

MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND. 2011 AT 7.30PM.

Public Session:

There were two members of the public present. Mr. & Mrs. Morris from Upper Fennimore Farm questioned why the Council had commented on their planning application when they lived in the Baschurch Council's area. The Chairmen reported that all Myddle and Broughton Councillors had been contacted by the residents of the neighbouring property in the belief that both properties were in Myddle and Broughton Parish. As the boundary was between the two properties, the Planning Officer had stated that the Council could comment. The Council had not objected to the plans but had suggested that more suitable material could be used and there was room for the development to be located in a better position.

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (Chairman)
 Mrs. E. Hodge
 Mr. J. Heath
 Mr. R. Jones
 Mr. R. Jeffrey
 Mrs. T. Evans
 Mrs. L. Baker
 Mr. R. Bowden
 Mr. C. Ruck

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Council Councillor).
 Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk).
 Ms. R. Mansfield (Shropshire Council Community Action Officer)
 Two members of the public.

10/70 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. I. Gunton

10/71 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

Mr. Ruck declared an interest in Item 6 on the agenda.

10/72 Police Report:

.A written report had been received which indicated that in the period since the last meeting the following offences had been recorded.

Attempted theft – 1 (Myddle); Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (Myddle); Theft – 1 (Harmer Hill).

10/73 Minutes of the meeting held on January 5th. 2011

The minutes of the meeting, having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record after the following amendments

- (a) 10/60(3) should read Mr. Jones stated *that he thought* the owner spent most of the winter away from the house?
- (b) 10/64 *should state* £75.00 *not* £70.00 *as shown*

10/74 Matters arising from last meeting:1. Bridleway leading to Hillside

It was noted that no action had been taken by Shropshire Council and the Clerk reported that he had not received any response to his email reports. Councillor Williams offered to raise this issue with Mr Betts as the Council's policy was to respond within five working days.

2. Highways:

It was noted that repairs had been carried out to some of the potholes and the Chairman stated that the work on Wem Road, Harmer Hill was good.

Mr. Oakley's report indicated that the post on the B5476 belonged to BT and had been there for 40 years. He did not feel that there was a major problem with visibility.

Members stated that the removal of the hedge at the site had left the post isolated and causing the problem. Clerk was asked to write to BT to see if they would take any action.

3. Damaged Streetlight:

Clerk reported that a quotation for replacing the light had been received and passed to the Insurance Company together with details of the car owner. No response had been received to two letters to the insurers asking for approval to replace the light

4. Police activates with young people.

CSO Hannah Bishop had sent in a report indicating the progress being made in setting up a Youth Club in Myddle, There had been a positive response to a request for volunteers and the Youth Service had agreed to help. It was planned to make a start in the new financial year.

5. Volunteer help with clearing stream in Myddle (10/54(2)):

Mr. Ruck reported that RAF Shawbury had offered to help but had only given one day's notice and were unable to provide the necessary equipment and clothing. Mr. H. Griffiths had agreed to get a team together to do the work.

6. Myddle Pump Gate:

Chairman confirmed that he had arranged for Mr. P. Jones to look at the problem and suggest a solution.

10/75 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

J. Wilson	Salary (Feb. /March)	£436.13
J. Wilson	Expenses (Jan. /Feb.)	£111.34
J. Wilson	Office rent (October – March)	£145.00
Inland Revenue	(Feb, /March)	£117.51
N.W.P.	Streetlight maintenance (Jan,/Feb.)	£244.80
A. Woolley	Salary (October –March)	£600.00
Interactive Info, Services	Web hosting and re-registering web.	£271.20
Severn Hospice	Grant	£75.00
Macmillan Nursing	Grant	£75.00
Hope House	Grant	£75.00
Marie Curie Cancer Care	Grant	£75.00
W. Shrop. Talking 'paper	Grant	£75.00
N. Shrop. Safety Scene	Grant	£75.00

Citizens' Advice Bureau	Grant	£75.00
Broughton Parish Church	Grant for Church ground maintenance	£500.00

10/76 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

10/77 Parish Plan/Village Design Statement

It was agreed that there was a need to develop a Parish Plan which would incorporate a Village Design Statement for both Myddle and Harmer Hill. Ruth Mansfield confirmed that a grant of £2,000 would be available and there was a need to involve members of the community in the development of the plan. She agreed to help and stated that the Community Council would support the project.

It was agreed to start to formulate the plan by discussing it in detail at the Annual Parish Meeting and invite participation from local parishioners.

10/78 Planning Applications:

A. The following planning applications had been considered since the last meeting and no objections had been raised.

1. 7, Alford Gardens, Myddle - erection of a conservatory to rear of property.
2. Shotton Farm, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill - (a) erection of silage clamp
(b) Extension to existing slurry lagoon.
3. Red Point, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill –installation of three dormer windows.
Members questioned new access and absence of garage on the plans.
4. Gateway Centre, Sleaf - siting of temporary demountable for use as a classroom.
5. Holly Tree Cottage, Harmer Hill - erection of a two storey extension to side,
following demolition of existing garage; erection of replacement porch.

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

1. Barns at Balderton Hall - conversion into two residential dwellings.
2. Shotton Farm – erection of extension to slurry lagoon and erection of a silage clamp.

10/79 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was considered:

1. Alison Moore Gwyn – Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.
2. ALC Training Course – Discipline and Grievance.
3. Brian Williams – Shropshire Council's Mobile Library Service. Clerk was asked to check why Harmer Hill was not included on the new rota
4. Brian Williams – New location for Highways Dept.
5. Martin Taylor-Smith – ICT Support for Parish Councils. Members agreed to continue with current system of using Interactive Information Services for computer support.
6. Shropshire Council - Nomination of representative for the Annual Planning Briefing.
7. Shropshire Council – Organising a street party or a fete.
8. Shropshire Council - Application to close a highway for a street party.
9. Journal of Local Planning – Localism Bill.
10. National Grid – invitation to a meeting to discuss a new transmission service.

11. NALC – consultation on Code of Practice for Data Transparency.

Mr. Jeffrey suggested that the paragraph on senior salaries should be changed to remuneration as the salary of senior officers was only part of the payment they received.

10/80 Committee Reports:

Shropshire Council – Local Joint Committee:

The Chairman reported that the meeting held in Harmer Hill Village Hall on January 25th.2011. had been well attended and was successful. It had been confirmed that the money available for grants had been cut by 50% and that the maximum grant offered to individual projects would be £2,000.00

10/81 Royal Wedding:

Members considered in detail a proposal to provide local children with a suitable mug to mark the occasion. with several Members suggesting there was insufficient time to make all the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Jones proposed the Council should go ahead with the scheme and this was seconded by Mrs. Evans. On a vote the proposal was defeated by three votes to two with four abstentions.

It was then decided to concentrate on commemorating next year's diamond jubilee.

10/81 Exchange of Additional Information:

The following items were raised:

1. A report had been received that development was taking place at the rear of White Meadows, Ellesmere Road, Harmer Hill. Clerk to check the validity of this with the Planning Department.
2. The new demountable at Myddle Junior school was being officially opened on March 14th. at 1.20pm. Members were invited to attend
3. Mole Hills were appearing inside the children's play area and damaging the bitumen surface. Chairman confirmed that he had made arrangements with the local mole catcher to carry out work on the site.
4. An advertising board had been erected at the junction of Houlston Lane and Ellesmere Road causing an obstruction to motor vehicles. Clerk was asked to contact the firm responsible for the sign and ask for it to be moved.
5. There were some serious potholes on Myddle Hill and at its junction with Ellesmere Road. Clerk to contact the Highways Department.
6. Clerk was asked if he could obtain a policy document relating to the summer programme of verge cutting.
7. Complaints about dog fouling had been received again and it was agreed to give more publicity to the problem. However it was agreed that the only solution was for individual people who witnessed the offence, being prepared to attend court and give evidence. If there were some convictions with hefty fines it might deter others.
8. There were problems with some of the designated footpaths and Mr. Ruck agreed to provide the Clerk with details for forwarding to the Footpaths Officer for action.
9. The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for May 18th.in Myddle Village Hall.

10. Members noted that Shropshire Council had no intention of closing Myddle School but that there was a possibility that it would have to combine with other small schools.
11. Members agreed to make a grant of £500 to Broughton Church towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard.

10/82 Date and Time of Next Meetings

Wednesday May 4th. at 7.30pm in Myddle Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: **Chairman** **Date:**