

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20TH. 2010 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

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

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)

Mr. J. Heath

Mrs. L. Baker

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. C. Ruck

Mrs. T. Evans

Mr. R. Jeffrey

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).

09/57 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. I. Gunton.

09/58 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no declarations made.

09/59 Police Report:

A written report had been received which indicated that, in the period since the last meeting, the following crime had been recorded;

Arson of car -1 (Myddle Rural Area)

09/60 Minutes of the meeting held on November 4th. 2009

The minutes for the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

09/61 Matters Arising:1. Off Road Motor Cyclists(09/56(3))

Problem had been reported to the police and the beat officer had promised to monitor the situation. Mrs. Baker felt that there had been little evidence of any problems over the past few weeks.

2. Myddle Bus Shelter (09/55(4))

It was noted that some action had been taken by Mr. Woolley but that there were still areas of the village that needed tidying. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting to identify ways of dealing with the problem.

3. The Gullet (09/47(4))

Mr. Jeffrey informed the meeting that there had been no response from the footpaths officer.

Clerk was asked to find out what action was being taken.

09/62 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (December/January and back pay)	£4463.86
J. Wilson	Expenses (November /December)	£87.28
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (December/January)	£123.80
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting	£258.98
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (December)	£117.50
Mazars	External audit (2008/2009)	£155.25
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (January)	£119.85

09/63 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/64 External auditor's report:

The external auditors report was considered which indicated that there were no concerns about the management of the Council and that the financial records were accurate. Two points had been raised:

- (1) The internal auditor had omitted to enter the name of the Council on page five of the audit document .
- (2) The internal audit report should have been approved by Council by June 30th. but had not taken place until July 1st. Clerk explained that, because the Council only met on alternate months, it was not possible to have all the end of year documentation approved by the internal auditor by the first week in May.
It was unanimously resolved to bring the July meeting forward by one week and hold it this year on June 30th.

09/65 Annual Budget and Precept Setting:

Members considered the documents prepared by the Clerk, which indicated that the anticipated expenditure was likely to be £1,500 higher than the current precept. This was resulting in financial reserves being used and did not allow for any new projects or unexpected expenses. After careful consideration and debate a proposal to raise the precept by £2,000 was approved by seven votes to one. The effect would be to raise householders council tax by an additional 30p per month. Overall the Parish element of the council tax costs band D householders £2.55 per month.

Members then gave consideration to proposals for additional expenditure:

1. New lighting by Myddle Church
2. Support for the production of the Myddle Messenger and
3. Cleaning the stream running through Myddle.

The proposals generated considerable debate but it was decided to postpone any decision until more information was made available and the financial situation was clearer. The items would be included for further discussion on the March agenda.

09/66 Section 137 Grants:

Due consideration was given to applications for Grant Aid and it was resolved to make a £100 donation to each of the following charitable organisations:

West Shropshire Talking Newspaper; Severn Hospice; Hope House; Marie Curie Cancer Care; McMillan Nursing Care.

09/67 Planning Applications:

A. Since the last meeting the following application had been considered.

White Meadow, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill - approval of reserved matters for Plot 2 (change of lay out).

It had been decided to make no changes to the objections already raised about the development.

B. The following applications had been approved:

1. Aquila, Myddle – formation of new vehicular and pedestrian access.
2. 7, Wellcroft, Myddle – erection of detached summer room and study.

C. The following application had been refused:

Tan House, Marton – erection of two storey extension.

09/68 Correspondence:

1. S.A.L.C. – Proposed New Structure.
2. Shropshire Council – Register of Members Interests.
3. Shropshire Council – Rural Community Engagement. It was decided to register an interest.
4. Playing Fields Association – ‘The Playing Field’
5. Community Partnership – Community Strategy 2010 – 2120 (Final draft)
6. Shropshire Council – proposed election fees for Parish Councils.
7. Land Registry - asking if the Council was a custodian trustee of Myddle Village Hall. If so, the Council should ensure that the land was registered. Mrs Hodge agreed to forward details to the Clerk who would then discuss it with the Land Registry Officer.

09/69 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Notification from Shropshire Council that Alford Farm Estate roads and footpaths had been adopted. Clerk was asked to advise the County that several lights on the estate were not working.
2. Mrs. Evans reported that there appeared to have been a ‘break in’ at Broadway, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill (an empty property). Clerk to advise police.
3. Mrs. Baker reported a problem with a streetlight in Lower Road, Harmer Hill. Clerk to report to contractors.
4. Mr. Ruck reported that:
 - (a) The Parish Paths Partnership was up and running and seeking additional members.
 - (b) He had received an enquiry about renting an allotment. It was decided to wait to see if there were any further enquires before taking any action.
5. Chairman asked if there had been any information about the proposed development in Lower Road, Harmer Hill. Clerk reported that no further details had been received.
6. Mr. Heath enquired about the policy of clearing snow from footpaths alongside ‘A’ Roads. Clerk to check.
7. General concern about the potholes and standards of many roads after the recent bad weather. Clerk reported that the Highways Department were carrying out a widespread review.

09/70 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday March 3rd. 2010 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed: R. Purslow Chairman

Date: March 3rd. 2010