

**MYDDLE AND BROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MYDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND. 2009 AT 7.30PM.**

Public Session:

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

Present:

Mr. R. Purslow (For the major part of the meeting)

Mr. J. Heath

Mr. R. Jeffrey

Mrs. L. Baker

Mr. R. Jones

Mr. I Gunton

In Attendance:

Mr. J. Wilson (Parish Clerk)

Mr. T. Brettell (Senior Regeneration Officer, Shropshire Council).

In the absence of the Chairman (at the start of the meeting) and the Vice Chairman, Mr. R. Jones was elected to chair the meeting. until the arrival of Mr. Purslow.

09/30 Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs. E. Hodge, Mr. C. Ruck, Mr. R. Bowden, Mrs. T. Evans and Mr. B. Williams (Shropshire Councillor).

09/31 Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests:

There were no declarations made.

09/32 Police Report:

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

Criminal Damage to cars – 2.

09/33 Mr. T. Brettell:

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Brettell to the meeting. Mr, Brettell gave a brief outline of his background and the responsibilities he had in the new Council, as a Senior Regeneration Officer. He promised to give appropriate advice and support to any projects undertaken by the Council.

09/33 Minutes of the meeting held on July 1st. 2009

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

09/34 Matters Arising:1. Highways (09/28(2))

A response from the area engineer indicated that the problem hedges and trees would be cut back in the autumn; the drain had been flushed; he would investigate the verge grass cutting problem and take appropriate action and it would be unsafe to place a second mirror at the Houlston Lane junction.

2. Allotments:

There had been no further requests for allotments and it was agreed not to pursue the matter at present.

3. Car Park opposite Harmer Hill Village Hall (09/11(1))

Concerns had been raised about inappropriate use of the car park and the amount of litter being left in the area. Mr. Jones stated that the Village Hall Committee had recommended that a meeting should be held between representatives of the Parish Council, The Village Hall Committee, the Police and the estate. This was agreed by Members, with Mr. Jones and the Chairman representing the Council

4. Lorries Travelling through Myddle:

Following an accident during the summer between a heavy lorry and a car, concerns had again been raised about heavy lorries travelling through the village, especially as they had to pass the school. There was an agreement with two companies who had instructed their drivers not to use this route but this did not apply to a range of other vehicles. Clerk to write to the Highways Department seeking advice on methods of restricting heavy goods vehicles using this road, before there was a more serious accident.

5. Recreation Ground Fence: (09/28(1)):

Members considered quotations from Mr. Davies and Nobridge Ltd. The quotation of £400 from Mr. Davies was accepted

6. Hand rails at entrance to Myddle Recreation Ground (09/28(1b)):

Clerk reported that these were the responsibility of Meres and Mosses and had not been placed on Parish Council land.

7. Remedial work on trees: (09/20(2)):

Members considered and accepted a quotation of £1,130.00 from Mr. James for carrying out the work. Clerk to check that this included removal of the waste material. Mr. Gunton to act as liaison Councillor.

8. Glebelands wall (09/20(8)):

Mr. Jeffries reported that the wall had still not been repaired and the Clerk was asked to report this to Councillor B. Williams and ask him to get Meres and Mosses to carry out the work.

09/35 Accounts for Payment:

J. Wilson	Salary (August/September)	£435.41
J. Wilson	Expenses (July/Aug.)	£241.27
Inland Revenue	Income Tax (Aug/Sept.)	£108.85
Interactive Informatic	Computer support	£138.00
F. A. Woolley	Salary April – September	£300.00
Nobridge Ltd.	Grass cutting	£776.94
Playsafety	Play area inspection	£89.70
Scottish Power	Electricity supply 2009 -2010	£264.86
NWP Electrical	Streetlight maintenance (August)	£117.30

09/36 Financial Statement:

A financial statement was tabled and approved.

09/37 Mid-Year Financial Statement:

A mid- year financial statement was tabled and approved

09/38 Planning Applications:

A. Since the previous meeting the following applications had been received and considered.

1. Longstone, Myddlewood – change of use from agricultural to domestic for small area of land. No objections.
2. The Rock, Brookside, Myddle – extension. No objections.
3. Oakwood, Holly Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a fence. No objections.
4. Revised plans for development at Lower Road, Harmer Hill had been considered and the Chairman had attended a site meeting with the planning committee and also spoken at the Planning Committee meeting.

Concerns had been expressed at the manner in which the amended application had been dealt with and objections were raised about the planned highways development. Letters of complaint had been sent to Mr. Kilby (Head of Development Control) and Mr. Wootton (Highways). Clerk reported that there had been no response to his letters and he was asked to take the up the issue with the Chief Executive.

A decision on the application had been deferred for a month.

A letter had been received from Mr. Needham on behalf of the residents, thanking Council Members for their support.

B. The following applications were tabled and considered:

1. Brierwood, Shotton Lane, Harmer Hill - variety of extensions and alterations. No objections.
2. 77 Holding, Milford Road, Baschurch – demolition of existing property and erection of a replacement dwelling. No objections,
3. 7, Wellcroft, Myddle – erection of a detached summer room and study. No objections.

C. The following applications had been approved by Shropshire Council

1. 8, Lower Road, Harmer Hill –extension and alterations.
2. 4, Council Houses, Lower Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a two storey extension.
3. 3, Cambridge Close, Harmer Hill – erection of an extension.
4. Meadow Rise, Wem Road, Harmer Hill – erection of a 2.1m high, front boundary fence.

D The following application had been refused by Shropshire Council:

Longstone, Myddlewood – change of use of small area of agricultural land to domestic.

09/39 Committee Reports:1. Shropshire Council Area Committee:

Chairman reported on the planning meeting he had attended earlier in the evening, when the agenda had been agreed for the full meeting of the Area Committee, which was to be held on September 23rd. at 7.00pm in Edinburgh House. Meeting open to the public. It had been reported that sufficient bids had been received to use all the allocated £54,000.00 grant allocation.

2. Harmer Hill Village Hall:

Mr. Jones said that the new hall was proving to be a success. There had been a well supported horticultural show and a full programme of events had been planned for the next few months.

2. Tree Warden:

Mr. Gunton gave details of a Shropshire Council scheme to provide free trees to land owners for coppice planting. A sum of £16,000 was available.

He was considering attending a Tree Warden's course in Cirencester. It was agreed that travelling expenses would be paid if he decided to go.

09/40 Correspondence:

The following correspondence, received since the last meeting, was considered:

1. S.A.L.C. – Training events.
2. Shropshire Council – Vehicle Operated Sign Policy. It was agreed not to object to the outlined proposals. Clerk reported that an interest in having signs in the Parish had been made but this did not commit the Council at this stage.
3. RAF Shawbury – details of the new Commanding Officer and a request for him to attend a Council meet
4. RoSPA - Play Area Inspection Report – no major concerns raised.
5. Playing Fields Association – ‘The Playing Field’ magazine,
6. Shropshire Council – details of proposed electoral fee structure.
7. Shropshire Council – Playbuilder Funding. Clerk was asked to declare an interest.
8. Shropshire Council - report on Primary School Organisation.
9. Community Council – details of ACRE Collaboration Benefits. It was decided to invite a representative to attend the next Council meeting to explain the project in more detail.
10. Shropshire Council – Local Development Framework – consultation on core strategy. Booklets distributed.
11. Shropshire Council – policy document on affordable housing.

09/41 Exchange of Additional Information:

1. Footpath from Ellesmere Road into Myddle Village (The Gullet):
Complaints had been made about the state of the path. Clerk to ask a Shropshire Council representative to meet with Councillor Jeffrey to assess the problems.
2. Streetlights:
Following street lights not working – (a) outside Village Hall; (b) Lower Road outside Burra Bank; (c) Wem Road outside the old Post Office.
3. Vandalism:
Concerns expressed at damage to a car, the telephone box, a tree and a house sign, all in Harmer Hill.
4. Yorton Signs:
Grinshill Parish Council had not agreed to the proposed location of one of the signs and it was agreed to only erect two signs.

5. Myddle Village Hall:

Chairman informed Members that he had been invited to attend a meeting with Myddle Village Hall members to discuss new regulations governing Parish Halls. It was noted the Parish Council was a trustee of Myddle Village Hall.

09/42 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday November 4th. at 7.30pm in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Minutes approved as a true record of the meeting.

Signed *R. Parslow* Chairman

Date *November 4th. 2009*