

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 3RD.2024 AT 7.30 pm.**

Public Session:

Three members of the public were in attendance and explained the reasons behind the application for development at Sleaf Airfield and answered numerous questions raised by Members.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)
Ms. J. Bienek
Mr. G. Harding
Mr. I. Anderson
Mr. A. Jones
Mr. A. Harris
Mr. G. Miller
Miss K. Row

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.
The Parish Clerk.
PCSO Oliver Morris (Wem Police) for part of the meeting.
Three members of the public for part of the meeting.

23/62 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Mr M. Andrew and Mrs J. Jackson

23/63 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Councillor I. Anderson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(a).

23/64 Minutes from the meeting held on November 1st. 2023.

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

23/65 Matters Arising:

(a) Affordable Housing Project:

It was noted that early in November the Clerk had discussed the project with the legal officer at Shropshire Council, who had confirmed that she was in accord with the wishes of the Parish Council, was liaising with STAR and Mr. Harfitt and was hopeful of securing a satisfactory agreement.

However, the latest report from Mr. Harfitt indicated that Shropshire Council are not prepared to agree to a new lease until the proposed housing development has been built, whereas the Council was seeking to relocate the play equipment as soon as the land was sold.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams felt that this was a Health and Safety issue but would speak to Sarah Musgrove to see if a solution could be found.

(b) Planning Issues.

(a) Councillor G. Miller had compiled a detailed paper regarding the role of Parish Councils in the planning process, which was sent to Tabitha Lythe, Head of Planning, who emailed back stating that she would discuss it with Philip Mullineux and appropriate team members and then respond.

(b) Councillor J. Jackson had prepared a detailed set of papers for Members to consider when responding to applications. After due consideration, it was decided that elements of the report should be carried out for a trial period.

(c) Highways - Projects.

Following advice from Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams, the Clerk forwarded details of all the suggested projects to Mr. Derek Buchanan (Traffic Engineering Manager) and Mr. Philip Lloyd (North Shropshire Area Traffic Engineer), indicating that the Parish Council was prepared to part-fund some of them if they were deemed to be acceptable developments. To date, there has been no response from either of them.

However with regard to the footpath to Pimhill he had made contact with Mr. Paul Butter, who has responsibility for the construction and maintenance of paths for Shropshire Council. His team of workers had been employed by the Parish Council to upgrade the footpath leading to Myddle Play Area. He had visited the site but reported that it was outside the scope of his team's work because it was adjacent to a main road but had forwarded all the details to the Highways Team and asked them to review it and report back to the Parish Council. He pointed out that because of the width of the verge, it would mean replacing the adjacent hedge with posts and rails and would need to be a properly constructed path suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

(d) Entrance Signs for Villages.

Councillor A. Harris stated that he had made contact with a couple of companies and was awaiting some quotations.

(e) Additional Defibrillators.

No additional sites had been identified and it appeared that the Harmer Hill telephone box was not being taken out of service.

(f) Myddle Recreation Ground.

It was reported that Councillor J. Jackson had raised concerns following two incidents recorded on the Myddle Facebook pages. The first was a man reporting that his dog had injured a foot whilst walking in the Recreation Ground and the adjacent woodland. The second was a report of items, which seemed to be drug-related, being left on site.

It was noted that the Play Area equipment was regularly checked and Councillor G. Miller frequently walked round the field. Attempts had failed to get someone to take responsibility for litter collection.

(g) Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Members welcomed the news that there had not been an appeal regarding the enforcement order on the site which meant that all the development there would have to be removed by the owner.

23/66 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.

23/67 National Salary Award for Parish Clerks.

Members were advised that a national salary increase of £1.00 per contract hour had been awarded to Parish Clerks and back-dated to April 1st. 2023.

/68 (a) Accounts for Payment:

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December + Back pay.	£641.55
Inland Revenue	PAYE/NI (December)	£470.08

Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses Nov/December)	£67.45
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (October)	£30.00
Ray Parry Playgrounds	Repairs to Myddle Play Area equipment	£528.00
Information Commissioner	Annual Fee (s/o)	£35.00
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (November.)	£262.50
Shropshire Council	Energy charges	£396.68
Mr. M. Busi	Hedge cutting: play area work: EMG project	£300.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (January)	£425.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (January)	£283.60
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (December)	£427.50
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (December)	£30.00

23/68 (b) Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

23/69 Budget for 2024 -2025

The budget, which had been prepared by the Clerk with the cooperation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, was adopted. This meant that the precept and the Parish Council element of the annual Council Tax for residents in the Parish would not be increased for the third year running. Details of the proposed budget can be found on the Council web site or obtained from the Clerk on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope.

23/70 Projects Budget

A proposal to purchase new seats for the Recreation Grounds was withdrawn.

23/71 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. New House Farm, Sleaf – erection of a detached building to provide ancillary leisure facilities. (23/04749/FUL). *A 'No Comment' response.*
2. 5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – Lawful Development Certificate for existing pitched roof double garage (23/05077/CPE). *Objections raised.*
3. Land adjacent to Sleaf Airfield, Sleaf –A hybrid (full and outline) application comprising Phase 1 – Full planning permission for the erection of two aircraft hangars and formation of airfield access road. Phase 2 – Outline planning permission for use of land for siting of aircraft hangars. *Application supported.*

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

1. Berwyn, Brookside, Myddle – Single-storey extension (23/04408/FUL).
2. New House Farm, Sleaf – erection of a detached building to provide ancillary leisure facilities (23/04749/FUL).

C. The following application had been withdrawn:

- 8, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – erection of a replacement garage (23/03135/FUL).

23/72 Community Led Plan Reports:

No additional issues were raised to the following:

(a) Traffic and Transport:

(b) Community Spirit:

(c) Housing.

(d) Business and Farming.

23/73 Police Reports:

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Oliver Morris to the meeting and asked him to give a short review of his role and responsibilities. Oliver stated that he had recently joined the team at Wem as had P.C. Jack Harper, replacing officers who had been moved or promoted. He was keen to get involved in dealing with community issues and welcomed the opportunity to attend a Council meeting.

Members informed him of the main concerns within the Parish and thanked him for attending.

Incident figures for:**(a) September:**

Violence/Sexual Offences –1 (Yorton Village).

Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 (Yorton Village).

Burglary -2 (Church Road, Yorton and Glebelands, Myddle).

(b) October:

Violence/Sexual Offence – 1 (Lower Road).

23/74 Exchange of Additional Information:**(a) Agenda Items for the March meeting:**

(a) Applications from Charitable organisations for a small grant would be considered if a written request had been received.

(b) Repairs to the Myddle Church clock.

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

No new issues were raised.

2. Street Lighting:

One light opposite the Red Castle in Harmer Hill was not working and had been reported to Highline Electrical.

23/75 Committee and Other Reports:

No reports tabled.

23/76 Date and Time of next meeting.

Wednesday, March 6th. 2024 at 7.30 pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: _____ **Chairman** **Date:** _____ **2024:**

Details of correspondence received since the November meeting.

Clr. G. Miller – Draft letter to planners.

Tabitha Lythe – response from planning department.

PCSO Stephen Robinson – Newsletter.

Amanda Cheeseman – Resident’s Health and Well-Being.

Andrea McWilliams – Place Plans.
Brian Rapson – Press Release.
ACC – Local Government salary awards.
Paul Butter – Footpath construction.
Gigabit - Progress Up-date meeting.
Sarah Musgrove – Affordable Housing project.
Works Team – A528 Higher Road (Road Closure).
Gail Power – Latest SALC Newsletter.
Amanda Cheeseman – Place Plan Up-date.
Gail Power – N.W. Relief Road.
ALC – SEND Up-date.
Marco Busi Hedge Cutting and Play Area repairs.
Marco Busi – Blocked gullies in Harmer Hill.
Miranda Gerrard Harmer Hill Reservoir.
Cllr. G. Miller – Play Area report.
Gail Power – Crowd Fund Shropshire.
Chairman – Park Benches.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Injury to dog.
Austin Vaughan – RoSPA Annual Report on Play Areas.
Paul Butter – Footpath.
Richard Ealey – Footpath.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Planning Application response.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Planning Document.
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust – Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Coronation Community Orchard.
OPCC – Road Safety Fund.
Shropshire Council – Register of Electors.
Dianne Dorrell – December Bulletin.
Helen Morgan – Newsletter.
Chairman – Further waste deposited at the Reservoir.
Emma Green – Notification that no appeal has been made re. Enforcement Order for the Reservoir.
OPCC – Road Safety Grants.
Gail Power - SALC Vacancy.
Dianne Dorrell – Martyn’s Law.
Dianne Dorrell – Winter Support Service.
OPCC – Consultation on the Police budget.
Paul Harfitt – Land at Godings Lane.
OPCC – Budget consultation.
Graham White – Boundary review.
ALC – Ash dieback grants.
PCSO Oliver Morris – Introductory message.
Dianne Dorrell – Boundary Review.
Jisc – Transfer of domain regulations.
Gail Power – Training Programme 2024
Dianne Dorrell – Shropshire Council budget consultation.

Shrewsbury & Telford NHS – Hospital Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Bug Life – Managing Green Spaces.
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.
Laura Howells – Shropshire Street lights.
John Campion – West Mercia Police Newsletter.
Dianne Dorrell – Bulletin.
Wendy Harris – Community Speed Watch.
Cllr. J. Jackson – Various re. planning.
PCSO O. Morris – plans to attend the meeting.
Cllrs. K. Row and A. Harris – Red Castle Fire.
Resident – thanks for the quick response cleaning footpath.