

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>. 2023 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were two members of the public in attendance and concerns were raised about the danger of accessing and exiting Hillcrest View on the A528, where there is residential and commercial property.

The Chairman stated that this problem was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting but invited them to stay if they wished. They were also advised that they could report the issue on Shropshire Council's 'Fix My Street' website.

Mr. Russell Purslow was also in attendance to give information on the proposed affordable housing project which was being considered on the agenda.

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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

Miss K. Row

Mrs. J. Jackson

**In Attendance:**

The Parish Clerk.

Mr. R. Purslow.

Two members of the public.

**23/32 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

**23/33 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

No interests were declared.

**23/34 Minutes from the meeting held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. 2023.**

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

**23/35 Matters Arising:**

**(a) Affordable Housing Project:**

Mr. Purslow gave an update on the project including details of a new officer taking responsibility for the oversight of the project at STAR. Members then approved a resolution that Mr. Harfitt (Solicitor) should be contracted to act on behalf of the Council in negotiating the termination of the lease on the land in Godings Lane.

His Terms and Conditions had been supplied and were approved and the Clerk was asked to contact him and ask him to proceed. It was necessary to ensure that a new lease was in place with

Shropshire Council for the area not required for housing and that the play area equipment was moved and safety checked before the current lease was terminated.

**(b) Enforcement Order - Harmer Hill Reservoir:**

The Chairman reported that further developments had taken place and these had been reported to the Enforcement Officer. A response had been received indicating that a shortage of staff was delaying any action being taken.

Members were very disturbed about the continued delay and the Clerk was tasked with writing to the Shropshire Council's Leader and CEO expressing the council's dissatisfaction with continued delays and asking them to take action. A copy of the letter should be sent to Helen Morgan the local M.P.

**(c) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – speed control.**

The Vice Chairman reported that he and Councillor K. Row had met with a police representative and outlined the concerns expressed by residents. It appeared that most of the accidents on the road had not been reported to the police and as such it was seen as a relatively safe road.

However, he arranged for a covert speed check to be carried out for a few days which indicated that the majority of the vehicles were travelling at or below the stated 40mph speed limit.

Changing to 30mph would be a costly and complex issue and the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

Members agreed to look at the possibility of improving the VAS Units on that road which was subject to approval by Shropshire Council.

**(d) Shotton Hall – request for additional streetlight.**

The Clerk reported that he had met the Streetlight Contractor on site and he had confirmed that because there is no available Network to connect to, it was not possible to add extra lights to the current system. Residents at Shotton Hall had been informed.

**(e) The Messenger:**

Councillor G. Miller reported that no one had come forward to take over as editor of the Messenger and as an interim measure he was taking responsibility. Until a realistic solution was found, the Messenger would only be issued every other month.

**23/36 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.

**23/37 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (July)	£398.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (July)	£265.60
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/August)	£72.70
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (May)	£30.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (29/03/23-15/06/23)	£866.10
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Dog Waste bags	£303.84
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (June)	£30.00
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work July	£30.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August)	£398.55
Inland Revenue	PAYE (August)	£265.20

Shropshire Council	Streetlight power (July-September)	£396.68
Mr. C. Ruck	Agreed Expenses	£44.50
Garden Machines	Battery Charger for Parish Paths Equipment	£17.62
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit	£290.00

### **23/37 (b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

### **23/38 Planning Applications:**

#### **A The following applications had been received:**

1. Land east of Myddlewood - erection of a detached building for the storage of a tractor and farm machinery. *No objections raised.*
2. The Archways, Brookside, Myddle – erection of one detached dwelling plus alteration to existing vehicular access (23/02681/FUL). *Objected to, following responses from Members.*
3. 8, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood -erection of a replacement garage (23/03135/FUL). *Objected to because of its size.*
4. Lyonswood House, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – Installing a solar panel in a small section of the field (23/03240/FUL). *No objections raised.*
5. Lower Houlston Farm, Houlston Lane, Myddle – extensions and various alterations - re-submission (23/03501/FUL). *No objections raised.*

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

1. 11, Myddlewood – erection of a double open garage and store (23/02418/FUL)
2. Land East of Myddlewood - erection of a detached building for the storage of a tractor and farm machinery (23/02561/FUL).
3. Archway Cottage, Yorton Heath – single storey extension (23/02400/FUL)

### **23/39 Community Led Plan Reports:**

#### **(a) Traffic and Transport:**

It was noted that public concerns had been raised regarding road safety at Myddle School and the access to Hillcrest View from the A528.

The Chairman confirmed that over the past few years concerns about road safety at the school had been raised with Shropshire Council numerous times and a detailed plan to reduce traffic speed had been compiled by one of their road safety officers, with the Parish Council offering to fund part of the cost. Lack of funds had delayed the scheme and a new safety officer had stated that the plan was not a practical solution.

It was noted that Myddle School had been identified as one of the schools needing a 20mph limit imposed and attempts would be made to determine when it was planned to be carried out.

At the same time it was agreed to try and have an urgent meeting with the area Road Safety Officer to discuss this and other issues which had been raised.

#### **(b) Community Spirit:**

No further issues raised.

#### **(c) Housing.**

No further issues were raised.

#### **(d) Business and Farming.**

No issues were raised.

**23/40 Police Report:**

The following incident reports had been accessed:

(a) May – Nil report.

(b) June – Two reports

Anti-Social Behaviour (Wem Road close to Godings Lane junction).

Other Theft (Bramble Wood).

The Clerk was asked to respond to Local Police Charter request.

**23/41 Parish Defibrillators**

The Chairman pointed out that there were two defibrillators in the parish and that maintaining and updating them was necessary and he felt that the Parish Council should take on the payment for replacement units. The clerk was asked to discuss this with Mrs. Erica Martin who looked after the Harmer Hill Unit and the Chairman would discuss it with Ms Louise. Bullock who had offered to take over responsibility for the Myddle Unit.

**23/42 Exchange of Additional Information:**

(a) Agenda Items for the November meeting:

b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:

1. Highways:

2. Street Lighting:

No issues were raised.

3. Other

**23/43 Shropshire Place Plan Review:**

Details of the current plan related to the Parish had already been sent to Members and the Clerk thanked them for the responses which had been made. He had replied to the Place Plan Officer outlining those items in the plan that had already been actioned and added safety concerns related to Wem Road, Harmer Hill, Myddle School and the A528.

**23/44 Committee and Other Reports:**

Mid-Year Statement of Accounts:

The statement was tabled and adopted and details would be placed on the Council's website.

**23/45 Document Review:**

A full review of the Council's policy documents had been carried out by the Clerk and the Chairman had updated the changes on the Council's website. These included Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment.

**23/46 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2023 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2023:**

CORRESPONDENCE SINCE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

External Auditor – confirmation of receipt of Audit documents.

Dianne Dorrell – Boundary review consultation.

Supt. Stuart Bull – re. Wem Road speed control.

Brian Rapson – Health Watch News release.

Paul Harfitt (Solicitor) – Agreement to represent Parish Council.

Gail Power – Defibrillator campaign

Rod Lake (West Mercia Police) – Wem Road request for 30mph limit.

J. Campion – PCC Newsletter

Gail Power – Shropshire Healthier Weight Strategy.

PCSO J. Robinson – Police Newsletter.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

Resident – Concern over speeding traffic by Myddle School.

Ray Parry – Reviewing Myddle Play Area.

Resident – Concerns about access to Hillcrest View from A528 (Speeding Traffic).

Gail Power – Save our Shropshire Birthday Celebrations.

Cllr. A. Harris – Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee – problems.

Andrea McWilliams – CIL Infrastructure Projects.

Dianne Dorrell – Tennis Centre Coaching.

Works Team – Wem Road Clive – repairs.

Cadent Gas – Lower Road work.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Cllr K. Row – Sign needing to be re-painted.

Cllr. A. Harris – Advertising Sign adjacent to Ellesmere Road.

Cllr. B. Williams – Response to above message.

Myddle Resident – Myddle speed problem and calming measures.

Various Councillors responses to Affordable Housing project and letter from Solicitor.

Dianne Dorrell – SALC latest news.

ALC – Going Outside for fitness.

Chairman –Newsletter.

SALC – AGM details.

Mrs. Sharon Angus –Cranshaw – concerns about the dangerous state of Salt Road.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Vice Chairman – Information about two Notice Boards.

Paul Harfitt – response.

P.C. Rod Lake – results of speed checks on Wem Road, Harmer Hill.

Works Team – Re-lining Ellesmere Road.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Gail Power – SALC AGM\*

Clerk Welshampton P.C. – A528 Safety.

Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – AGM.

Brian Rapson – Health Watch Shropshire press release.

Shropshire Council – planning appeal.

Jack Harper – Local Police Charter.  
Gail Power SALC AGM guest speaker.  
Cllr. B. Williams – School speed management.  
John Campion – PCC Newsletter.  
Lezley Picton – The Marches Forward Planning