

**MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3rd. 2018 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Present:

Mr. C. Ruck (Chairman).

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. R. Jones

Mrs. E. Hodge

Ms. J. Bienek

Mr. I. Anderson

Mr. L. Foulsham

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mr. J. Heath

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor B. Williams.

The Parish Clerk.

17/73 Apologies

An apology was received and accepted from Sgt. C. Greenaway (West Mercia Police).

17/74 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests

There were no interests declared.

17/75 Affordable Housing:

Mr. Ian Richardson from Shropshire Rural Housing Association was in attendance and outlined discussions that had been held with representatives from Lichfield Diocese and Shropshire Council's Housing Officer, regarding the possible construction of affordable housing on Glebe land adjacent to Myddle Church. The plan would be for a small development of three bungalows and two semi-detached houses.

The Diocese had pointed out that they had applied to Shropshire Council for the total area of Glebe land to be considered for substantial housing development and as such no decision could be given until the result of the application was known.

Members agreed that any application for this type of development would need to go through the due planning process and could not be supported at this stage or linked to the Parish Council request and on that basis, Mr. Richardson was asked to continue with the negotiations.

17/76 Minutes of the meeting held on November 1st. 2017.

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

17/77 Matters Arising.(a) Highways issues:

Members were reminded of the email sent from Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams stating that, other than the repair of dangerous potholes, Shropshire Council were not in a position to fund any other highways work until the start of the next financial year.

Councillor Williams suggested that areas of concern should still be reported as they could be held on file until the situation improved.

(b) Planning Issues – Myddle Hub:

The Chairman reported that together with Councillor Harding and the Clerk, he had attended a meeting in Shirehall on November 29th. when Adrian Cooper had outlined plans for the development of additional Hubs, as part of the new planning proposals.

The points scoring method of identifying new Hubs was questioned by several delegates, as was the lack of information about any negative infra-structure issues.

As a result of concerns raised by local Members regarding the proposal to define Myddle as a ‘Hub’, a comprehensive response had been forwarded to Shropshire Council outlining a range of issues that were not correct and for the need for other issues to be considered, especially the inefficient sewerage service.

(c) Environmental Maintenance Grant:

The Chairman outlined details of safety notices needed to support the annual litter picks in the Parish and it was agreed that the grant received from Shropshire Council for environmental maintenance should be used to purchase the equipment. *Clerk to action.*

(d) Replacement of SOC Lights:

Clerk reported that he had discussed this with Mr. Garry Johnson at Eon, who had agreed to hold a number of new lighting units in stock and would replace current SOC units if they failed. Finance had been included in next year’s budget to enable this to happen.

17/78 Accounts for Payment.

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (Dec/Jan.)	£522.58
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov/Dec.)	£81.12
Inland Revenue	PAYE (Dec/Jan.)	£348.40
	N.I. (Dec/Jan.)	£26.35
Nobridge Ltd.	Ground Maintenance (Sept 29 th . /Oct23rd.)	£305.28
Info Commissioner	Annual Fee (S.O.)	£35.00
Simon Busi	Planting Daffodils	£50.00
Myddle Youth Club	Grant	£500.00
Eon	Streetlight repairs (opp. Red Lion & on Footpath)	£141.51
Eon	Annual Maintenance agreement (six months)	£287.18

War Museum Trading Copyright agreement (War Memorial Project)	£141.60
Office Outlet Photocopy paper & envelopes	£32.88

17/79 Financial Statement.

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

17/80 Budget 2018 -2019.

Members had been forwarded a copy of the proposed budget, which had been prepared by the Clerk/RFO and considered by the Chairman and Vice Chairman at a meeting held in November. Because various grants had since been obtained and subject to an agreement to proceed with the two major proposed projects, the Clerk indicated that it would be necessary to amend some of the details in the proposed budget. This would not affect the level of the precept and he would amend and forward the new document for consideration and approval.

After careful consideration of the budget it was agreed to set the precept at £27,300.00, an increase of 5% to cover inflation and replacement lights. This would result in local householders paying about 15p more per month for the Parish Council element on their Council Tax bill.

It was noted that a sum of £3,000.00 had been allocated to help support both Village Halls, Myddle and Broughton Church Burial Grounds and the Messenger but any payment would only be made after a representative of the organisation attended the Council meeting in March to explain why a grant was needed. The same criteria applied to the Myddle Youth Club where a possible grant had also been proposed.

Clerk was asked to write to all the organisations informing them of the decision.

17/81 Section 137 Grants.

It was agreed to donate £100.00 to each of the following charitable organisations that had applied for grant aid: Hope House, The Hospice, McMillan Nursing, Crane Quality Counselling and Mind Shropshire. These grants would be paid after the March meeting of the Council.

17/82 Harmer Hill – Wem Road –VAS Speed Controls.

Members considered the plan for the erection of VAS signals on the Wem Road in Harmer Hill at the entrance to the village from both directions. The signs would indicate 40mph SLOW DOWN. It was noted that there was no easy access to an electricity supply for the signs and arranging connection to a supply was prohibitive because of the price quoted by Scottish Power.

Members then considered and confirmed acceptance of a quotation to provide solar powered signals at a cost, including VAT which was re-claimable, of £10,326.00. This would be paid in part from Community Infrastructure Levy money held by the Parish Council.

17/83 Harmer Hill – Children’s Play Area.

Members re-affirmed their decision to accept the quotation from Mr. Ray Parry for the construction of the facility and the Clerk confirmed that the following grants had been obtained for this project – National Lottery £10,000.00; Hilton-Jones Trust £5,000.00 and

hopefully £1,000 from Shropshire Council's Youth budget. As the VAT could be reclaimed this left a total of £2,864.00 to be funded by the Council from the CIL budget.

The Chairman asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for the work the Clerk had done in accessing considerable grant aid and this was unanimously endorsed.

17/84 Correspondence.

Details of correspondence received since the last meeting had been forwarded to Members and these were considered. Please see attached list.

The following items were given special attention.

1. *Kate Garner (Shropshire Council) regarding the suggested transfer of Myddle Playing Field to Parish Council ownership.*
2. *Dianne Dorrell – draft Protocol for Parish Councils – agreed for it to be an agenda item at the next meeting.*
3. *Various items regarding new Data protection regulations – it was agreed that at this stage no action needed to be taken as the regulations were not operative until late 2019.*
4. *Notification that PKF Little John would be the new external auditor – there were no conflict of interests declared.*

In view of the current level of correspondence being received the Clerk was asked that when forwarding items to prioritise those that needed detailed consideration.

17/85 Planning Applications.

A. The following planning application had been received and considered with no objections raised.

Tan House, Marton – two storey extension

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

6, Webcott, Myddle – erection of a conservatory.

Sleep Airfield – erection of an aircraft hangar.

The Old Dairy, Wood Farm erection of a stable block, feed room, etc.

17/86 Community Led Plan.

(a) Traffic and Transport:

No additional report tabled.

(b) Community Spirit:

No report tabled.

(c) Housing:

Already dealt with under Item 17/75

(d) Business and Farming:

No report tabled and it was decided that there was no need to send out a general letter to farmers regarding the maintenance of public footpaths.

17/87 Police Report.

Incidents recorded in:

(a)October – nil report.

(b) November:

Harmer Hill – Higher Road - Anti-Social Behaviour 1.

Myddle – Alford Grange – Theft 1 (No suspect identified); Hillside – Violence 1 (Under investigation).

Yorton – Criminal Damage 1 (Under investigation).

17/88 Myddle Sewerage System.

Recurring problems with the system were outlined by the Chairman and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to Severn Trent Head Office and Shropshire Council, highlighting the problems and community concerns and requesting information as to when suitable remedial action was planned.

17/89 Committee/Meeting Reports.

Harmer Hill Village Hall Committee:

Councillor Foulsham reported that the committee were having to address a range of expensive maintenance issues.

Myddle Village Hall Committee:

Councillor Harding reported that there were no major additional issues and meetings were planned to support the War Memorial Project.

17/90 Exchange of additional information.

1. It was noted that Myddle Fete was to be held again this year on July 7th.
2. Shropshire Councillor Williams reported that he had received complaints that Shropshire Council no longer provided salt bins. He felt that in the current financial situation it was unlikely that this would happen and suggested that the Parish Council should consider providing this service.

It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting.

3. The following highways issues were raised:

The poor condition of the road surface in Shotton Lane.

Large pothole developing in Lower Road by Robins Nest.

Sign posts rotting away on Ellesmere Road between the Village Hall and the Newton on the Hill junction and on Wem Road close to the wall at Stoneycroft.

A metal listed Milestone on the verge of Wem Road was in poor condition and Councillor Purslow stated that he would investigate what action could be taken.

17/91 Meeting Dates – 2018

The proposed dates were approved.

17/92 Date and time of Next meeting.

Wednesday March 7th. 2018 at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: *C. Ruck* **Chairman** **Date:** *March 7th. 2018*

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING (NOV.)

- Dianne Dorrell – General Data Protection Regulation.*
- Confide in Us – Armed Forces Leaflet.*
- Carol Clarke – affordable housing.
- Dave Carpenter/Meres & Mosses – car left on Hillside grass area.
- Dianne Dorrell – News Bulletin.*
- Kate Garner – transfer of ownership of Myddle playing field.*
- Veolia – application for grant aid.
- Adrian Cooper – Local Plan Review.*
- Karyn Row – financing local Youth Club.
- Dianne Dorrell – Brake Road Safety.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Rural Bus Services.*
- Notification of New External Auditor - PKF Little John (London).*
- Brian Williams – Shropshire Council spending freeze.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Newsletter November 24th.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Forum Meeting – report from Eddie West.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Draft Protocol for Parish Councils.*
- Dianne Dorrell - General Data Protection Regulations – report on conference.*
- Dianne Dorrell – NALC Newsletter.*
- Dianne Dorrell – Grants and Funding Bulletin.*
- Dianne Dorrell News from Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group.*
- Gavin Hogarth – UK Recovery Walk.*
- Chairman – Hubs and Clusters.*
- Dianne Dorrell – December News Bulletin.*
- Peter Dunbar – DAAT Stakeholders Consultation.*
- Diane Malley – DATA protection regulations.
- Dianne Dorrell – NALC GDPR update.*
- Highways – Tilley Road, Wem – planned closure.*