

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL  
ON MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>. 2022 AT 7.30pm.**

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**Private Session:**

**Co-option of New Member:**

Members considered applications from Mr. Andrew Jones and Mr. Marshall Andrew for the vacant Council seat and both were invited to meet with Members and outline the reasons they had applied. After due consideration Mr. Andrew was co-opted and joined the Council for the meeting that followed.

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**Public Session:**

There were four members of the public present and the following items were raised for consideration:

1. Mr. R. Tiernan followed up a written request he had sent earlier asking for the hedges on Harmer Hill Playing Field to be cut and maintained to a high standard.
  2. Mr. R. Jones asked the Council to ensure that the correct road sign indicating 'Higher Road' and Ellesmere Road' was replaced when the buffer zone was established on the Ellesmere Road.
  3. Mr. & Mrs. Cooke outlined details of a planning application they were proposing to submit for the development of glamping units on the field adjacent to Springfield Barns Holiday Cottages.
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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)  
Mr. I Anderson  
Ms. J. Bienek  
Mr. A. Harris  
Mr. G. Harding  
Mr. G. Miller  
Mrs. J. Jackson  
Mr. T. M. Andrews

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams  
The Parish Clerk.

**21/86 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Miss. K. Row.

**21/87 Co-option of new Member.**

Mr. Andrews was officially confirmed as a co-opted Member of the Council and duly completed the necessary documents.

**21/88 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

Mr. Andrews declared an interest in Agenda Item 5(d).

**21/89 Minutes from the meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. 2022.**

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

### **21/90 Matters Arising:**

#### **(a) Councillor Helen Morgan MP. (21/74(a)).**

The Clerk reported that he had managed to contact Helen to discuss her attendance at meetings and the various roles she had previously agreed to undertake. She felt that the demands on her time as the local MP would preclude her from continuing as a Parish Councillor and he suggested that she could have a similar role to that of the Shropshire Councillor and she was happy to accept that as a solution. This would mean that she will receive agendas, minutes, etc. and if she is free, will be welcome to attend Council meetings. As yet she has not officially commented.

#### **(b) Allotments (21/74(b)).**

Councillor Karyn Row was not in attendance but had notified the Chairman that demands on her time meant that she was unable to oversee the allotment project but was hopeful that someone would volunteer to undertake the role.

Councillor Mrs. Jeanette Jackson stated that she had attended a meeting arranged by Councillor Row but none of the attendees were willing to take on the role. It had been decided to extend the publicity with the hope that more people would come forward.

#### **(c) Review of speed limits (21/74(c)).**

It was noted that at a recent Road Safety meeting the following responses had been made:

Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill: The approved plans for improvements at the junction with the road to Newton on the Hill had been passed to Kier for action; the signs were in store and Kier were waiting for the sign posts to be installed.

Wem Road, Harmer Hill - The Police were not prepared to support a reduction from 40mph to 30mph as there was no accident data and percentile checks did not indicate any speed related issues.

Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – The Police had indicated that a 40mph limit seemed appropriate and Shropshire Council would be looking to advance this in the next financial year

Baschurch Road, Myddle – Police were not supportive of a 40mph buffer zone entering Myddle from the direction of Baschurch but Shropshire Council felt there was scope for an improved Gateway into the Village and would consider improvements in the next financial year.

With reference to the dangerous bends in the Myddlewood Area Shropshire Council would consider the placement of advisory 30mph signs at various locations.

Lower Road, Harmer Hill – The Police and Shropshire Council would consider extending the 30mph limit.

A528 The Police were not prepared to support the introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the section of road by the new development at Hillcrest and the turning into Brookside.

#### **(d) Wem Road (21/74(d)) – Dropped kerb.**

Shropshire Council had agreed the location of the dropped kerb but were not prepared to finance it and had agreed that the Parish Council could go ahead with the project providing a Shropshire approved contractor did the work. After several requests, three contractors had visited the site but only one quote of £1,350 (+VAT) had been received.

After consideration the quote from Evans Construction (Oswestry) was approved, with payment being made from the Cil (Neighbourhood Fund).

(e) Play Area Repairs (Correspondence).

Clerk reported that the risk assessments had been up-dated and the identification notices ordered at a cost of £390 (+VAT). Mr. Busi will be asked to install both notices. No one had been identified to carry out the range of minor repairs and painting but Councillor Andrews thought he might have a contact who could do the work.

(f) Additional streetlights – Shotton Lane (21/74(e)).

The Clerk reported that he had received a report from E.on, the Council's contractors, stating that *'E.on are currently not in a position to take on any column replacement work or additional column installations in the Scottish Power area'*.

Councillor Mrs. Jackson suggested that solar powered lights might be a solution.

(g) Wem Road Pavement (21/74(a)):

It was reported that Shropshire Council had instigated legal action to get this problem resolved and the Company concerned had until the end of June to appeal the decision.

(h) Lord Lieutenants Garden Party (21/74 (a))

Councillor Helen Morgan had been unable to identify anyone from Harmer Hill and Councillor Greg Miller was asked to go ahead with selecting representatives from Myddle.

**21/91 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.

**21/92 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February)	£282.61
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Inland Revenue	PAYE (February)	£188.40
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Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb)	£80.23.
	Office rent (Sept. - March)	£200.00
Mr. M. Busi	Community Environment project (Dec.)	£30.00
Scottish Power	Electricity supply	£133.81
E.ON	Annual Streetlight contract (50%)	£343.20
E.ON	Streetlight repair (SY4 3RW)	£124.73
Mr. S. Busi	Community Environment Project (Jan)	£800.00
Nobridge Ltd	Ground Maintenance (Aug/Sept.)	£462.13
Interactive Information	Hosting website	£240.00
Mr. M. Busi	Community Environment Project (Jan)	£510.00
Mr. C. Ruck	New lock for Harmer Hill playing field gate	£24.66
Eon	Streetlight repair (Higher Road, Harmer Hill)	£87.80
Crane Counselling	Section 137 Grant	£160.00
The Severn Hospice	Section 137 Grant	£160.00
Hope House Hospice	Section 137 Grant	£160.00
Mr. M. Busi	Community Environment Project	£120.00

**21/92 (b) Financial Statement**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

**21/93 Section 137 Grants.**

Members considered the applications which had been made and it was agreed to make a grant of £160.00 to each of the following organisations:

Hope House; The Hospice and Crane Counselling.

**21/94 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Adjacent to Woodside, Yorton Heath – change of use agricultural land to site 2 holiday lodges (22/00005/FUL). *Application supported but with questions raised regarding the need for a new road from the lodges to the existing farm.*

2. Apple Tree Farm, Marton – Installation of a ground mounted solar PV array (22/00150/FUL). *Application supported.*

The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

1. 5, Webscott, Myddle (21/05463/VAR) – Variation of condition No. 2 (approved plan) and No. 3 (materials) attached to planning permission 21/02787/FUL)

2. White Gates, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a greenhouse (21/05606/FUL).

3. The Grove, Myddlewood - erection of a two bay open fronted garage/store (21/05887/FUL)

The following application has been refused by Shropshire Council:

2. Danstone, Myddlewood – erection of ground floor extension and an entire first floor extension (21/05547/FUL).

**21/95 Revised Code of Conduct – (Localism Act 2011)**

Members considered and adopted the ‘Single National Code of Conduct’ which included the need to declare ‘Other Registrable Interests’ if these were appropriate. None of the Members declared any further interests.

**21/96 Community Led Plan.**

(a) Traffic and Transport:

The report from the Road Safety Meeting was considered and adopted – details are outlined in Minute 21/90(c) of this document.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

Discussions are still on-going about identifying a suitable area for a small development of social housing.

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

**21/97 Police Report:**

The following incidents were recorded in:

November:

Nil report

December:

Myddle (Hillside) – Vehicle Crime -1.

Harmer Hill (Lower Road) – Anti-Social Behaviour – 1.

January:

Nil report.

**21/98 Fuel Costs – Support for Vulnerable People.**

Councillor Mrs. Jackson expressed concerns regarding the effect the increased fuel prices would have on many residents and felt the most appropriate way to help initially was to provide information on the range and type of support which is currently available. Her proposal was supported by Members and it was suggested that a detailed article could be published in The Messenger, which was delivered to most properties in the Parish

**21/99 Items Raised at January Meeting:**(a) Myddle Bridleway:

It was noted that the overgrown vegetation had been cut back and Councillor Mrs. Jackson agreed to liaise with the Parish Paths Partnership to look at ways in which the footfall could be improved.

(b) Ellesmere Road Lay-by:

This item had been raised by Councillor Miss Karyn Row and in her absence it was suggested that residents living in adjacent properties should be advised that they were permitted to take action to improve the site.

(c) Speed Camera Van on Wem Road.

Clerk reported that this was not an option following the earlier comments received from the police regarding speed checks.

**21/100 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a) Agenda Items for the May meeting:

No issues raised but Members were reminded that they could forward items to the Clerk for inclusion, provided they were sent no later than seven days before the planned meeting.

(b) Issues raised regarding the need for urgent attention in the following areas:(i) Highways:

No new issues raised.

ii Street Lighting:

It was reported that correspondence received from Scottish Power indicated that from March 1<sup>st</sup> they were increasing the cost of electricity for the street lights from 12p to 47p per kWh, which means the annual cost for the Parish will rise from just over £500.00 to approx £2,000.00.

The Clerk was asked to seek other quotations and to see whether it would be beneficial to join the Shropshire Council streetlight consortium.

iii. Other:1. Queens Jubilee

The Chairman suggested that the Council should consider purchasing commemorative seats for the villages but there was no general support for the proposal and it was noted that communities in Harmer Hill and Myddle were planning events and may be seeking financial assistance.

After further discussion, a small committee was formed to look at ways in which the Council could undertake suitable action to celebrate the event.

## 2. Myddle/Baschurch Primary Schools – Appointment of a Governor:

It was noted that there was a vacancy for a Governor and anyone interested was asked to get further details from Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams.

## 3. Annual Litter Pick.

The Chairman stated that a Community litter pick had been planned for Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>. and Members of the Council and residents were encouraged to participate in the event.

## 4. Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Various complaints had been received indicating that actions required in the enforcement order were not being adhered to and little or no progress had been made. Councillor Williams stated that the Officer responsible for overseeing the order was on long term sick leave and he would try to find out who had taken responsibility for her work.

## 5. Well Croft Wall & Well

It was reported that a section of wall and a well had been struck and damaged by a delivery lorry. The company who owned the lorry had been contacted by residents and their insurance company had agreed to pay for the re-instatement of the wall.

## **21/101 Committee and Other Reports**

Councillor Mrs. Jackson informed Members that she had asked Shropshire Council to allow her to plant a mature tree in memory of her late uncle in the woodland surrounding her house which is leased by the Parish Council.

## **21/102 Ukrainian Crises.**

Before the meeting closed there was unanimous support for the following message to be sent to the Leader of Shropshire Council:

*‘ Council Members are united in their support of any actions taken by Shropshire Council in efforts designed to appease the suffering and hardship of those refugees from Ukraine, whose lives have been decimated by the invasion of their homeland by Russian forces ’.*

## **20/102 Date and Time of Next Meeting – The AGM:**

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>.2022 at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. Ruck Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022:**

**Correspondence received since last meeting in January.**

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**Correspondence received since last meeting in January.**

Dianne Dorrell – Local cycling and walking information.

Mr. Harris – copy of letter of complaint about lack of action by Shropshire Council.

Gail Power – Training Programme

Dianne Dorrell – revised Code of Conduct.

Cllr B. Williams and resident regarding speeding traffic at Myddlewood.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

Shelly Davies – RAF Shawbury night flying.

NALC – CEO’s bulletin.

Mark Sobczak – North Shropshire Reinforcement Up-date.  
Claire Greenaway-Evans – Safer Neighbourhood Team news.  
Shropshire Council - latest Coronavirus News.  
News E. Letter.  
Cllr. B. Williams – New waste bins.  
NALC – Newsletter.  
Amanda Roberts – Draft Minutes of Area Meeting - Shelly Davies – Low flying area video.  
Paul Johnson – Wem Methodist Church special service.  
Shropshire Council – Latest coronavirus news.  
Cllr. B. Williams – Wem Road pavement  
NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.  
Shropshire Works Team- Myddle Fun Run  
Sarah Manning – Vaccination ‘bus.  
Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin.  
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.  
Resident – request for litter pick in Myddlewood.  
Ray Tiernan – request for action re Harmer Hill playing field hedge.  
Michael Crawshaw (S&T NHS Trust) – public consultation.  
Dianne Dorrell – NALC Election report.  
Dianne Dorrell – NALC CEO’s report.  
Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus report.  
Police incident figures.  
Dianne Dorrell – Network Meeting.  
Scottish Power – Increase in tariff from March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Shropshire Council – election fees.  
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.  
Dianne Dorrell – Community Governance Review.  
R.B. Legion - planting a tree + plaque.  
Resident – Effect of increased power costs on vulnerable people.  
Local E Newsletter.  
Shropshire Council - Latest Coronavirus details.  
Cllr. J. Jackson – Community support for vulnerable people.  
Dianna Dorrell – Lieutenancy Awards.  
John Campion – January Newsletter.  
Gail Power – Good Food Check.  
Brian Rapson – Health press release.  
Austin Vaughan – Monthly play area reports.  
Cllr. B. Williams – A528 buffer zone.  
Dianne Dorrell – Chairs meeting report.  
Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus report.  
NALC – CEO’s bulletin.  
Keep Britain Tidy.  
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.  
Mrs. Donna Cook – attendance at Council meeting.  
Jamie Robinson – Neighbourhood Matters.  
Diann Dorrell – Police February Newsletter.  
Resident – Improper use of Myddle Bus shelter.  
Wem Council – Charity Ball.

Resident – Speeding traffic in Myddlewood.

Dianne Dorrell – Queen’s Green Canopy.

Gail Power – Severe weather warning.

Brian Rapson – Children and Young Peoples Mental Health.