

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>. 2024 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)  
Mr. M. Andrew  
Mr. I. Anderson  
Mrs. J. Jackson  
Ms. J. Bienek  
Mr. G. Harding  
Mr. A. Harris  
Mr. A. Jones  
Mr. G. Miller

**In Attendance:**

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.  
The Parish Clerk.

**24/18 Apologies:**

No apologies were received.

**24/19 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

No interests were declared.

**24/20 Minutes from the meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. 2024.**

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

**24/21 Matters Arising:**

(a) Affordable Housing Project:

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had contacted the legal officer at Shropshire Council who had confirmed that the project was still being pursued. He had contacted her again last week when she had stated that she had not received any further instructions from her client officers but would discuss the issue with them.

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams offered to try and find a solution.

It was agreed that when the project was complete, there would be a need to provide a suitable fence round the Play Area in line with the recent Public Space Protection Order.

(b) Entrance Signs for Villages:

Councillor Alex Harris reminded Members that this had been considered at an earlier meeting and would involve erecting Welcome to Myddle or Harmer Hill at the six main entry roads to the Villages. The cost of the signs would be in the region of £6,000.00 plus the cost of installation and could be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy grant. It was agreed to go ahead with the project subject to Shropshire Council's Highways engineers surveying and approving the selected sites. The Clerk was asked to contact them and arrange a site visit.

(c) Myddle Church Clock:

Councillor Greg Miller reported that he was still awaiting a final quotation and it was unanimously agreed that the Council would fund 50% of the cost of the quotation which was finally accepted. The Chairman was authorised to approve the amount when the price was confirmed and the project would be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy grant.

(d) Vacant Council Seat:

The Clerk reported that as there had been no call for an election, the vacancy had been advertised and efforts would be made to co-opt a new Member. Currently nobody had asked for further information.

The Vice Chairman stated that he intended discussing the vacancy with two Harmer Hill residents who had indicated an interest and if this was not successful the Chairman stated he would contact a resident in Myddle, who had previously indicated an interest in joining the Council.

(e) Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Councillor G. Miller had raised concerns about additional development still taking place at the Reservoir and that no attempt was being made to comply with the enforcement order. The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the details to the Enforcement Officer who had responded stating that further checks would be carried out and Court action may be needed.

(f) Environment Maintenance Grant:

The Council had been notified that the current year's grant from Shropshire Council had been reduced by 50% meaning that it would only receive £750.00. It was stressed how valuable this service was to the community and it was agreed to increase the Council's contribution to £2,250.00 to enable the project to continue at the same level. The Clerk was asked to transfer the money from the most suitable budget area.

**24/22 Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting:**

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

**24/23 Correspondence:**

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

**24/24 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (June)	£425.15
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (May/June)	£117.51
Inland Revenue	PAYE & NI (June)	£283.60
SALC	Annual Fee (2024-2025)	£703.16
Printerbase	Two sets ink cartridges (Clerk & Chairman)	£128.77
Glasdon (UK) Ltd.	Dog Waste Bags	£303.84
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Work (June)	£72.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground maintenance (11/03 -07/06)	£1,060.13

**24/24 (b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

**24/25 Audit Documents:**

Members considered the Internal Auditors report and the various documents which had been forwarded to them prior to the meeting and approved them and the Accounting Statements which was signed by the Chairman.

**24/26 Planning Applications:**

A. The following application had been received for consideration:

Charmwood Farm, Marton – Erection of a Farm House (24/02004/FUL). *No objections raised.*

B The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

1.5, Wood Terrace, Myddlewood – erection of a detached building for storage of working and vintage tractors and farm machinery (24/01335/FUL).

2. Moss View, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – Loft conversion, rear single storey extension, front porch and render of the property. (24/01601/FUL).

3. 4, Hillside, Myddle – Removal of grassed area to the front and the construction of a tarmacked hard standing area (24/01445/FUL).

C. The following application has been refused by Shropshire Council:

Churchfield Farm, Marton –erection of a two storey extension to the rear of the existing property, a covered porch and utility door (24/01236/FUL)

**24/27 Community Led Plan Reports:**

(a) Traffic and Transport:

No additional items were raised.

(b) Community Spirit:

No additional items were raised.

(c) Housing.

No further items were raised.

(d) Business and Farming.

No items were raised.

**24/28 Police Reports:**

Incident figures for April:

Woodsyde Development, Bramblewood – Public Order (1).

**24/29 Exchange of Additional Information:**

(a) Additional Agenda Items for the September meeting.

The Chairman asked Members to provide the Clerk with any items at least a week before the date of the next meeting.

(b) Issues needing urgent attention:

No further issues were raised regarding the following:

1. Highways.

2. Street Lighting:

3. Other:

**24/30 Committee and Other Reports:**

(a) Road Accident:

It was noted that the police were seeking further information regarding an accident on the main road close to Harmer Hill, when a motor cyclist was fatally injured.

(b) Myddle Village Hall:

Councillor G. Harding stated that he had resigned from the Village Hall Committee and that Councillor G. Miller would the Parish Council representative on the Committee.

(c) Harmer Hill Village Hall:

The Vice Chairman reported that the Annual Dog Show was taking place on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**24/31 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. 2024 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed:** *Colin R. Ruck* **Chairman** **Date:** *4<sup>th</sup>. September 2024:*

**Details of correspondence received since the May meeting.**

Gail Power – Local Plan Consultation.

Marc Busi – Emptying dog waste bins.

Dianne Dorrell – Digital Skills Programme.

Susan Musgrove – Housing Project.

Cllr. G. Harding Speed Survey in Myddle.

Claire Crackett – King’s Award for Voluntary Service.

Dianne Dorrell – Free Course – Make your Community sustainable.

Ron Bailey – Safety of Lithium batteries

Local Newsletter.

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin.

Crane Counselling – Newsletter.

Laura Howells – Public Space Protection Order – dog restraints.

ALC Education Trust Governance – vacancies.

Dianne Dorrell – Press release from Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust.

Gail Power – The Shropshire Local Plan – consultation.

Vice Chairman – Uncut grass in Harmer Hill.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Shropshire Council – Lezley’s Leader Up-date.

Local E. Newsletter.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Jamie Robinson – N. Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Team Report.

ALC – Information re. The Election.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area Inspection reports.

John Campion – Special PCC Newsletter.

Cllr. G. Miller – Harmer Hill Reservoir

Sarah Musgrove Affordable Housing proposal.

Emma Green – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Gail Power – Reduction in EM Grant.

Chairman – Reduction of Environment Management Grant.

West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.

Cllr. B. Williams – Grass cutting.