

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ONLINE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>. 2020 AT 7.30pm.**

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**Public Session:**

No members of the public had applied to attend the meeting.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. I. Anderson

Ms. J. Bienek

Mt. L. Foulsham

Mr, G. Harding

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. R. Tiernan

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

**20/28 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor J. Heath.

**20/29 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

No interests were declared.

**20/30 Minutes from the meeting held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. 2020:**

A copy of the minutes, having been circulated to all Members, were approved and at an appropriate time would be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**20/31 Matters Arising:**

**(a) Streetlight Up-grade.**

It was reported that the up-grade to Led units had been completed. The Chairman indicated that he had received complimentary comments about the new lights.

**(b) Community Environment Project (2019-2020).**

The Clerk stated that last year's report had now been accepted in full and the grant of £1,500.00 for the current year had been deposited in the Council's bank account.

**(c) Highways Issues.**

(a) All the issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to the Highways Department or to Mr. David Gradwell (Road Safety Officer). Action had been promised but Shropshire Councillor B. Williams pointed out that budget restrictions, increased demand and dealing with the Coronavirus restrictions meant that there was long waiting list for problems to get resolved.

(b) Concern was expressed by several Members about the size and length of vehicles travelling through Harmer Hill using The Hollow and accessing Ellesmere Road, creating a very dangerous situation. Many of the tractors were travelling between the two farms owned by the same family and it was suggested that the Clerk should write to the owners outlining residents'

concerns and suggesting an alternative route which would be less dangerous and prevent The Hollow being used to access the Ellesmere Road.

**(d) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – pavement.**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams stated that he was continuing to put pressure on Council officers to get this problem resolved but confirmed that the contractor had agreed to do the work.

**(e) Additional VAS Unit**

Councillor G. Harding gave an outline of the data collected from the new units which indicated that the vast majority of the vehicles travelling down Myddle Hill towards the school were travelling within the designated speed limit. However, there was a large number exceeding the limit when travelling into the village from the Baschurch direction and it was agreed that there was a need for a 40mph buffer zone on that stretch of the road.

**20/32 Correspondence.**

Members considered the details of the correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting, which had already been forwarded and appropriate responses made.

**20/33 Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Aug/Sept.)		£733.4 6
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/August)		£69.13
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Aug/Sept.)	£183.20	
	N.I. (Aug/Sept.)	£25.51	£208.71
Mr. C. Ruck	Shrub shear blade (Parish paths)		£19.99
Mr. M. Busi	Community work (June)		£120.00
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (31/03 – 30/06)		£132.05
E.ON	Street light up-grade to LED units		£9,749.88
Nobridge	Ground Maintenance (26/03 – 29/07)		£1,373.76
Argos Ltd.	Storage box		£126.95
Mr. M. Busi	Community work (July)		£60.00

**20/34 Financial Statement:**

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

**20/35 Mid-Year Financial Report:**

The report was tabled, considered in detail and adopted.

**20/36 Planning Applications:**

The following applications were considered and responded to:

1. The Old Rectory, Myddle – variation of condition No. 2 on the approved application (20/02491/VAR). *Application supported.*
2. Site of Red Castle Public House – conversion and alteration to form four mews dwellings with access and parking (20/03025/FUL). *Application supported providing a ‘change of use’ had been approved.*
3. Meadowland Poultry – Meadowland – construction of a dirty water lagoon (20/0320/FUL). *Application supported.*
4. Acacia House, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a first storey rear extension and a single detached garage (20/03193/FUL). *No objections raised.*

**B. The following application had been approved by Shropshire Council:**

The Hollies, Myddlewood – erection of a single storey extension (20/02027/FUL).

**C. The following applications have been refused by Shropshire Council:**

Land east of 14, Myddlewood – proposed dwelling (20/01357/FUL).

*Applicant has appealed the decision.*

Land at Harmer Hill Reservoir (20/01681).

**D. The following application had been withdrawn:**

16, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of 2 two storey extensions (20/02137/FUL).

**E. Other:**

Concern was expressed regarding the development at ‘Karima’ The Hollow, Harmer Hill, which had been supported by the Council but did not appear to be being constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

*Clerk to ask for an Enforcement Order to be enacted.*

**20/37 Risk Assessment Review.**

Amendments to the review were considered and adopted following a minor amendment to add ‘dog fouling’ as a risk for the children’s play areas.

**20/38 Review of Standing Orders.**

An up-dated version of the Standing Orders was considered and adopted.

**20/39 Community Led Plan - Reports:****(a) Traffic and Transport:**

No additional issues raised.

**b) Community Spirit:**

No report tabled.

**(c) Housing:**

The Vice-Chairman reported that a well- attended meeting had been held to discuss the possibility of constructing some affordable housing in the Parish under a 106 agreement, which meant that local people were given the first opportunity to rent the properties.

It had been agreed to set up an advisory committee and there had been a positive response from Councillors and community members. Mr. Green (Rural Housing Officer) was arranging a Zoom meeting for later this month.

**(d) Business and Farming:**

No report tabled.

**20/40 Police Report:**

Clerk reported that he was still not receiving any reports and the local police officers had not been able to resolve the problem.

**20/41 Exchange of Information:****(a) Community Speed Watch.**

It was noted that the project set up in Myddle had been abandoned because of insufficient voluntary support. The organisers had been thanked for their effort in setting up the scheme.

(b) Speeding traffic on Baschurch Road, Myddlewood.

The Chairman had received a complaint about the excessive speed of vehicles travelling along this road with a request for some action. It had been reported to the local police who in turn had arranged for the officer i/c road traffic to carry out a site visit.

(c) Loss of access to footpaths:

(i) Car park opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Concerns had been raised about the access to the footpath leading into the woods from this location being prevented by a locked gate. *The problem appeared to have been resolved.*

(ii) Fields off Lower Road, Harmer Hill.

Complaint had been received that the paths surrounding the fields which had been used for many years had now been ploughed preventing access.

*It was noted that these were not recognised paths and the farmer had the right to plough the land.*

(d) Hollins Lane:

Complaints had been received from some horse riders about the recently installed gates but following advice the situation appeared to have been resolved.

(e) Clerk's salary

Members approved the increase in salary from April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2020, which had been recommended by the National Advisory Committee.

(f) Play Areas:

The annual safety RoSPA report on the state of the two play areas had been received and indicated a range of issues which needed to be addressed. Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Busi to see if he was interested in undertaking the work.

(g) Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill:

Concern was again raised about the dreadful state of this road, where the Council's concerns had been supported by local highways officers at a meeting held last year. Shropshire Councillor B. Williams agreed to raise the issue again with the relevant officers but was wary of any immediate action.

(h) Litter Bin:

A request was made for a bin to be placed on the lay-by alongside the Ellesmere Road. Chairman pointed out that this had been raised previously and Shropshire Council had not agreed to support the proposal. If installed the Parish would have to pay for the bin and for having it emptied regularly.

Clerk was asked to get details of the costs involved.

(i) Yorton Parish Notice Board:

Councillor R. Jones reported that the board was in need of some repair and agreed to seek a quotation for the work.

(j) Messenger:

The Chairman reminded Members that Mrs. Hodge had resigned from the post of overseeing the production of The Messenger and on behalf of the Parish Council formally thanked her for the twenty years she had acted as volunteer editor of this very valuable informative community Parish Magazine.

Liz not only edited the magazine but also organised production, collation and distribution of over 200 issues, a mammoth task of 10 issues per year.

He wished to take this opportunity to thank her again on behalf of the whole community for her efforts to produce and distribute the Messenger.  
There was unanimous support from all those attending the meeting.

**20/42 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>. 2020

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2020:**

**Correspondence received since last meeting – June.**

**Please note the list does not contain the many messages received and forwarded regarding Coronavirus and planned Highways work.**

David Mitchell – closing down of Myddle Community Speed Watch.

Chairman – residents email re. speeding traffic in Myddlewood.

Dianne Dorrell - return of car ark charges.

Chairman – Play Areas re-opening.

Gail Power Agricultural crime reports.

David Gradwell – VAS Unit etc.

Resident – failure to construct footpath at Red House development.

Cllr. Brian Williams – installation of footpath.

Tim Shrosbree – Community Led Housing Development.

Diann Dorrell – July Information Bulletin.

Dianne Dorrell – RCC Survey.

Dianne Dorrell - Fire and Rescue Service – Risk Management.

Gail Power - Community Reassurance.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Gail Power – Briefing Note re CIL (Local) Allocations.

Gail Power – Information Bulletin July 2020.

Gail Power – Health, Care and Well Being in Shropshire.

Chairman – Community Led Housing Scheme.

Cllr. B. Williams – seeking information about Wem Road footpath work.

Gail Power – Shropshire Council’s Youth Support.

Gail Power – News in Brief.

Gail Power – Draft Local Plan.

Resident – Complaint re. Hollins Lane.

Chairman – Community Led Housing Plan.

Gail Power – Bereavement Support for Shropshire residents.

Cllr. B. Williams – planning decisions.

Shrop. Council works team – Church Road, Yorton.  
Gail Power – AI and data protection.  
E. Newsletter.  
NALC – CEO’s bulletin.  
Gail Power – Healthcare partners uniting to discharge patients.  
Gail Power – Telephone, online and video appointments.  
Cllr B. Williams – query re. installation of footpath.  
Chairman – Gough Walks  
Dianne Dorrell – Grant Funding.  
Geoff Harding – Use of Community Buildings following lockdown  
Geoff Harding – Thanks for grant for Myddle Village Hall.  
Gail Power – Housing Strategy consultation.  
Gail Power – Community Re-assurance from Shropshire Council.  
Gail Power – digital skills for Senior Citizens.  
Cllr. B. Williams – response from Mark Wooton re. Wem Road footpath.  
NALC – CEO’s bulletin.  
Vice Chairman – Permissive Path.  
Resident – Lower Road right of Way.  
Cllr. E. Hodge – Messenger.  
Cllr G. Harding – Use of community buildings.  
SJF Design & Print – News Item from Council.  
Lois Dale – Pay phone removal.  
Gail Power – Planning changes – Consultation.  
Gail Power – Shropshire Council partnership with Mobilise.  
Gail Power – Domestic Abuse Forum  
Dianne Dorrell – Adult Social Care Consultation.  
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.  
Police Commissioner – Newsletter.  
Gail Power – letter from the Lord Lieutenant.  
Tim Shrobbree – Affordable Housing Committee.  
Dianne Dorrell – Surveys to Share.  
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin  
Karyn Row – Smartwater & Neighbourhood Watch  
Becci Dicken – Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service consultation.  
Russell Harrison Ltd. – Affordable Housing Committee  
Cllr B. Williams – construction of footpath.  
John Green – Affordable Housing Committee  
Gail Power – Queens Award for Voluntary Service.  
Gail Power – Dog Snatchers.  
Shelley Davies – RAF Shawbury (Night Flying).  
Chairman - Comment from a resident regarding the Red Castle planning application.  
Resident - further comment regarding footpath.

Fiona Leighton – Play Area Inspections.

NALC – CEO’s bulletin.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Dianne Dorrell – Out of hours palliative care.

Gail Power – County broad band up-date.

Cllr. B. Williams – Wem Road footpath.