

NEWS

Council meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of alternate months but the July meeting had to be held before the end of June to consider the audit documents, which needed to be approved by Councillors and received by the Government appointed Auditors by July 1st. The documents prepared by the Clerk and overseen by the local auditor were all approved and copies of these documents can be obtained from the Parish Clerk on the payment of £5.00.

Other issues which were considered at the meeting included:

Proposed Social Housing Development in Harmer Hill:

Members were advised that before the land in Godings Lane could be sold to Shropshire Council, there was a need to relinquish the lease they held for the playing field but that part of the area would be leased back to the Council when plans for the housing development are approved. The play area facilities would be relocated on that section of land and the Council are appointing a solicitor to oversee all these transactions.

Once the land has been sold, responsibility for the development passes to Shropshire Town and Rural Housing Association but progress will be monitored by a steering group made up of representatives from the Parish Council, Shropshire Council and local residents. If you are interested in being involved please contact the Clerk who will pass on your details to the Housing Association. At a later date a public consultation/planning event will be held in Harmer Hill Village Hall.

Wem Road Pavement

The plans approved by Shropshire Council for the development of Bridgewater Place in Harmer Hill included the construction of a new pavement on Wem Road, to run alongside the boundary of the estate. Unfortunately, this was not constructed and following complaints from residents and the Parish Council, Shropshire Council issued an order enforcing the builder to complete the work. After a very long wait Members were keen to hear that the construction was underway which will not incur any cost for the Parish and Shropshire Councils.

Messenger:

Councillor G. Miller reported that the editor of the Messenger was not going to continue after the August edition had been circulated and efforts to fill the voluntary post had not proven to be successful. A range of options were being considered but if they were not successful it seemed that the production of the Messenger would cease. If you feel that you could undertake this role please get in touch with the Clerk who will pass your details to Greg Miller.

Road Safety:

This is a regular item at Council meetings and it appears that the new VAS unit erected on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill is having a positive effect in reducing traffic speed but Members are very aware of resident's concerns about speeding traffic on Wem Road, where there have been recent accidents. Shropshire Council and the Police are being contacted again with a request to have the speed limit reduced to 30mph and to allow the Parish Council to erect a modern VAS unit alongside the road

Minutes of the Meeting:

These have already been placed on the Council's website –www.myddlebroughton-pc.gov.uk and the next Council meeting will be held in Myddle Village Hall on August 30th. Further information can be obtained from Jack Wilson, the Parish Clerk by email at myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phone on 01743 236810