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

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| Mr. J. Wilson | Salary (June+ back pay) | £355.91 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE (June) | £237.20 |
| Mr. J. Wilson | Expenses (May/June) | |
| Mr. S. Busi | Environment Maint. Project (April) | £30.00 |
| Glasdon (UK Ltd.) | Dog waste bags | £195.57 |
| Myddle Community Events | Platinum Celebration Grant | £250.00 |
| Harmer Hill Village Hall | Platinum Celebration Grant | £250.00 |
| Mr. M. Busi | Harmer Hill Bus Shelter painting | £240.00 |
| | Erecting Play Area notices | £60.00 |
| | Community Environment project | £30.00 |
| Mr. M. Sheehy | Internal Audit | £275.00 |
| E.ON | Annual Maintenance contract 2022-2023 (50%) | £360.36 |
| Shropshire Council | Election Fees (May 2001 elections) | £300.00 |

22/25 (b) Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

22/26 Audit.

The Internal Audit report and the documents for the External Audit were presented by the Clerk, considered in detail and adopted.

22/27 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Meadowland, Sleaf – Erection of 3 additional poultry units and associated facilities (22/02001/EIA). *Objected to because of the transportation of waste over a large distance and the likely extension of air pollution.*
2. The Chapel House, Newton on the Hill – Relocation of approved detached garage and alterations to approved single storey extension and internal alterations. ((22/02077/FUL)
No objections raised.
3. Foxwood, Yorton Heath – erection of a single storey infill and side extension; detached double garage and internal reconfiguration 22/02306/FUL).
No objections raised.
4. Springfield Barns, Marton – erection of 4, shepherds huts and four Lotus Belle Tents together with associated developments (22/02508/FUL).
Members noted comments sent to the Clerk by Councillors C. Ruck and J. Jackson and after due consideration agreed to support the plans.

The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:

The Chapel House, Newton on the Hill – Relocation of approved detached garage and alterations to approved single storey extension and internal alterations. ((22/02077/FUL)

22/28 Community Led Plan reports.

(a)Traffic and Transport:

Councillor K. Row reported that covert checks on traffic speed had been carried out by the police on Wem Road, Harmer Hill and the results of the survey would be sent to the Clerk for passing on to Members.

PPSO J. Robinson had agreed to do a similar check on traffic using Ellesmere Road.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

No report tabled.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

22/29 Shropshire Council Document on Housing.

Details of the report were noted.

22/30 Police Report:

1. There were no incidents recorded in March.

2. Incidents recorded in April:

Harmer Hill:

B5476 – Violence (1)

The Hollow – Criminal Damage and Arson – (1).

22/31 Exchange of Additional Information:

(a)Agenda Items for the September meeting:

Parish Plan; Road name signs. Myddle woodland area.

(b) Issues related to:

1. Highways:

Lower Road:

Councillor A. Jones raised concerns about vehicles being left in the ‘passing bay’ which caused difficulties for vehicles having to pass on the narrow road. The Clerk reported that this had been a continuing problem and the Council had purchased and erected a notice advising drivers that they should not park there. The notice had been illegally removed after a few days and a police representative had advised Members that parking there was not an illegal activity.

Councillor Jones and others felt that this was inappropriate advice and Councillor Row agreed to discuss it with PPSO Robinson to see what action could be taken.

2. Street Lighting:

No reported issues.

3. Other:

(a) Grass Verge Maintenance:

It was reported that some areas of grass at important locations had been left un-cut and the Clerk was asked to contact the local highways officer to discuss the problem and get it addressed.

(b) Road Name Signs:

It was noted that several signs in the parish were falling into dis-repair and either needed to be replaced or re-painted. Members were asked to check all the signs and bring details to the next meeting when a decision would be made on the action required.

(c) Tree Inspection:

A safety inspection had recently been carried out on the small woodland adjacent to Myddle Playing Field by Mr. Terry Merchant, a qualified forester and arborist. Whilst he was there Councillor J. Jackson (The Council Tree Officer) had pointed out that little or no work had been carried out in the woodland for many years and had asked Terry whether it would be possible to manage the area in a proactive manner. He had produced and costed a very interesting and positive report which was considered by Members and Councillor Anderson felt that this was a positive and welcome development.

It was agreed that as the area was leased from Shropshire Council there was a need to get support from them before any action could be undertaken and the Clerk was asked to action this.

It was noted that a sycamore tree needed to be removed as it was unsafe and the Clerk stated that he would contact Access2Trees and ask for the tree to be felled.

22/32 Committee and Other Reports

No reports tabled.

22/33 Annual Parish Meeting.**(a) Minutes of the meeting held on May 16th.**

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

(b) Issues Arising.**1. Parish Plan:**

The request for a revision of the Parish Plan was considered. It was noted that the Council Chairman had played a major role in the compilation of the original plan, which had been a very demanding and time consuming exercise with one of the major elements related to housing. It was evident that in Shropshire Council's plan for the next fifteen years both Myddle and Harmer Hill had been identified as open countryside, which meant there could only be infill or small social housing projects so a major review of housing was not needed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should discuss with the Chairman the possible creation of a small Committee to carry out a minor revision of the Plan for further consideration at the next Council meeting.

2. Ellesmere Road Improvements:

The original information about the plan having been being approved had been supplied by the area Road Safety Officer and the Clerk reported that had had emailed him three times and Kier asking for an up-date on any developments but had not received a reply.

22/34 Clerk's Salary/Working Hours.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

When he returned Member' acknowledged with thanks the level of work carried out by him and advised him that it had been agreed to increase in the hourly rate of pay coupled with payment for additional hours.

The Clerk thanked them all for their continued support.

22/35 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 7th. 2022 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: C. R. Ruck Chairman Date: September 7th. 2022 2022:

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Correspondence received since last meeting in May.

Cllr. B. Williams – Wem Road Pavement.*

Local E. Newsletter.*

NALC - CEO's Bulletin.*

Gail Power – Holiday Activities.*

Mr. Terry Merchant – Tree inspections.

Victoria Penton – Police up-date.*

Richard Eardley – Dropped Kerb.

Dianne Dorrell – May bulletin.*

Shropshire Council's Works Team – Lower Road closure.*

NALC - CEO's Bulletin.*

Amanda Roberts – NSAC minutes of meeting.*

Fiona Duncan – Oswestry – Gabowen rail link.*

Cllr M. Andrew – letter from Helen Morgan MP

Cllr K Row – speed check on Wem Road,

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.*

Michael Crawshaw – Youth Conference.*

Cllr. Greg Miller – letter of thanks from Myddle Community Events Committee.

Resident – Complaint about behaviour at the Playing Field.*

Dianne Dorrell – Special Information Bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell - NALC Legal Up-date.*

Cllr. Lesley Picton – Shropshire Council up-date.*

Shropshire Council Highways – carriageway repairs B4397 5th. - 13th. September.*

Austin Vaughan – Play Area Inspection reports.

PCC John Campion –Police –Estate Strategy.*

Ms. Erica Martin – Thanks for Council grant (Harmer Hill Village Hall).

Dianne Dorrell – Food Poverty report.*

Brian Rapson – Health Watch survey.*

Cllr. G. Harding – Welcroft wall repaired.

Cllr. J. Jackson – response to Springfield Barns application.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Myddle Messenger – up-dated report on support.

Chairman – response to Springfield Barns application.

NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*

Dianne Dorrell – June Information Bulletin,*

Gail Power – Civility and Respect Project.*

Gail Power – Climate Care Course.*

Shropshire Streetworks – A495 repairs.*

Cllr. J. Jackson & Terry Merchant – Myddle woodland area.*

Police – Survey for Parish Councils.*