

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL
VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 23rd. 2021 AT 7.30pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no issues had been raised.

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman.

Present:

Mr. I. Anderson (Chairman)

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr, G. Harding

Mr. A. Harris

Ms. H. Morgan

Miss. K. Row

Ms. C. Whittingham

Mrs. J. Jackson

Mr. G. Miller

In Attendance:

The Parish Clerk.

21/20 Apologies:

Apologies were presented and accepted from Councillor C. Ruck and Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

21/21 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interest were declared.

21/22 Minutes from the meeting held on May 13th. 2021:

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

21/23 Matters Arising:

(a)Wem Road pavement (21/09(a))

An email had been received from Shropshire Councillor B. Williams indicating that he was still insisting that an enforcement order should be placed on the developer.

(b) Ellesmere Road pavement (21/09(b)).

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by Ms. Ffion Horton a Highways Officer at Shropshire Council to check if there had been any developments, as Mr. Mark Wooton had been asked to make contact with the Council, hold a site meeting, draw up plans and work out a cost for the project. Clerk reported back that this was over six months ago and nothing has transpired.

(c) Community Environment Project (21/16)

Clerk reported that new officers had been appointed with Ms. Victoria Doran, the local Highways officer, taking over responsibility supported by Ms. Micky Riggs. Clerk had been involved in a- lengthy discussion with Ms. Riggs who could not find a record of the Council receiving a grant but agreed that work that had been done was acceptable and suggested the Council applied for a further grant. The Chairman felt we should go ahead with applying for a grant of £1,500 and that has been done. Mr. Busi will continue to carry out projects but Members need to come up with suggestions, remembering that activity is limited to Shropshire Council owned property. Suggestions for projects should be sent to the Chairman or him to pass on to Mr. Busi.

21/24 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.

21/25 (a) Accounts for Payment:

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£282.61
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£71.85
Inland Revenue	PAYE:	£188.40
E-ON	Annual Maintenance Contract (50%)	£343.20
Mr. M. Sheehy	Internal Audit (2020-2021)	£265.00
Mr. M. Busi	Environment Maint. (July)	£90.00

21/25 (b) Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved

21/26 Audit Documents 2020-2021'

The Accounting Statement and the Internal Auditors reports, indicating that there were no problems with the financial and overall management of the Council, had already been forwarded to Members for consideration. No issues were raised and all the documents were approved. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Sheehy for the detailed reports.

21/27 The following Items requested by Members were considered:**(a) Myddle Playing Field – footpath:**

The Clerk reported that there had been no further approach from the person who had made the suggestion. Based on a previous quotations for a similar type of path three years ago, the cost of a path round the field would be in excess of £10,000. It had been suggested that rubber matting might be an alternative but there would not be much difference in the price and it was doubtful whether it would be appropriate.

It was agreed to take no further action unless the Chairman was contacted again.

(b) Shotton Lane – road condition.

It was reported that there had been constant complaints about the state of the road and two years ago a site meeting had been held with the local Highways Officer, who had agreed that major re-construction was necessary but there was no local budget to deal with this level of work. It had been referred to Shropshire Council's Head of Highways but again the response had indicated that there was insufficient resources available.

(c) Resumption of the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

Councillor Miss K. Row reported that she had made contact with Mr. Mitchell who had organised the scheme in Myddle and then contacted the Safer Road Partnership who were not prepared to re-instate the scheme which had failed because of the lack of volunteer support. Harmer Hill could not have a scheme because the Safer Road Partnership carried out regular checks.

It was agreed to look at the possibility of a VAS unit being installed on the Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill and this would be considered in detail at the next meeting.

(d) Recognition of long serving Members.

Clerk reported that two of the retired Councillors had replied – Mr. R. Purslow and Mr. R. Jones both of whom had completed 38 years of service. He had not heard from Mrs. E. Hodge or Mr. J. Heath although both had served in excess of 22 years.

The Clerk agreed to see if SALC would be prepared to send out a letter of thanks for their service to the Community.

21/28 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications have been received:

1. Pound Cottage, 19, Myddle – erection of a single storey extension to replace existing conservatory structure (21/02212/FUL). *No issues raised.*
2. Red Castle, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill – conversion and alterations to the former Public House to form three dwellings (21/02214/FUL).

There was a unanimous decision to object to the application as:

- (a) The design statement has out of date information and does not include details of the new development that has taken place at that location.*
- (b) It is felt that the creation of three properties would be over development given the recent housing development on the site that has left limited outside space. This is likely to create vehicle parking problems with possible over spill onto the footpath or the busy main road where young people wait to catch the school bus service.*

3. 5, Webscott, Myddle – single storey extension to the rear of the property (21/02787/FUL).
No issues raised.

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

1. Brierwood, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill - single storey side extension (21/01796/FUL).
2. Pound Cottage, 19, Myddle – erection of a single storey extension (21/02212/FUL).

21/29 Community Led Plan

(a) Traffic and Transport:

Issues had already been raised earlier in the meeting.

b) Community Spirit:

Councillor G. Miller reported that organisations in Myddle were planning to hold an event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and would welcome the involvement of Harmer Hill residents. Councillor Miss C. Whittingham to raise the suggestion with Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee.

(c) Housing:

No issues raised.

(d) Business and Farming:

No issues raised.

21/30 Police Report:

The following incidents were recorded in April:

Alford Grange, Myddle – Other theft -1.

Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill – Violence -1.

Concerns were raised about the sparsity of the information and the Clerk reported that the issue had been raised by SALC and was being discussed at a Clerk's Zoom meeting with the new head of Shropshire Police.

21/31 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, September 1st. at 7.00pm prior to the start of the planned Council meeting.

21/32 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a) Agenda Items for the September meeting:**

Erection of a VAS unit on Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill.

Possible Allotments in the Parish

Review of various speed limits in the Parish

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:**i. Highways:.**

No additional concerns raised other than general concern about speeding traffic.

ii Street Lighting

No issues raised

iii. Other:**Severn Trent Pumping Station:**

Concerns raised about the continual nightly disruption caused by attempts to remove a blockage in the system.

Clerk to seek a response from Severn Trent.

Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Concerns were raised about the lack of progress in the removal of the structure after the issue of an enforcement order.

Clerk to raise the issue with the planning officer responsible for issuing the order.

21/33 Committee and Other reports.

No reports tabled.

20/34 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday September 1st. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ Chairman Date: _____ 2021:

Correspondence received since last meeting in June.**Please note the list does not contain all the messages received and forwarded regarding Coronavirus and planned Highways work.**

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

Mrs. Howe – Broughton Church grant.

Cllr. B. Williams – Sleap Airfield

Cllr. J. Jackson – Sleap Airfield

NALC – Newsletter.

Brian Rapson – Access to NHS Dental Treatment.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.

NALC – CEO's bulletin.

Jo Cooper – New Shropshire Information Initiative.

Shropshire Council – Latest Coronavirus news.

Police Commissioner – Survey.

Various Cllrs – Sleap Airfield.

Resident – complaint about access to Myddle Playing Field

Cllr. B. Williams – Wem Road footpath.

Local E-Newsletter.

Resident – need for repair of fence following felling of ash tree.

Shropshire Council – Latest news on coronavirus

NALC – CEO's bulletin.

Mr. J. Stokes – Sleap aircraft.

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief (May 21st).

Mr. McCarthy (Red Castle) concern regarding drain clearance/flooding.

Local E. Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Traffic Speed by Schools.

Dianne Dorrell – Information Bulletin (June).

Cllr. G. Harding - Traffic speed by school.

Ffion Horton (Shropshire Council) Ellesmere Road footpath.

Age Concern (Shropshire) Home Support Workers.

Dianne Dorrell – CIL Project Management Guide.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.

Cllr. K. Row – Community Speed Watch

Cllr. G. Harding – Defibrillators

Gail Power – Jubilee Beacons.

NALC – CEO's Bulletin.