

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON MARCH 1ST. 2023 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

There were three members of the public present:

Mr. A. Newlove asked if an additional bin for dog waste could be placed somewhere near to Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Mr. K. Hooper was seeking further details of the planned affordable housing development and Mr. R. Purslow gave a brief report on the progress of the plans for the affordable housing project and it was agreed that Mr. Jason O 'Donoghue from STAR Housing Association, should be invited to speak about the proposed development at the Annual Parish Meeting being held on May 3rd. at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. G. Miller

Miss. K. Row

Mr. I. Anderson

Mrs. J. Jackson

Mr. A. Jones

Mr. A. Harris

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

22/82 Apologies:

No apologies had been received.

22/83 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 9(c).

22/84 Minutes from the meeting held on January 4th. 2023.

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

22/85 Matters Arising:

(a) Wem Road Pavement (22/70(a)).

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams stated that the last information he had received was that Chartland Homes had been unable to secure a contractor and their own staff were undertaking training, to enable them to carry out the work, which seemed to be another delaying tactic.

(b) Commemorative Seats (22/70(c)).

It was reported that both seats had now been placed at acceptable sites and the Vice Chairman was thanked for the efforts he had taken to secure the site in Harmer Hill and for overseeing the transfer. Councillor A. Harris agreed to fix the plaques to the seats.

(c) Tree Inspection (22/70(d)).

Mr. T. Merchant had carried out a full inspection of the trees the Council were responsible for and had identified one tree that needed to be felled and others needing excessive ivy or low branches removed. Access2Trees had been asked to quote for the work, which would need to be carried out at the end of the bird nesting season.

(d) Harmer Hill Reservoir site 22/70(f)).

Continued development on the site had taken place and details had been reported to the Enforcement Officer, who had confirmed the case had been referred to the legal department at Shropshire Council to undertake the necessary action.

(e) Myddle Playing Field. (22/70(e)).

(The Clerk reported that:

(a) He had been informed by telephone that Shropshire Council was not prepared to sell the field and adjacent woodland to the Parish Council but was looking at offering a 100-year lease. This would enable the Council to carry out acceptable development without having to seek permission from them. This was accepted by Members.

(b) Councillor Jackson had advised him of reports on the local Facebook page of continued anti-social behaviour. The Facebook messages had been passed to the police who had contacted the residents and carried out a number of evening visits at the weekends and had reported no concerns.

There had been no damage to play area equipment although the paint was beginning to peel from re-painted surfaces but there was evidence of litter. It was agreed to look at ways in which this could be kept under control.

(f) VAS Up-dates (22/70(b)).

Reports from Councillors K. Row and G. Harding indicated that the VAS units were recording positive reductions in the number of speeding vehicles. However, there was still a problem on Baschurch Road in Myddle and it was agreed that continued pressure was needed to secure a 40mph buffer zone.

22/86 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.

22/87 (a) Accounts for Payment:

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (February + back pay)	£668.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (February)	£494.69
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan/Feb.)	£88.25
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (March)	£27.40
Mr. J. Wilson	Office rent (Sept – March0	£250.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE (March)	£265.20
Mr. M. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (December)	£30.00
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (30/09/22 – 01/11/22)	£137.26
Mr. S. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (December)	£412.50

Shropshire Council	Street light charges for power (03/11/22 -31/12/2022)	£172.51	
E.ON	Annual agreement – final payment	£360.36	
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Bio-degradable bags	£268.20	
Interactive Information	Website hosting & domain renewal	£240.00	
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (01/08/22 -31/10/22)	£490.21	
Forester & Arborist	Tree Inspection	£367.50	
Mr. S. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (January)	£292.50	
Mr. M. Busi	Environmental Maint. Project (January)	£630.00	
	Hedge clearance (Playing Field)	£240.00	£870.00
Shropshire Council	Annual Play Area Inspections		£940.80

22/87(b) Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement for March was tabled and approved.

The Clerk stated that he would forward end-of-year reports on the Accounts and Financial Statement at the beginning of April.

22/88 End of Year reports:

The following reports were tabled:

(a)CIL (Neighbourhood) Grant.

It was noted that a total of £11,820.00 was still available for authorized projects.

(b) Environmental Maintenance Project.

The Clerk reported that there was just over £100.00 left in the budget but expected this to be spent when invoices for February and March were received. A full report would be sent to Shropshire Council to enable a grant of £1,500.00 to be secured for 2023-2024.

22/89 Suggested Projects.

A range of projects was suggested including:

Picnic Benches on the Myddle Playing Field – *in view of the recent reports of anti-social behaviour this was deferred.*

White entrance gates on access roads into the villages at a cost of about £15,000. *Not supported by Members but it was agreed that improved/updated signs should be considered.*

Replacement Notice Board in Harmer Hill - *many Members are now unsure of the need for this type of board.*

Any decision is now deferred to the next meeting.

22/90 Planning Applications:

A.The following application had been received:

1. Field west of The Groves, Myddlewood – erection of a building for the storage of a tractor and machinery (23/00015/FUL).

This application has now been approved by Shropshire Council.

2. Meadowland, Sleaf – Three additional poultry units plus supporting equipment (22/02001/EIA) – re-submission. *There was no change to the original Council response and it was noted that it was being considered by Shropshire Council's Northern Committee but no one was able to attend.*

B. The following application has been withdrawn:

Lower Houlston Farm, Houlston Lane, Myddle – proposed extensions (22/04559/FUL).

22/91 Police Report:**(a) Incidents**

There were no incidents recorded in December:

(b) Police Charter:

Asked to provide the three types of incident causing the most concern in the Parish. Members reported them to be – Speeding Traffic, Anti-Social Behaviour and a clarification of reports of incidents of sexual/violent behaviour.

22/92 King's Coronation:

If requested, it was agreed to provide a grant of £250.00 each to Myddle and Harmer Hill to support any approved community events planned to celebrate the event.

22/93 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a) Agenda Items for the May meeting:**

Projects: Affordable Housing; Litter collection on Myddle playing field.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:**1. Highways:**

Councillor A Harris reported that there had been a second serious accident at the junction of Wem Road and The Hollow.

2. Street Lighting:

Members considered a report sent to them by the Clerk, which pointed out that E.ON had decided that they were unable to undertake any projects that involved working with Scottish Power, who is responsible for all underground workings. They were prepared to continue to maintain the lights but appreciated that this could cause future problems.

The Clerk had spoken to representatives from Highline Electrical based in Oswestry, who were contracted to maintain the lights for Wem Town Council and several smaller Parish Councils and they were keen to undertake the contract for the Parish.

The Clerk was asked to contact them for a quotation to take over the contract from May 1st. when the current contract with E.ON ended.

3. Other:**(a) Safer Road Partnership:**

It was noted that Partnership had operated in Harmer Hill for several years, siting their vehicle on the hard surface at the entrance to the woods opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall. However on the last visit, the staff had been approached by a man wearing a yellow coat who had told them to leave as it was private property and they had no right to be there.

It was noted that they had received permission; that it was the hard shoulder of the road and no contact had been made with the Council regarding this.

Members felt sure it was not a representative from the Sansaw Estate but the Clerk was asked to contact them and discuss the incident.

(b) Litter Pick:

The Chairman confirmed that the annual litter pick was planned for April 1st and he hoped it would receive full support.

(c) Local Councillors to suggest suitable location for a bin for dog waste and the Clerk to order a new bin.

22/94 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports tabled.

22/95 Applications received for a Section 137 Grant.

Direct applications had been received from Severn Hospice and Hope House Children's Hospice and one from Crane Counselling via a SALC newsletter. It was agreed to make a donation of £150.00 to each charity.

22/96 Annual Parish Meeting.

As confirmed at the start of the meeting, Mr. O'Donaghue would be invited to attend.

22/97 Date and Time of Next Meeting (The AGM):

Wednesday, May 3rd. 2023 at approx 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: *Colin R. Ruck* **Chairman** **Date:** *May 3rd. 2023:*

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE JANUARY MEETING.

Cathrine Cooke – Myddle Muddle – 2023.

Gail Power – Sustainable Affordable Warmth.

Resident – Volunteering.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust - Newsletter.

Gail Power – SALC Newsletter.

Cllr. J. Jackson – draft minutes.

Gail Power – Voter ID at future polls.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Draft Minutes.

John Campion- PCC Newsletter.

Cllr. K. Row - resident undertaking litter pick.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Lezley Picton – Newsletter.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Myddle Playing Field.

Resident – enquiry regarding proposed site for affordable housing.

Cllr. K. Row – concerns regarding Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Amanda Roberts – report from SALC Area Committee.

Highways – proposed street work in Clive area.

Cllr. J. Jackson – problems in the wooded area.

Vice Chairman – New site for the Commemorative Seat in Harmer Hill.

P.C. Heathcote – Myddle woodland area.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.

Rural Housing Association – Committee Membership.

Resident – Myddle School Security Light.

'Fix My Street' – De-restriction signs on the Wem Road, Harmer Hill – re-painted.

Terry Merchant – Tree inspection report.

John Campion – Police Budget.

Cllr. J. Jackson – Concerns about Playing Field A-S Behaviour reports on Facebook.
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.
Vice Chairman – Harmer Hill Seat.
BHIB – Kings Coronation.
Liam Heathcote – Playing Field Anti-Social Behaviour.
Resident – Line Marking in Myddle.
Terry Merchant – Tree report.
Linda Gregory – Thankyou message re. Seat.
PCSO J. Robinson - Myddle Play Area x 2
Cllr B. Williams – Wem Road pavement.
PCSO J. Robinson – Police Charter.
John Campion - Newsletter
Chairman – Harmer Hill Reservoir.
Cllr A. Harris – Village Gateways.
Cllr K. Row – Reservoir problems.
E.ON – Street light contract.
Assistant Clerk (Wen) – Dinner Dance.
Dianne Dorrell – Big Health & Well Being Conversation.
Dianne Dorrell – JSNA Presentation.
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