

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The latest Council meeting was held in Myddle Village Hall on Wednesday, September 7th when Community Police Support Officer Jamie Robinson was in attendance at the start of the meeting and commented on items which had been raised by Councillors and members of the public. He pointed out that Wem and the surrounding rural area were covered by one police officer supported by one full-time and one part-time community support officer, which made it difficult to attend meetings regularly. He stated that the Parish had a very low level of crime compared to other areas but promised to look at the way statistics were recorded and would see if action could be taken over certain highway issues.

In the full meeting which followed Members received and considered the following items:

- The long-awaited introduction of a 40mph buffer zone on the Ellesmere Road leading into Harmer Hill from the direction of Myddle had been put in place.
- The dropped kerb had been constructed on the Wem Road in Harmer Hill.
- Shropshire Councillor Brian Williams stated that he had been informed that work to construct the pavement alongside the Bridgewater Estate on Wem Road should be underway within a couple of weeks.
- The Safer Road Partnership had sent the Council details of covert checks on traffic speed carried out over a two-week period on Wem Road. The results indicated that there was good compliance with the speed limit with an average speed of 42 mph. recorded. Checks were now planned for Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill.
- Members were considering the type of VAS sign for erection on the designated site on Ellesmere Road in Harmer Hill and it was hoped this would be in place within the next few weeks.
- The police had promised to investigate the problem caused by vehicles parking in the passing bay on Lower Road, opposite the entrance to the Pines.
- Owners of the site at Harmer Hill Reservoir had failed to take voluntary action over an enforcement order regarding development at the site and legal action was now being proposed by the Enforcement Officer at Shropshire Council.
- The Chairman reported that two seats had been ordered to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and these would be placed at suitable locations in Harmer Hill and Myddle.
- Shropshire Council had promised to investigate the request by the Parish Council to purchase the Myddle playing field and the adjacent woodland.
- Seven planning applications had been received since the last meeting none of which related to the construction of new properties but objections were confirmed over two of the proposed developments.
- The Clerk had received over seventy items of correspondence since the last meeting and these had been forwarded to Members for consideration and comment.
- It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to enable sections of the Messenger to be printed in colour for a trial period.

- The Mid-Year Statement of Accounts, which indicated that the Council's finances were in a healthy state, were adopted and would be published on the Council website or could be obtained on request from the Clerk.
- Finally Members considered a review of the Community Led Parish Plan which had been published and adopted in 2009. The review by the Chairman and the Clerk highlighted the wide range of improvements that had been carried out throughout the Parish but also noted areas that still need to be considered and improved. It was agreed to give the review wider publicity and to start addressing areas that needed to be improved. Public responses will be welcomed.

As always the minutes of the meeting will be published on the Council web site www.myddlebroughton-pc.gov.uk and comments or issues can be sent to the Parish Clerk by email at myddlebroughtonclerk@talktalk.net or by 'phone at 01743 236810.