

## Your Parish Council

The role of your Parish Council is to work towards improving the well-being of its community and provide services at a local level which will improve the quality of life for residents.

A Parish Council may provide many services and in Myddle and Broughton these include:

- The Recreation Grounds
- Children Play Area
- Street Lighting
- Bus shelters
- Grass cutting
- Maintenance of Parish paths
- Grants to both Village Halls
- Grants to local Churches for the upkeep of graveyards
- Grant towards the production of the Myddle Messenger

Councillors attend meetings and make decisions on the work and direction of the Council, this means deciding where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented. They are the voice of the people, representing the view of the people on issues that affect the wider community and discuss these issues with organisations like the Police and Shropshire Council.

How do things get paid for?

Each year a sum of money called the 'precept' is collected through your council tax. This money is the only tax that is guaranteed to be spent in your area to improve facilities and provide services.

How do the Councillors get elected?

This year your Parish Councillors will be elected for a four year period at elections being held in May. To get your vote you need to be registered on the electoral register which is kept at Shropshire Council or visit [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk), you need to be 18 years or older and a British citizen.

Elected Councillors are responsible to the people they represent, so if you feel you can contribute to the work of your Parish Council, why don't

you stand and see if can make a difference ? You will find the work interesting and demanding and unfortunately you will not be paid!

For more information contact The Parish Clerk, Jack Wilson at 6, Primrose Drive, Shrewsbury, SY3 7TP; 01743 236810 or email him at [myddlebroughtonclerk@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:myddlebroughtonclerk@tiscali.co.uk) . Jack will be more than happy to help you.