

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
MAY 4TH. 2022 AT 7.30pm.**

Public Session:

There were no members of the public present and no items were raised for consideration:

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. A. Harris

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. G. Miller

Mrs. J. Jackson

Miss. K. Row

Mr. T. M. Andrews

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mr. B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

22/01 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor I. Anderson and Mr. A. Jones.

22/02 Co-option of new Member.

Mr. Andrew Jones was officially confirmed as a co-opted Member of the Council, replacing Mrs. Helen Morgan MP who had resigned. Mr. Jones was unable to attend the meeting as he was on a pre-booked holiday in France.

22/03 (a) Election of Council Chair:

Councillor C. Ruck was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

22/03 (b) Election of Vice Chair:

It was noted that Councillor I. Anderson did not wish to continue in the role and Councillor M. Andrews was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

22/04 Representatives:

The following representatives were appointed:

SALC Area Committee

Councillor J. Bienek

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee

Councillor A. Harris

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee

Councillor M. Andrews

Myddle Village Hall Committee

Councillor G. Harding

Tree Officer

Councillor J. Jackson

Cheque Signatories

Councillors C. Ruck; M. Andrews and G. Miller

Play Areas:

Councillors A. Harris and G. Miller

22/05 Parish Plan:

The following Members were appointed to oversee aspects of the Parish Plan:

Travel and Transport

Councillor K Row

Housing

Councillor J. Jackson

Community Spirit

Councillor G. Miller

Business and Farming

Councillor I. Anderson.

22/06 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

No interests were declared.

22/07 Minutes from the meeting held on March 2nd, 2022.

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

22/08 Matters Arising:

(a) Queen's Jubilee - Suggested Celebrations (21/100(iii)).

It was agreed:

1. To purchase two seats for erection near the Village Hall in Myddle and possibly on the Playing Field in Harmer Hill, with the Jubilee Committee tasked with refining the details.
2. To provide a grant of £250.00 to each Jubilee Committee, providing a written request was received by the Clerk outlining the need for financial support

(b) Harmer Hill - Lay-by on A528 (21/98(b)).

The Clerk reported that the local Highways Officer had stated that the dressing material was being stored for use at other sites but would progress it with the Capital Team.

(c) Harmer Hill Reservoir (21/100(4)).

An email had been received from Emma Green, the Enforcement Officer, stating that she was disappointed that the site had not been cleared voluntarily and outlined the action she intended to take but requested that this was not published.

(d) Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party (21/90(h)).

Councillor G. Miller outlined the system had undertaken to identify people who had been very involved in dealing with Covid issues and who were able to attend the Party. He was left with three nominations and the successful person was drawn from the hat by the Council Chairman.

(e) Street Lights (21/100(a ii)).

1. Shotton Lane:

There was a unanimous decision not to proceed with installing additional lights in Shotton Lane as it was felt that the excessive cost could not be justified.

2. Dusk to Midnight Lighting:

The Clerk was asked to contact E.ON for a quotation to have the lights switched off at midnight as this would be environmentally sound and save considerable power costs.

3. Shropshire Council Consortium:

Clerk to discuss the possibility of joining the Consortium as their quoted price for power was much cheaper than the Parish was paying.

(f) Support for Vulnerable People (21/98).

Councillor J. Jackson was thanked for constructing a very interesting and informative report which had been given considerable publicity. It was agreed that a 'follow-up' report may be required later in the year

(g) Well Croft – Wall and Well (21/100(5)).

It was noted that the Chairman and the Clerk had received an email from Mr. John Wright stating that he was disgusted at the response of the Council to this problem.

(h) Annual Litter Pick (21/100(3)).

The Chairman reported that a successful event had been held on March 25th. with fifteen volunteers involved. This supported the work being carried out under the Community Environment Project and the many people who regularly pick up litter.

(i) Wem Road pavement (21/190(g)).

Members had been made aware of the letter sent by the developers to local residents suggesting that there was no need for the pavement. Suitable responses had been sent from Councillors, the Clerk and several other residents.

Concern was expressed that an email from the Enforcement Officer appeared to indicate that she was not certain that Shropshire Council would activate the legal process.

(j) Possible use of solar lighting (21/190(f))

Documents had been studied by the Chairman and the Clerk and it was not felt that this was a suitable course of action for street lights because of the expense and complicated planning issues. They seemed a possible solution for ground lighting of the path in Myddle however initially, the path needed considerable repair due to tree roots making it uneven. Councillor A. Harris agreed to assess the path to see what action was possible.

(k) Leased woodland (21/101).

After detailed consideration of the state of the wood it was agreed:

- (a) To ask Mr. Terry Merchant to carry out a detailed inspection of the area and then deal with any issues arising from the inspection and
- (b) Once this was complete to seek volunteer support to tidy up the undergrowth.

In her role as Tree Officer Councillor J. Jackson would join Mr. Merchant during the inspection

(l) Play Area repairs (21/90(e)).

A quotation of £2,200.00 from Mr. Armando Meci to carry necessary repairs to both sites was accepted.

(m) Community Environment Project (Correspondence):

Members confirmed that the grant of £1,500 received from Shropshire Council had been spent in accordance with the terms of reference.

(n) Wem Road, Harmer Hill – Dropped Kerb:

Following confirmation that the project could go ahead, a quotation of £1,350.00 (+ VAT) from Evans Construction (Oswestry) had been accepted and an agreed date for the work was confirmed.

It then appeared that the Council needed a Section 184 Vehicle Access Form which had not been mentioned in the earlier discussions with Shropshire Council. Mr. Dave Jenks at Evans Construction had been very helpful in getting the information needed which was sent to Streetworks at Shropshire Council with a request for a swift response but to date there has been no reply.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams offered to help.

(o) Allotments:

Councillor K, Roe reported that due to the pressure of work she was unable to carry on dealing with the many issues that were required in setting up an Allotment Association. A number of people were interested in the concept but to date, no-one had offered to take over responsibility.

22/09 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.

22/10 (a) Accounts for Payment:

The payment of the following accounts was approved:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (April)	£282.61
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Inland Revenue	PAYE (April)	£188.40
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Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (March/April)	£76.69
Shropshire County Council	Play Area Inspections (2021-2022)	£909.60
Myddle Village Hall	Grant	£2,000.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall	Grant	£2,000.00
Messenger	Grant	£500.00
Myddle & Broughton PCC	Grant – Myddle and Broughton Church grounds	£500.00
Myddle Youth Club	Grant (2021-2022)	£500.00
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R. Mayall & Daughter	Hedge cutting Playing Field	£57.60
Mr. S. Busi	Environment Maint. Project/Parish Paths	£150.00
ISM IT Ltd.	Renewal of computer security	£28.80
Shropshire Council	Myddle playing field rent (2022- 2023)	£300.00
Mr. C. Ruck	Travelling expenses – litter pick	£18.00
Mr. M. Busi	Environment Maint. Project	£30.00
SALC	Affiliation Fee	£654.05
BHIB	Insurance cover (2022- 2023)	£739.17
Scottish Power	Electricity (31/12/21 0 31/3/22)	£251.09
DM Payroll Services	Administration of payroll 2022-2023	£88.00
Shelly Signs	Signs for both Play Areas	£468.00

22/10 (b) Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

22/11 Annual Governance Statement.

Details of the Statement were approved by Members and it was signed by the Chairman as a true report.

22/12 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received:

1. Meadow View, 8, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill - single-storey rear extension and first floor rear extension above existing (22/01106/FUL). *No objections were raised.*
2. Chapel House, Newton on the Hill – erection of a garage and single-storey extension plus internal alteration (22/01182/Full). *No objections were raised.*

3. Dunstone, Myddlewood – erection of single-storey side and rear extensions (22/01143/Full).
No objections were raised.

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

1. Apple Tree Farm, Marton – Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV array (22/00150/FUL).
2. Meadow View, 8, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – single-storey extension etc. (22/01106/FUL).
3. Chapel House, Newton on the Hill – erection of a garage and single-storey extension (22/01182/FUL).

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

Proposed Holiday Let Cottages adj. Woodside, Yorton Heath (21/00005/FUL).

22/13 Community Led Plan reports.

(a)Traffic and Transport:

Councillor K Roe stated that she was meeting PSCO Jamie Robinson who was going to carry out speed checks on Wem Road.

It was agreed to look at the possibility of erecting another VAS Unit on Wem Road.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c)Housing:

Discussions on a possible site are still on-going

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled.

22/14 Police Report:

The following incidents were recorded in February:

Myddle

Hillside - 1 (Violence)

Harmer Hill

B5476 - 1 (Violence).

Cambridge Close – 5 (Public Order -2; Criminal Damage -1 Violence -2).

22/15 Exchange of Additional Information:

(a)Agenda Items for the May meeting:

No additional items raised.

Highways:

No new issues were raised.

Street Lighting:

No additional items were raised.

Other:

Councillor A. Harris reported that he had been approached with the following requests;

(a)For a footpath to be constructed from the Bridgewater Arms to Pym Hill.

There was a good deal of support for the request but it was felt that the cost would be prohibitive as it would entail purchasing land for the project. It was agreed to look at alternative action.

(b)Concerns about flooding by Cottages on Wem Road, Harmer Hill:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams reported that this was already being dealt with by Shropshire Council but it involved substantial and complicated work.

(c)Play Area

Mr. Tiernan has asked if the Council planned to remove the tree roots and other debris which was left after the hedge was cut back. Councillor Harris was asked to contact Ian Anderson to see if he was prepared to arrange for the work to be carried out.

22/16 Clerk's Salary:

Members approved the nationally agreed increase in the Clerk's salary.

Councillor J. Jackson stated that she felt the Clerk's contract should be reviewed in view of the amount of work involved and this was fully supported by Members and the Clerk was asked to provide a reviewed contract for them to consider and approve.

22/17 Committee and Other ReportsNorth Shropshire Area Committee:

Councillor J Bienek gave a brief update from the last meeting, the minutes had already been circulated.

Myddle Village Hall:

Councillor G. Harding reported that the Youth Club was starting again with the first meeting on Friday, May 7th.

Helicopter Noise Liaison Committee:

Councillor A. Harris stated that the base had received above-average complaints over the past few weeks but it was felt that this was because there had been a return to normal activity after the recent lockdowns.

22/18 Annual Parish Meeting.

Members were reminded that this would be held in Harmer Hill Village Hall on Wednesday, May 18th. and was open to all residents.

There would be a report from the Council Chairman and Inspector Greenaway-Evans had been invited to report on police activity in the area.

22/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 22nd. 2022 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: M. Andrew Chairman Date: June 22nd. 2022 2022:

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL**Correspondence received since the last meeting in March.**

Gail Power – NALC CEO's bulletin.*

Your Local E-Newsletter.*

Cllr. Jeanette. Jackson – Various.*

Cllr. Helen Morgan MP – resignation.

Mr. Jim Little – Quotation.

Cllr. Alex Harris Copy of letter from Chartland Homes

Cllr. Alex Harris – Harmer Hill Lay-by.

Mr. John Wright – letter stating he was disgusted by Council’s response to the damaged Well and wall.

Green Labe Association – Countryside Access.*

Gail Power – NALC CEO’s Bulletin.*

Cllr. Marshall Andrew – Play Area repairs.

Dianne Dorrell – NALC News Up-date.*

Cllr. Greg Miller – Garden Party Reps.

Emma Green – Enforcement.

Neil Price – copy of response to Chartland Homes

Mr. John Wright - Damaged Wall and Well –disgusted with Council’s response.

Cllr. Jeanette Jackson – Copy of News Article.

Gail Power – Keep Moving Festival.*

Gail Power – Increased level of pharmacy appointments.*

Shropshire Council Road works – Road closure B4397 Marton- Burlton.*

John Campion – ‘We want to Talk’*

Shropshire Council – Coronavirus Up-date.*

NALC CEO’s Newsletter.*

Graham Lewis copy of response to Chartland Homes.

Shropshire Council – Coronavirus Up-date.*

Gail Power – Keep Moving Festival.*

Dianne Dorrell – Middle Marches Community Land Trust Conference.*

Geoff Brough – Proposed changes to street Pay and Display parking.*

Gail Power – Community Environment Grants 2022-2023

Gail Power – Strength and Balance Classes for over 60s.*

Gail Power Shropshire Resilience Conference.*

Gail Power - Shropshire Council Keep Moving Festival.*

Gail Power – ‘20’s Plenty for Us’.*

Emma Green – Wem Road pavement.

Tomos Roberts – Upcoming work in Yorton.*

Chairman – Queens Jubilee – seating?

Gail Power – Cost of Living help.*

Suzanne Brown – pre-bereavement help.*

Geoff Brough – extended period of consultation on parking fees.*

Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.*

NALC – Civility and Respect.*

Amy Miles – Details of Police Commissioner.*

Jamie Robinson – LPCC Survey.*

Dianne Dorrell – Resilience Conference.*

Gail Power – Flood recovery surgeries.*

Dianne Dorrell – Greenredeem.*

NALC – CEO’s Newsletter.*

Brian Rapson – Conversation and information about death.*

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.
Andrew Jones – Co-option
Shropshire Council works team – Lower Road, Harmer Hill.*
Cllr. B. Williams – Ukrainian Refugee re-settlement scheme.*
ALC – Road to Race for Life.*
Latest E. Newsletter.*
Wem own Clerk – Annual Parish Meeting.*
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin.*
Gail Power – Sustainability and Climate Change.*
NALC – CEO’s Bulletin (April 22nd.)
Linda Savage – Request for Jubilee grant.*
Gail Power Hospital Visiting.*
Dianne Dorrell – News in Brief.*
Gail Power Legal Up-date from NALC,*
Gail Power – CEO’s Bulletin.*
Gale Power- Armed Forces Outreach.*
ALC – Keep Moving Festival.*
David Jenks – Dropped Kerb.
Streetworks – Dropped Kerb.
Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.