

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AGM HELD IN  
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>. 2023 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Mr R. Purslow was present and outlined developments and plans related to the proposed housing development on land in Godings Lane. These included the Council relinquishing the lease on the Playing Field; the formation of a steering group comprising Councillors, Shropshire Council representatives and members of the public and a public consultation/planning event in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked him for his contribution.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. G. Miller

Mr. A. Jones

Mr. A. Harris

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

**23/16 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Jackson and Miss K. Row and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

**23/17 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 6(a).

**23/18 Minutes from the meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2023.**

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

**23/19 Matters Arising:**

**(a) New Dog Waste Bin:**

Councillor A. Jones was thanked for fixing the bin close to Harmer Hill Village Hall and it was confirmed that it would be regularly emptied by Mr. M. Busi.

**(b) Enforcement Orders**

**i. Wem Road Pavement:**

It was reported that construction work was underway and thanks were extended to all those who had pressed for this to be actioned.

**ii. Harmer Hill Reservoir Site:**

It was noted with concern that there had been no remedial action at the site and the Enforcement Officer had informed the Clerk that the issue was now with the legal department and the Council would be kept informed of any developments.

(c) Myddle Playing Field & Woodland Area.

There had been no offer of help from local volunteers to collect litter but reports indicated that currently it was not a major problem.

Notices had been erected regarding cycling in the wooded area and there had been no adverse reports over the past few weeks. The situation would be kept under review.

**23/20 Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

**23/21 Matters Arising:**

(a) Proposed Social Housing Development in Harmer Hill.

Following on from the information given by Mr. Purslow before the start of the meeting, Councillor A. Harris proposed that the Council ‘*Should agree to forfeit the lease of the land in Godings Land now used as a playing field to allow the sale of the land to go ahead.*’ This was seconded and unanimously approved.

It was agreed to engage a Solicitor to act on behalf of the Council to oversee this and the future lease of part of the area from Shropshire Council, who would be the new owners. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Harfitt, a Solicitor based in Wem and ask him if he was prepared to represent the Council.

(b) Request for an additional street light and an extension of the speed limit in Shotton Lane.

It was agreed to seek a quotation from Highline Electrical for the additional light and to support the request for the speed limit extension by requesting Shropshire Council and the Police to consider the proposal.

(c) Request for a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph in Wem Road, Harmer Hill.

This was supported and a request would be made to the Police and Shropshire Council.

It was also decided to investigate the possibility of an additional VAS unit being erected on Wem Road.

**23/22 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.

**23/23 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£398.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE June)	£265.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£80.49
Mr. M. Busi	Highways project work (May)	£30.00
Gordon Ellis & Co	Parish Notice Board	£1,476.00
Shropshire Council	Energy costs (April-June inclusive)	£396.67
Paperwrite	Stationery	£18.08
Mr. M. Busi	Highways project work (June)	£30.00

**23/23 (b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement for June was tabled and approved.

**23/24 External Audit Documents:**

Members considered and approved the following documents:

- (a) Internal Audit Report.
- (b) Accounting Statements.
- (c) Bank Reconciliation.

**23/25 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received and were considered:

- 1. 11, Myddlewood – open garage and store (23/02418/FUL). *Application supported.*
- 2. Archway Cottage, Yorton Heath – single-storey extension (23/02400/FUL) *Application supported.*

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

- 1. Charnwood Farm, Marton – erection of a livestock building (23/00980/FUL).
- 2. Red Rock, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – single-storey rear extension and rear terrace (23/01308/FUL).

C. The following application had been refused by Shropshire Council:

- 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – erection of a pitched roof double garage (23/00672/FUL) retrospective application.

**23/26 Community Led Plan Reports:**

(a) Traffic and Transport:

No further issues were raised.

(b) Community Spirit:

Councillor G. Miller reported that the editor of the Messenger was not going to continue after the August edition had been circulated and efforts to fill the voluntary posts had not proven to be successful. A range of options were being considered but if they were not successful it seemed that the production of the Messenger would cease.

(c) Housing.

No further issues were raised.

(d) Business and Farming.

No issues were raised.

**23/27 Police Report:**

Incident figures for April:

Vehicle Crime – Lower Road, Myddle.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Close to Myddle School.

**23/28 Exchange of Additional Information:**

(a) Agenda Items for the September meeting:

b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:

1. Highways:

The sign for Hadnall had been restored.

2. Street Lighting:

No issues were raised.

### **23/30 Committee and Other Reports:**

#### **Myddle Village Hall:**

Councillor G. Harding reported the re-roofing of the hall had been completed.

The Youth Club was being exceedingly well supported and had received glowing reports and it was hoped that there would be increased use of the hall by other groups.

### **23/31 End of Year Documents (2022-2023)**

Members were issued with the following documents:

Receipts & Payment Report.

Actual Payments compared to Budget proposals.

End of Year Variation Statement.

Comparative Expenditure over three years.

### **Date and Time of next meeting.**

Following an indication that several Councillors would be unable to attend on the planned date it was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. 2023 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

### **Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. R. Ruck            Chairman    Date: 30<sup>th</sup>. August 2023**

### **Correspondence received since the May meeting:**

Dianne Dorrell – SALC Latest News.

Gail Power – Consultation on Infrastructure Levy.

Letters of thanks for grants from Harmer Hill & Myddle Village Halls and the Youth Club.

Chairman – Local E. Newsletter.

Cllr. A. Jones – New Dog Waste Bin.

Cllr J. Jackson – Tree work in Myddle Wood.

Shropshire Works - High Street, Clive (closure).

Gail Power – Police grants for safer road projects.

Marco Busi – public use of bins.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust – Latest News.

Russell Purslow – News re. Wem Road pavement.

PCSO S. Robinson – Local police newsletter.

NALC – CEO's Newsletter.

Brian Rapson (Health Watch UK) – Press Release.

Vice Chairman – Wem Road pavement.

Cllr. I. Anderson – Sale of land.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Advertising Board.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

Russell Purslow – Housing Development.

Chairman - Notice Board (Lower Road).

Cllr. G. Miller – Affordable Housing.

Kieran Wells – Notice Board.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Information document.

Vice Chairman – Wem Road pavement.

Chairman – Local E. Newsletter

Dianne Dorrell – Latest SALC News.

NALC – Legal Up-date.