

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. 2023 AT 7.30 pm.**

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**Public Session:**

Five members of the public were in attendance and the following items were raised:

1(a) Request for consideration to be given for an additional defibrillator in Harmer Hill.

1(b) The need for a footpath to be constructed from Harmer Hill to Pimhill.

1(c) Remedial work required on the footpath from Harmer Hill Village Hall to the junction with road leading to Newton on the Hill.

The Chairman gave an assurance that these issues would be considered by the Council.

2. Two people indicated that they were seeking more information about the planned Affordable Housing Project planned for Godings Lane, raising concerns and objections to its concept.

Responding, Members pointed out that this had not moved forward since the full details were outlined at the Annual Parish Meeting, which they had attended and which were recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

If and when Shropshire Council decided that this was a viable project, plans would be produced and members of the public would be able to respond to them.

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**Present:**

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman)

Mr. M. Andrew

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. A. Harris

Mr. G. Miller

Miss K. Row

Mrs. J. Jackson

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr. A. Jones.

**23/48 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:**

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

**23/49 Minutes from the meeting held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. 2023.**

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

**23/50 Matters Arising:**

(a) Affordable Housing Project:

The Clerk reported that he had identified and made contact with the officer at the Housing Association and Shropshire Council's Legal Officer, who were dealing with the project and the names had been forwarded to Mr. Harfitt, together with all the relevant documents he had on file. Since then there had been no further information about any progress.

Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams agreed to contact the Legal Officer at Shropshire Council to determine what was causing the delay.

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

The Clerk reported that he had written to Shropshire Council's Leader pointing out the concerns raised by Members regarding the on-going delays in dealing with this problem. She had passed the correspondence on to Ms. Emma Green, the Enforcement Officer and it was noted that an Enforcement Order had now been issued.

**(c) The Messenger – progress report.**

Councillor G. Miller reported that two people had volunteered to take responsibility for producing the Messenger and they would be taking sole responsibility in the New Year after a joint venture for the December/January edition.

**(d) Road Safety at Myddle School and Ellesmere Road.**

**Myddle School:**

A report from Shropshire Council's Maintenance Manager indicated that Myddle School was on the list of schools for the installation of a 20mph speed limit and this would be carried out during year two of the planned programme. Contact would be made with the Council when the new project manager was in post.

**Hill Crest View, Ellesmere Road and other possible projects:**

In an attempt to try and resolve the various issues that had been raised, attempts had been made to set up a meeting to discuss them with the local Road Safety Officer but there had not been a response.

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams offered to contact those concerned.

**(e) Defibrillators**

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Erica Martin had accepted the Council's offer to assist with financing replacement units for the Harmer Hill defibrillator and new pads had been purchased for the Myddle unit.

**23/51 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.

**23/52 (a) Accounts for Payment:**

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (September)		£398.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (September)		£265.60
Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project work (Aug)	£30.00	
	Erecting Notice Boards	£165.00	£195.00
Printer base	Ink Cartridges		£67.78
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (Aug.)		£187.50
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit		£252.00
Mr. T. M. Andrew	Paint for Milestone		£22.00
Harfitts Solicitors	Payment on Account Fee		£1,250.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (October)		£398.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (October)		£265.60
Safelincs	Defibrillator pads		£58.55

Mr. M. Busi	EMG Project (September)	£30.00
Wem Town Council	Training Course Fee (Cllr. G. Miller)	£30.00
Mr. S. Busi	EMG Project work (September)	£90.00
Information Info. Serv.	IT support (01/08/23 – 01/08/24)	£120.00
Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)	£398.15
Inland Revenue	PAYE (November)	£265.60
Myddle & Broughton PCC	Wreath for Armistice Service	£20.00

### **23/52 (b) Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.

### **23/53 Planning Applications:**

A. The following applications had been received for consideration:

1. The Blister Hangar E, Sleaf – construction of a new portal framed hangar on site of former hangar (23/03241/FUL) *No objections raised.*
2. Berwyn, Brookside, Myddle – single storey extension plus associated alterations (23/04408/FUL). *No objections raised.*

The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council:

1. Lyonswood House, Shrewsbury Road, Wem – erection of a solar panel unit in the field (23/03240/FUL).
2. The Blister Hangar, Sleaf Airfield construction of new portal framed hangar (23/03241/FUL).
3. The Archways, Brookside, Myddle – erection of one detached dwelling plus alterations to existing vehicular access (23/02681/FUL).
4. Lower Houlston Farm, Myddle – Extensions to dwelling and re-configuration of internal layout of existing property (23/03501/FUL).

### **23/54 Responding to Planning Applications.**

The Chairman stated that this item had been included following issues regarding recent planning applications. Two applications had been objected to by the Council and Councillor J. Jackson, the Parish Council's Representative for Housing, had found that considerable changes had since been made to both applications and the Council had not been informed. One of these applications had now been approved. The Clerk pointed out that it was normal practice for changes to be sent but Shropshire Councillor B. Williams stated that this was not obligatory, if the changes did not materially affect the application.

There was also concern that a response from Councillor Williams to one application, asking for the plans to be referred to Committee had not been accepted because it had arrived too late. Although this was not usual it was within the terms of reference and pressure was on planners to deal quickly with applications.

Finally there seemed some doubt as to whether or not the Parish Council was a Statutory Consultee when responding to applications.

After due consideration it was agreed that:

- (a) Councillor Jackson would prepare an outline plan about the way the Council should follow –up plans they had objected to and

(b) Councillor Miller would write a draft letter seeking clarification of the Council's desire to be recognised as a Statutory Consultee.

**23/55 Community Led Plan Reports:**

**(a) Traffic and Transport:**

No new issues.

**(b) Community Spirit:**

No further issues raised.

**(c) Housing:**

No further issues were raised.

**(d) Business and Farming:**

No issues were raised.

**23/56 Police Reports:**

The following incident reports had been accessed:

**(a) July:**

Violence/Sexual Offences – 2.

Harmer Hill – Wem Road close to junction with Godings Lane and Eagle Farm Close, Myddle.

**(b) August:**

Harmer Hill – 2

Anti-Social Behaviour -1 (Shotton Lane): Criminal Damage-1 (Cambridge Close).

Myddle -1.

Other Theft – (A528 junction with Hill Crest View).

**23/57 Exchange of Additional Information:**

**(a) Agenda Items for the January meeting:**

Consideration and approval of 2024 - 2025 Budget.

EMG Grant 2024 – 2025

Footpath from Harmer Hill to Pimhill.

Additional Defibrillator.

New entrance signs for the Villages.

**b) Issues needing urgent attention related to:**

**1. Highways:**

No new issues were raised.

**2. Street Lighting:**

No issues were raised.

**3. Other:**

**Councillor A. Harris:**

Reported that he had approached the owner of the farm where a notice board had been erected on land adjacent to the Harmer Hill Village Hall, suggesting that a large notice could be placed there indicating that 'Harmer Hill Welcomes Safe Drivers. There had been a positive response but Members felt this would compound the problem raised by residents and the suggestion was rejected.

The Vice Chairman:

(a) Reminded Members that at the Annual Parish Meeting there had been a request from a member of the public for signs to be erected giving directions to Harmer Hill Village Hall. He had contacted a number of companies and obtained several quotes for the work. However, it was decided that this was not a Council responsibility and he should pass the information to the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk pointed out that permission would be needed from the Highways Department before any work was carried out.

(b) Suggested that entrance to the Villages by road could be enhanced by the installation of new signs with accompanying floral gateways. It was decided that further action should be considered at the next meeting.

**23/58 Committee and Other Reports:**

No reports tabled.

**23/59 Draft Budget Proposals for 2024 -2025**

The Clerk reported that he would be meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman later in the month to prepare a draft budget for the next financial year and comments/suggestions would be welcome.

**23/60 Dates of Meetings in 2024.**

A change to the proposed dates was approved and would be published on the Council web site and sent to Members when the dates had been approved by the appropriate officer at each of the Village Halls.

**23/61 Date and Time of next meeting.**

Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2024 at 7.30 pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

**Minutes approved as a true record:**

**Signed: C. R. Ruck                      Chairman      Date: January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2024:**

**Myddle and Broughton Parish Council****Details of correspondence received since the August meeting.**

Cllr. G. Miller – future of Messenger.

PKF Littlejohn – Audit report.

Lezley Picton – Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Ray Parry – Myddle Play Area repairs.

Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.

Kayleigh Hepburn – STAR response.

NALC – CEO's bulletin.

Cllr. B. Williams – Briefing Notice re. RAAC.

Cllr G. Miller – Play Area report.

Sarah Musgrove – Shropshire Council Legal Officer.

Shropshire & Telford Hospital NHS – Events.

Town Clerk, Wem – Training Course on planning.

Cllr. A. Harris – Suggestion re. advertising board.

Helen Morgan - Harmer Hill Reservoir.

Cllr. B. Williams – Grass maintenance policy.  
Chairman – Road side parking in Myddle.  
Brian Rapson – Health watch Shropshire report.  
Street Works – Alderton – Yorton un-named road.  
ALC \_ Raising Unpaid Carers Awareness.  
Dianne Dorrell – Restoring Shropshire’s Verges.  
West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.  
Dianne Dorrell – Crowdfund Shropshire.  
John Campion – PCC September Newsletter.  
Dianne Dorrell – Registration (Polling District etc.).  
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS – Latest News.  
Emma Green – Reservoir Development.  
Dianne Dorrell – Boundary Review (Shropshire).  
Celia Cutler – Road Closure in Myddle.  
Safelincs – Defibrillator pads.  
Austin Vaughan – Play Area inspection reports.  
Cllr. G. Harding – electric powered wheelbarrow.  
Cllr. J. Jackson – Planning (The Archways & 8, Wood Terrace).  
Gail Power – SALC AGM now remote.  
Vice Chairman – Grass cutting in Harmer Hill.  
NALC – CEO’s bulletin.  
SALC – Change of venue for AGM (Now via Zoom).  
Dianne Dorrell – High Blood Pressure project.  
Dianne Dorrell – Latest Bulletin.  
Dianne Dorrell – ‘Save our Planet’ Training Event.  
Resident – Parking on Baschurch Road during building work on Old Rectory.  
Dianne Dorrell – Carbon Literacy Training Courses.  
Laura Howells – Street Scene Up-date.  
West Mercia Police – Fraud Advice.  
NALC CEO’s Bulletin.  
Dianne Dorrell – Smithfield Riverside Development.  
Cllr. G. Miller – The Planning Process.  
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust – News Up-date.  
Dianne Dorrell – Nature Recovery Event.  
Cllr. G. Miller – Meeting Dates.  
Dianne Dorrell Storm Babet impacts.  
John Campion – Newsletter.  
Emma Green – Enforcement Order – Reservoir.  
Gail Power – SALC AGM reports.