

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD. 2014 AT 7.30 PM.**

Public Session:

There were three members of the public present but no issues were raised.

The Chairman welcomed Sqn. Ldr. Kim Leach to the meeting and she gave an interesting and informative talk on the work, training and other activity taking place at RAF Shawbury. She outlined the support which could be provided to various community groups and the charity work undertaken each year.

The Chairman thanked her for attending and for the valuable information.

Present:

Mr. R. Jeffrey (Chairman)

Mrs. E. Hodge

Mr. G. Harding

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. C. Ruck.

Mr. P. Keyse

Mr. R. Purslow

Mr. R. Tiernan

Mrs. T. Evans

In Attendance:

Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

Parish Clerk.

P.C. D. Carpenter (Beat Officer).

Three members of the public.

14/39 Apologies:

There were no apologies.

14/40 Disclosure of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

None declared.

4/41 Police Report:

1. The Clerk reported that the police web site indicated that the following crimes had been reported:

May: Harmer Hill: Shotton Lane - Violent behaviour – 1.

Myddle: Hillside – Anti social behaviour -1; Alford Grange – Public order offence -1; A528 – Burglary – 1.

June: Yorton: Anti-social behaviour -1

Myddle (Welcroft): Burglary -1.

July: Myddle (Alford Gardens): Anti-social behaviour -1.

2. Members noted that a decision had been made to close of Wem Police Station counter.

3. Chairman raised concerns at what appeared to be an increasing number of crime reports.

14/42 Minutes of the meeting held on June 25th. 2014.

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

14/43 Matters arising from the meeting:

(a) Lower Road, Harmer Hill (14/27).

The Chairman gave details of a meeting held on site to consider a range of concerns raised by residents. The meeting was attended by Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams, Ray Tiernan, Steve Oakley (Divisional Engineer) and himself.

It was agreed that some of the conditions placed on the developer had been carried out but the road needed to be re-surfaced, the exit road needed to be profiled to improve the drainage and the lay-by opposite the site reconstructed.

Steve Oakley to action these.

(b) Grant to Myddle Church (14/25(8)).

Clerk reported that the grant had been returned and paid into the Council's bank account.

(c) Play Area Inspection report (14/25(7)).

Clerk reported that he had received the report from RoSPA which had highlighted some defects that needed attention and he had passed a copy to Mr. Ray Tiernan for consideration. Mr. Tiernan stated that he had studied the report and would be able to carry out the repairs which had been recommended.

(d) Tree Inspection report (14/25(3)).

Clerk stated that the inspection had been carried out and he had received the detailed report and offered to forward a copy to anyone who wished to look through it. The report had indicated that there were three trees (two sycamore and one wyche elm) that needed felling to ground level and there was remedial work required on a further three oak trees.

Clerk was asked to contact Access2Trees Ltd. and ask for a quotation for the work.

(e) Highway Issues (14/37):

1. Dangerous Road:

Chairman reported that he had received details of seven accidents at a location on the Myddle to Baschurch road and as a result had arranged a meeting with Mr. Dave Gradwell and CSO Will Taylor.

It had been decided there needed to be an:

Advisory sign indicating a maximum speed of 30mph.

Improvement to the chevrons on the bend.

Examination of the road surface for proneness to skidding.

Mr. Gradwell and Mr. Oakley to action.

At the same time there had been discussion about the speed of traffic entering Myddle and the delay in placing the flashing light speed sign. Further information indicated that finance was withdrawn for this in the last financial year and it was now planned for this year.

Mr. Gradwell also promised to look at making the mini roundabout more prominent.

2. Need for a pedestrian Crossing opposite Myddle Primary School.

This was an area of increasing concern and had been raised and discussed by residents, school staff, parents and Councillors. It had been put forward to Shropshire Council by

the Parish Council as a road safety request last year but had failed to receive sufficient priority to be taken forward.

There was a need to put it forward again for consideration in the next Capital Programme. In the meantime Dave Gradwell would arrange for a traffic survey to be carried out.

3. Brookside, Myddle:

Mr. Gradwell had promised to look at the possibility of erecting a warning sign, indicating that the road was not suitable for HGVs.

4. Ellesmere Road, Myddle:

Mr. Gradwell had promised to look into the possibility of a sign close to the garage, warning drivers that people may be crossing the road.

5. Bridgewater Arms Roundabout:

There was agreement from Mr. Gradwell that there was a need for additional 'No Entry' signs at the junction, for traffic travelling from the Wem direction and turning into Ellesmere Road.

(f) Change of Council name (14/31).

Shropshire Council had been sent the details and a response had been received stating that it was necessary for Shropshire Council to carry out a detailed Community Governance Review process before any further action could be taken.

(g) Application for loan to complete streetlight work (14/32).

Clerk reported that all the necessary action had been taken and that the loan would be paid into the Council account on September 10th. He would then contact Eon and ask for the remaining work to be carried out as soon as possible. This was agreed.

(h) Faster broadband – public meeting (14/34).

Mr. Keyse reported that Shropshire Council, in partnership with Staffordshire County Council, was planning a series of meetings to raise awareness of the faster broadband service. The most convenient one would be at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on September 30th.

(i) Meeting between Mr. R. Purslow and Mr. M. Hill (Meres and Mosses) re. affordable housing (14/21).

Mr. Purslow reported that the meeting had been very positive and Meres and Mosses would be happy to work in partnership with the Council. There would be a need to identify suitable land location and an expressed interest from at least six people.

14/44 Accounts for Payment:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (August/Sept.)	£446.82
Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (July/August)	£304.40
Mr. A. Woolley	Salary (April- Sept inclusive)	£240.00
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (August/Sept.)	£111.60
Nobridge	Grass cutting (24/06 & 04/07)	£305.28
B. Markham	Hedging shears (Parish Paths)	£25.98
Shawbury Parish Council	Photocopying	£65.00
Shropshire Council	Election expenses	£300.00
Interactive Information	IT support (31/07/14-01/08/15)	£144.00
Scottish Power	Electricity charges (31/03-30/06)	£169.97

Playsafety	Annual inspection of play areas	£130.80
Shropshire Council	Election expenses	£300.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting (17/07)	£152.64
Mr. T. Merchant	Tree inspection	£420.00
Mazars	External audit	£150.00

14/45 (a) Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

14/45(b) External auditors report:

Clerk reported that he had received the report and no concerns had been raised over the financial and overall management of the Council.

14/46 Mid-Year Statement of accounts:

Clerk tabled a detailed report on the financial situation and this was approved by Members.

14/47 Review of Risk Assessment:

Members considered and approved the Council's risk assessment document.

14/48 Revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders:

Clerk advised Members that:

1. Following Government requirements, he had compiled a revised Financial Regulations Document based on a draft paper prepared by NALC.
2. He had revised the Council's Standing Orders to take account of new Government policy on public attendance at meetings.

Copies of both documents had been sent to Members prior to the meeting and both were adopted.

14/49 Planning Applications:

A. The following applications had been received.

(a) Land in Harmer Hill – erection of one detached property.

A report has been sent to the planning department pointing out that this was another development outside the designated area with a request that, if approved, the size of the property should be such that it does not impact on adjoining properties.

(b) 2, Brookside, Myddle – erection of front, side and rear extensions.

No objections raised.

(c) Red Lion Public House, Myddle – conversion of out building to a holiday let.

Concerns raised about parking and additional traffic using the site.

(d) Marton Hall Cottage and Stable Cottage – application for Certificate of Lawfulness. Sent to Council for information only.

(e) Land adjacent to The Glebe, 3, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of one dwelling.

Report sent to planning department pointing out that the development is outside the agreed development boundary.

(f) Newton Meadows, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – variation of condition 5 (letting restrictions) to allow for long term rental. (Application had now been withdrawn.)

(g) The Buildings, Myddlewood – Outline application for the erection of three detached dwellings, following the removal of a large building and yard.

Application supported as this was on a brown field site.

(h) Meadowland, Sleap – erection of a farm manager’s residence + residential garage/annexe. *Application supported.*

(i) Land adjacent to the Village Hall, Hill – construction of 10 semi-detached affordable dwellings.

Objected to on the same grounds as the previous application for this site. Clerk and Mr. Purslow to prepare the statement.

Mr. Williams agreed to ask for it to be referred to the Planning Committee for a decision and he would be present at the meeting.

B. The following applications have been approved:

1. Newton on the Hill – construction of an affordable dwelling.
2. Red Lion, Myddle – variation of condition 2 on one property to include a lean-to and space for a house lift.
3. 2, Brookside, Myddle – single and two storey extensions.
4. Marton Grange Caravan – change of use of land to extend caravan site.

14/50 Community Led Plan:

(a) Community Spirit and Amenities:

It was noted that there would be a meeting in Harmer Hill Village Hall on September 13th. to welcome newcomers to the Village.

(b) Public Transport, Traffic and Road Safety:

Details of this had been discussed under ‘Matters Arising’

(c) Business and Farming:

Mr. Keys reported that the start date for faster broadband in the Parish had been put back to late autumn.

14/51 Correspondence:

Members considered the following correspondence received by the Clerk, most of which had already been circulated to them.

Mark Wooton – Lower Road review.

ALC – Leader survey.

Carlene Cloak – Street naming.

ALC – IRMP public session.

ALC – newsletter July 14th.

Shropshire Rural Hub – newsletter.

Martin Highfield – meeting area for elderly people.

This was considered to be a worthwhile suggestion but needed further information and consideration. Mr. Keys to discuss proposal with Mr. Highfield.

Julia Kerr – Corbet News

SALC – Information bulletin July 31st.

SALC – Telford Women’s and Children Centre.

SALC – Planning Event led by Ian Kilby

Chairman reported that he and Russell Purslow had attended the event which was well run and very positive.

SALC – training event ‘Fundamentals for councillors’.

NHS – Future fit events and offer to visit Parish Councils.

Fresh (Shropshire) – Human Rights tour.

Chairman confirmed that he would be attending.

Shropshire Council – legal notice re hackney carriage licences.

Jessica Gittoes – additional information re. Proposed solar farm on land East of B4397.

SALC – Newsletter August 21st.

Andy Mortimer - SAMDev information.

14/52 Committee Reports:

No reports tabled.

14/53 Parish Road Safety Concerns:

Clerk outlined that this was the annual report that needed to be sent to Shropshire Council's area representative asking for issues to be included in the Capital Sending Programme.

Members agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the following should be this year's priorities:

- (a) Need for a controlled crossing between the School and the Village Hall.
- (b) Improvements to Lower Road, Harmer Hill.
- (c) Action over the Accident Black Spot on the Myddle to Baschurch Road.

14/54 Clerk's conditions of service:

The Chairman explained that he wished to set up a small committee to consider the Clerk's salary and conditions of service.

Clerk left the meeting whilst this was discussed and the committee formed.

14/55 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Place Plans:

It was agreed that there should be a public meeting prior to the next Council meeting to update the Council Place Plans. The public meeting would start at 7.00pm, followed immediately by the normal Parish Council meeting.

2. Next Year's Budget:

Clerk reported that he would be starting work on the budget in time for it to be presented to Members at the next meeting. He asked for suggestions for additional budget headings/projects. No new items were proposed.

3. Issues related to the use of Myddle Village Hall car park.

Mr. Harding reported that a resident living in Eagle Close had written to the Village Hall Committee pointing out that Eagle Close was an un-adopted road, which meant that the residents had responsibility for its upkeep. As part of the road formed access to the Village Hall car park he queried what arrangements were in hand to help pay for any necessary repairs.

As the Parish Council were trustees of the Village Hall, the request had been passed to the Chairman for consideration and he had asked Mr. Harding to carry out an investigation.

In spite of detailed searches the minutes of the village hall committee for the period when the car park was opened could not be located. The deeds for the Village Hall were also not found although they had originally been placed with Barclays Bank - the Council's bankers at the time.

The Clerk was asked to contact Yorkshire Bank to see if the deeds had been passed to them for safe keeping.

After consideration it was decided that there was no responsibility on the Parish Council regarding the up-keep of the road.

5. Mr. Woolley:

Clerk reported that Mr. Woolley was going into hospital for an operation and that arrangements had been made for his daughter to take over his responsibilities during his absence.

5. Hedge Cutting:

Clerk reported that Mr. Tiernan had agreed to cut the hedge between the playing field and the adjacent local houses.

4. Resignation:

Councillor Mrs. T. Evans offered her resignation from the Council citing pressure of work and family commitments. Chairman thanked her for her services to the Council and asked the Clerk to take the necessary action to inform the Elections Officer and advertise for a replacement Councillor.

14/56 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 29th. At 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

It was noted that prior to the Council meeting there would be a public meeting at 7.00pm to discuss the Parish Place Plan.

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed: R. Jeffrey Chairman

Date: October 29th.2014