

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

JANUARY 2023

The Council began the New Year with a full agenda for the meeting held in Myddle Village Hall on January 4<sup>th</sup>. when Members were joined by six members of the public four of whom wished to raise issues in the public session prior to the start of the official meeting.

Two residents raised strong objections about the location of the Commemorative Seat that had been placed close to the bus shelter in Harmer Hill, stating that it was directly opposite their property and undermined their privacy and that of other residents in adjacent properties. Councillor Mr. Anderson said if this was the case there was a need to move the seat to a more acceptable site and this was agreed. Efforts will be taken by Harmer Hill Councillors to identify a new site and arrange the transfer.

Mr. Roger Jones congratulated and thanked the Council for purchasing and installing a Vehicle Activated Speed Unit on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill and hoped that it would remind drivers of their need to restrict their speed when driving through the Village.

Mr. Russell Purslow gave an informative report on attempts to secure land for the development of a small estate of affordable accommodation, specifically for residents of the Parish. He had been tasked with this project after the publication of the Local Parish Plan in 2013, when he was a Parish Councillor and the current Chairman had invited him to continue with the project after he left the Council at the last election.

Owners of an identified site have agreed to sell the land and STAR Housing Association have agreed to go forward with the plans for development. They have conducted a range of surveys and searches and gained pre-planning advice from Shropshire Council but before they move forward they needed to be sure that they have the support of the Parish Council. In the full council meeting which followed, Members unanimously supported the proposal and a small committee will be formed to oversee the progress of the project. The Council wishes to include two or three interested members of the public – please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Later in the meeting, the following items were discussed:

### Ellesmere Road – Vehicle Activated Speed Sign:

The Unit which had been purchased using money from the Community Infrastructure Grant was put in place just before Christmas and the early results show that about 94% of the traffic is travelling at less than 35mph, which is encouraging. Over 35mph is the speed when police will prosecute.

### Wem Road Pavement:

It was reported that the building company had engaged contractors to construct the pavement and they were waiting for permission from Shropshire Council to carry out work on the highway.

### Budget 2023 -2024

The Clerk presented the budget for the following financial year and after consideration, this was approved. Careful budgeting meant that there was no need to seek an increase in the precept which means that element of residents' Council Tax should only increase by a few pence for the full year. The full details of the budget can be viewed on the Council's web site.

Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Members are fully aware of the concerns raised by residents about the unlawful developments taking place at this site. We are in constant dialogue with the Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council who is urgently seeking the necessary legal order to enable appropriate action to be taken. Because of the regulations governing enforcement it is a difficult and time consuming operation but hopefully action will be taken soon.

As always the draft minutes of the Council meeting can be found on the Council's web site - [www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk) and the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email at [myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net](mailto:myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net) or by 'phone at 01743236810. We would ask anyone seeking help or information to contact him before approaching Members direct and he will always deal with the issue or pass the details to the relevant Councillor.

In conclusion we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful New Year with the hope that many National and World wide issues can be resolved.