

MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN HARMER HILL VILLAGE HALL ON JANUARY 7TH 2026 AT 19:30

Public Session

1. There were three members of the public present, and the following issues were brought to the attention of the council.
2. The viability of STAR Housing as the provider of Affordable Housing given the organisation's issues. **Action : Sarah to seek information on the current status of STAR in terms of their participation in the Harmer Hill project.**
3. Closure of The Hollow as a through road. Sarah advised that the Traffic Engineers preferred a permanent closure rather than an initial temporary closure. Initiation of consultation on this proposal would be subject to Parish Council support. (See item 6e).
4. Wem Road development (outline application for up to 10 homes). Inconsistencies in the submission, such as the response of "No" to the question "*Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?*" when the pack contains correspondence from January 2024. Also concerns expressed on items such as flooding risk, drainage, impact of increased hard surfaces exacerbating existing flooding, sewage disposal, access and exit to site, field and Wem Road. The proposal to extend the existing 40 mph speed limit beyond the site access point was noted but this failed to address the existing traffic speed issues on Wem Road and the increased accident risk of an exit onto the road with poor visibility of traffic coming from the direction of Shrewsbury. It was also noted that the nearest GP practice had stated that their capacity for patient numbers had been reached. **Action : The public attendees were advised to submit their concerns and questions through the Shropshire Council Planning portal in the usual way for consultation on planning applications.** (See item 11b).

Present:

Mr C. Ruck (Chairman)
Mrs S. Hammond
Mrs J. Jackson
Mr R. Jones
Mr G. Miller
Mr H. Rook

In Attendance:

Shropshire Councillor Mrs S. Marston (Sarah)
One member of the public

Note : best wishes were sent by the council to The Parish Clerk, absent due to illness.

The Council were saddened to hear of the death of former councillor Bob Jeffery and condolences were expressed for Bob's family

Item	Minutes	Action
1	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Mr M. Andrew Mr D. Evans</p>	
2	<p><u>Declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests</u></p> <p>Councillor J. Jackson identified that she lived adjacent to Myddle Wood for consideration when discussing item 13.</p>	
3	<p><u>Resignation of Vice Chairman</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that Councillor A. Harris had resigned from the Council and that Councillor M. Andrew had taken over the role of the Vice Chairman.</p>	
4	<p><u>Co-option of New Members</u></p> <p>No applicants had yet come forward to fill the two vacant seats on the Council.</p>	
5	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November 2025</u></p> <p>The minutes were accepted by members and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
6	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>a <u>Affordable Housing Project</u> – as per discussion in public session. Noted that at present only 1 request for Harmer Hill appeared to be logged on Homepoint data.</p> <p>b <u>Wem Road Speed Limit</u> – Sarah advised that the petition in support of the reduction to 30mph limit had been presented to Shropshire Council in December. The response was : <i>“The Traffic Team will undertake an investigation on the B5476 through Harmer Hill, collating speed and collision data along with understanding foot fall and residential activity. The Police will then be asked to comment on the suitability of any speed limit reduction. If at that point all parties agree that the speed limit reduction is appropriate, the route will be placed on future works programme list for funding allocation.”</i></p> <p>Sarah had also identified a note showing that Neighbourhood Pot funding had previously been identified for speed reduction works on the Wem Road. Given the Council were unsure what this referred to, Sarah agreed to investigate further.</p> <p>c <u>Harmer Hill Reservoir</u> – although the matter was ongoing with Shropshire Council Sarah was unable to provide any details given none were forthcoming from the Council due to a “Confidential” status.</p> <p>d <u>Environmental Maintenance</u> – Although some activities were being undertaken these had not yet reached usual level of support due to health issues. Discussions on dog fouling and waste concluded with SM agreeing to seek advice from the Shropshire Council dog warden. Councillors were also to consider other measures such as additional Dog Waste bins – this would be an item on the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p><u>The Hollow, Harmer Hill</u> – Further to Public Meeting discussion, Sarah advised that a permanent barrier would be raised kerb and bollards with dropped kerb in the centre</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM Clerk</p>

e	for pedestrians, pushchairs, bicycles etc. Also, additional signage. Formal Endorsement from the Parish Council was proposed by S. Hammond and seconded by R. Jones. The council voted to support the proposal. Sarah would advise Shropshire Council accordingly to initiate action and consultation.																																																																					
f	<u>Mirror on A528 at exit from woods nr Junction to Newton on the Hill.</u> Parish clerk provided a note that the request to Shropshire council had led to an action on the Area Highways Technician to visit the site and provide comments.	SM																																																																				
7	<u>Correspondence Received</u> A list of correspondence received is provided at the end of these minutes. The Chairman highlighted several of the items : a <u>Sansaw Estate</u> response stating that the land parcels sold last year did not include the specified path exiting the woods; i.e. it was Shropshire Council Shropshire responsibility. b <u>Multivo</u> note on delayed repairs to A528 – the latest forecast was for white lines to be painted in first 2 weeks of January. c Resident’s suggestion for road markings at the exit of The Pines to Lower Road. Sarah to request this from Shropshire Council. d Resident’s concern on obstacles along pavement to The Village Hall. This route regularly used by some council members without difficulty. Clerk to request specific location and issue from the resident.	SM Clerk																																																																				
8	<u>Accounts for payment, Financial Statement and details of Cumulative Expenditure:</u> Payment of the following accounts were approved : <table><tr><td>Mr. J. Wilson</td><td>Salary (November)</td><td></td><td>£441.44</td></tr><tr><td>HM Revenue & Customs</td><td>Tax and NI (November)</td><td></td><td>£326.96</td></tr><tr><td>Myddle Village Hall</td><td>Rent for Clickers Project</td><td></td><td>£40.00</td></tr><tr><td>Interactive Information</td><td>IT Support for 12 months</td><td></td><td>£120.00</td></tr><tr><td>Highline Electrical</td><td>Network Fault repair (Lower Road)</td><td></td><td>£182.40</td></tr><tr><td>‘SafeLincs’</td><td>Defibrillator Pads</td><td></td><td>£62.39</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. J. Wilson</td><td>Salary (December)</td><td></td><td>£441.55</td></tr><tr><td>HM Revenue & Customs</td><td>Tax and NI (December)</td><td></td><td>£357.50</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. J. Wilson</td><td>Expenses (Nov. /Dec.)</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>- Postage</td><td>£11.90</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>- Telephone/Broadband</td><td>£70.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>£81.90</td></tr><tr><td>Printerbase</td><td>Printer cartridges (Chairman)</td><td></td><td>£42.00</td></tr><tr><td>C. Ruck</td><td>Photocopy paper</td><td></td><td>£7.99</td></tr><tr><td>Myddle Village Hall</td><td>Rent for Clickers Project</td><td></td><td>£20.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mr. S. Busi</td><td>EMG Work October- December (Inc.)</td><td></td><td>£729.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td></td><td><u>£2,853.13</u></td></tr></table> The Financial Statement was tabled and approved.	Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (November)		£441.44	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (November)		£326.96	Myddle Village Hall	Rent for Clickers Project		£40.00	Interactive Information	IT Support for 12 months		£120.00	Highline Electrical	Network Fault repair (Lower Road)		£182.40	‘SafeLincs’	Defibrillator Pads		£62.39	Mr. J. Wilson	Salary (December)		£441.55	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax and NI (December)		£357.50	Mr. J. Wilson	Expenses (Nov. /Dec.)				- Postage	£11.90			- Telephone/Broadband	£70.00					£81.90	Printerbase	Printer cartridges (Chairman)		£42.00	C. Ruck	Photocopy paper		£7.99	Myddle Village Hall	Rent for Clickers Project		£20.00	Mr. S. Busi	EMG Work October- December (Inc.)		£729.00	Total			<u>£2,853.13</u>	Clerk
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9	<p><u>Proposed Budget for Financial Year 2026/27</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained the proposed budget would mean a slight increase in Parish Council element of Council Tax for residents, around 20p per month per household. This was in line with the usual approach of minimising this element whilst continuing to deliver benefit to residents. The proposed budget was agreed and the Clerk is to respond to James Wtason at Shropshire Council with the Parish Council Precept requirement for 2025/26.</p>	Clerk
10	<p><u>Report from Shropshire Councillor Sarah Marston</u></p> <p>In addition to the briefing note provided to council in advance, Sarah advised that an outline planning application was expected for mixed development of the Shire Hall site in Shrewsbury, likely to involve whole or partial demolition of existing buildings.</p>	
11	<p><u>Planning Issues</u></p> <p>a <u>Hill Farm Newton on the Hill</u> (25/04284/FUL) – following detailed consideration the application has been objected to. No decision has yet been published.</p> <p>b <u>Land Adjacent to Wem Road</u> (25/04525/OUT) – further discussion around the concerns expressed in Public Session and additional impact around speed limits together with accident and flooding risk. The council position was neutral on the proposal with several issues to be addressed by the developers.</p> <p>c <u>Bryn House, Middle</u> (25/03632/FUL) had been approved.</p> <p>d <u>Churchfield Farm, Marton</u> (25/03547/FUL) had been rejected.</p> <p>e Mr Shingler had shared a proposal for housing in Myddle for council awareness; no application yet submitted.</p>	
12	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Council noted Police reports for September and October.</p>	
13	<p><u>Progress reports on projects :</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that Shropshire Council had been in touch re Parish Council request for 99 year lease for Myddle Wood and playing field. New policy was due February 26 re Transfer of Community Assets. Securing the lease would enable the Parish to progress projects for the play area and woodland.</p> <p>a <u>Play Area Upgrade</u> – awaiting update from Councillor D. Evans. Given the lack of progress on Harmer Hill affordable housing the Chairman agreed to consider proposal for further investment at Harmer Hill. Clerk to share latest Play Area reports.</p> <p>b <u>Tree Planting</u> – Clerk would be asked for advice from Shawbury re a cost estimate with a view to the council allocating CIL funding for a Management Plan and survey for the wood.</p> <p>c <u>Charging Points</u> – Councillor G. Miller advised no update yet.</p>	<p>DE</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GM</p>

14	Community Led Reports	
a	Housing – Nothing to report.	
b	Traffic and Transport – Nothing to report.	
c	Community Spirit – Councillor J. Jackson highlighted risk to Myddle Church activities with financial pressures and impending retirement of the current vicar.	
d	Business and Farming - Nothing to report.	
15	<u>Exchange of Additional Information</u>	
a	Additional Agenda items for the next meeting – any items to be notified to Clerk.	ALL
b	For members to raise issues needing urgent attention – Highways. It was noted that the gulleys outside the Glebelands were still problematic. Although shown actioned on Fix My Street, water was still flowing back to the street and stones visible. It was likely to be more than a simple issue and additional work required.	
16	<u>Committee and other reports</u> Councillor S. Hammond highlighted the latest weekly briefing from the SALC Team including a couple of issues being considered by Chairman and Clerk re Model Standing Orders and website accessibility etc. The briefing also contained links to join a Broadband and Mobile signal update Zoom meeting, and the Shropshire Council budget consultation for 2026/27. There is also a requirement for councillors to sign the Councillor's Statement of Assurance. She would investigate and advise action required. Next SALC meeting 12 th January 26 by Zoom.	SH
17	<u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u> Wednesday March 4 th at 19:30 Myddle Village Hall.	All

Minutes approved as a true record:

Signed _____ **Chairman**

Date: _____ **2026**

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Correspondence received since the November Meeting:

E News Letter.

Chairman – Resignation of Vice Chairman.

Resident – Naming a road.

Sansaw Estate – Ownership of track.

ALC – Weekly Briefing (17 November).

Austin Vaughan – Play Area reports.

Multivo – repairs to A528.

Chris Mellings – Rural Housing Enabler Hub.

Laura Howells – ‘Fly Tipping Fortnight’.

Residents – Planning application re. barn conversions.

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS – Updates.

ALC – Weekly Briefing November 24th.

Residents – Comments re planning application Hill Farm, Newton on the Hill.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter (November).

Peter Richardson – Proposed housing development on Wem Road, Harmer Hill.

Gail Power (SALC) – Training Programme.

Gill Gale (Shropshire Council) School Library Service.

Community Foundation for Staffordshire & Shropshire – Newsletter.

Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Hospital Trust – Newsletter.

ALC – Weekly Briefing.

Chairman – Information Bulletin.

Alex Wagner – Devolution Pilots.

Healthcare Shropshire – Press Release.

James Watson – Precept Requirement.

Chris Cook – Door Stickers for older people.

Visit Shropshire – News report and free First Aid Course.

Cllr. S. Marston – Wem Road petition re. speeding – Update.

ALC – Weekly Briefing.

Resident – concern about overgrowing hedges.

Severn Trent – Newsletter.

John Campion – PCC Newsletter.

Resident – Request for the installation of road marking at exit from the Pines onto Lower Road.