

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

March 2024

The latest meeting of the Council was held in Myddle Village Hall on March 6th. when the following items were considered:

Affordable Housing:

Members received an update on the proposal to build a small estate of affordable houses on land in Godings Lane, Harmer Hill. The field is currently leased to the Council as a Recreation Area but may be sold to Shropshire Council to allow them to consider producing plans for affordable housing development. If any plans are produced and the planning application is approved there will be no access to the site whilst any construction work is taking place. However, when the building work is complete the unused part of the field will be leased or sold to the Council and the play area facilities will be re-instated.

Highways:

Following discussions with a Senior Highways Officer at Shropshire Council, Members received the depressing news that although a range of problems had been raised, there was little chance of most of these being resolved soon unless they were seen as acutely dangerous. This is because of the parlous state of Shropshire Council's financial situation but one positive item was news that road improvements were planned by Myddle School and a 20mph speed limit should be installed in 2025. However, the request for a footpath from Pimhill to the Bridgewater Arms was discounted because it was likely to cost in excess of £30,000 which was deemed to be too expensive. The high cost was because it would entail creating a properly constructed footpath open to everyone and purchasing land from the owner of the adjacent field.

Welcome Signs:

The Council decided to seek permission to use Community Infrastructure grants to enable them to install signs on the side of the main roads leading into Myddle and Harmer Hill, simply stating Welcome to Myddle or Harmer Hill plus 'Please drive carefully'. The signs were of a standard approved by the Department of Transport but would need to be approved by Shropshire Council.

Myddle Church Clock:

Councillor G. Harding gave an interesting and informative report on the history of the Myddle Church Clock and the recurring problems which were preventing it from working. The clock had originally been purchased by public subscription and it was felt that the Council should support the Parochial Church Council in funding the necessary up-date to ensure it would continue to work efficiently. A quotation for the work would be obtained

before a final decision was made and in the meantime, the Clerk would check if Community Infrastructure finance could be used.

The Annual Parish Meeting:

This will be held in Harmer Hill Village Hall on the deferred date of May 8th. This is to allow the Hall to be prepared as an election centre allowing people to vote for the Police Commissioner on May 2nd. This meeting is open to all parish residents and gives you a chance to meet your elected representatives and discuss issues of interest or concern. There will be a report from the Council Chairman and hopefully, a representative of the local Police, although this is dependent on the necessity to deal with urgent issues. That meeting will be followed by the AGM of the Parish Council, which will include the election of Officers and the appointment of representatives.

As always extended details can be found on the Councils web site www.myddleandbroughton-pc.gov.uk or by contacting the Clerk on myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net