

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st September 2021

Councillors present: Neil Hornby (elected Chairman of the meeting), Peter O’Keefe, Charlotte Cobb, Roger Townsend.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins
Public: 2
Apologies: Cllr Olive Bramley, Cllr David Wandless, Cllr William Helen, Cllr Anne Freeland, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Andrew Adams.

091 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Townsend – payment to Craig Townsend (see 100.1 below).

092 MINUTES of the meeting of 7th July 2021 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

093 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

093.1 **A33 Horse & Trap Racing** No further incidents have been reported over the summer. It was **agreed** to write to Donna Jones (Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner) and Chief Inspector Jon Turton (Winchester District Commander) to thank them for the operation undertaken in June.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

094 REPORTS

094.1 **HCCllr Jackie Porter** provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to the following points:

- **Afghan families** – the County will be welcoming families and providing support for training, language and physical and mental health.
- **County Deal** – more details will be available on HCCllr Porter’s website later this month.
- **School performance** – HCCllr Porter noted the incredible job done by schools in Hampshire during lockdown.
- **Broadband** – The Government has announced funding for a new Gigabit scheme. HCC expect to have their agreements in place with the Government and BDUK in the next few weeks.
- **Declaration of Interest** HCCllr Porter has become a trustee for Citizens Advise Winchester District.
- **Micheldever Station footpath** – see 098.2 below.

094.2 **DCllr Stephen Godfrey** noted that the City Council have received further money from Government to provide grants of up to £20,000 to aid post lockdown recovery for businesses and organisations. A new Business Challenge Fund is also being launched and details will be available soon.

The City Council is increasing the scope of its recycling and a carton collection point has been installed in South Wonston.

094.3 **DCllr Caroline Horrill** observed that the City Councillors are seeking improvements to the service provided by Planning Enforcement and particularly in respect of Carousel Park.

DCllr Horrill spoke at the planning committee meeting considering the application for Southbrook Cottages.

Permission was approved for the flats but it has now transpired that a separate application will be needed for the additional parking. The flats and parking will be included in one tender.

DCllr Horrill has raised the issue of the delay in developing Barron Close with the Chief Executive and the Planning Officer. Staff shortages are leading to the delay but recruitment is currently taking place.

A significant number of responses have been received in respect of the Local Plan and these are now being processed. More information will be supplied in the next few months once the responses have been collated and assessed. There is just less than a year in which to get everything dealt with.

Cllr Townsend noted that grass on verges etc has only been cut once this year (in March). The City Councillors will investigate this.

DCllr Horrill will also provide figures for the take up of green waste bins and the quantities being collected.

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095 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

095.1 **A resident** noted an incident at the junction of Larkwhistle Road and the A33 when a motorbike travelling at excessive speed had a near miss with a car exiting Larkwhistle Road. It was observed that there is no sign on the A33, warning of the junction, until vehicles are over the brow of the hill.

HCllr Porter will take this issue up with the Road Safety Team.

- 095.2 A resident attended the meeting to investigate the current situation in respect of enforcement at Carousel Park. He noted that the recent Police action to prevent pony and trap racing was effective and that he was particularly impressed by the Kent Police officers with whom he spoke. Following a communication received from DCllr Godfrey in July, which noted that enforcement action was due to commence, he asked what the City Council had achieved in respect of Carousel Park. DCllr Horrill advised that parental leave had delayed the start of the enforcement action and that she had not received a recent update. She and DCllr Godfrey will seek an update and DCllr Godfrey will try to supply an item for the October Dever. Cllr Hornby asked if there is anything more that the Parish Council or community could do to seek a resolution. DCllr Horrill noted that proactive action and investment are needed as shown with the trap racing where a change in the Police approach has led to effective control of the problem.

The meeting resumed

096 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN)	2 Parish Action Days will be run in October as part of Winchester Green Week.	Noted. Details of the Parish carbon footprint report are in the September Dever and on the website.
WCC Community & Wellbeing Strategy	A survey is open until 20 th September and the results will direct the work of the team.	Cllr Cobb will respond and note poor rural transport services.
WCC Community Ownership Fund	The Government has opened the fund to assist communities in purchasing local Community assets.	Noted.
Campaign for Rural England Hampshire Tom Martin	Half day workshop – Influencing Your Local Plan – 5 th October at Littleton Village Hall. Letter to Cllr Freeland re concerns over the publication of the Housing Needs Survey.	Noted and to be forwarded to the Dever Society. Cllr Hornby will liaise with Cllr Freeland and assist in responding.

097 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

097.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
522 8 Dairy Place, Northbrook	Single storey shed in rear garden.	No comment.
523 Rose Cttg, Duke Street, M’dever	Various tree works.	Support.
524 Yew Tree Cttg, 31 Northbrook	Replacement single storey rear extension.	No comment.
525 Land adjacent to Larkwhistle Fm	Proposed grain store.	Object due to concern re the entrance & lack of undertaking that lorries will not use route through Micheldever.

- 097.2 The draft comment on 522 to 525 were **agreed**. The text of the comment on 525 will be delayed to consider any other comments made. The objection relates to access issues and not to the proposed building.

- 097.3 086.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites The planning application for the development of flats at Southbrook Cottages has been approved but a separate application is now needed for the additional parking. The Clerk has contacted the Project Manager for assurances that the development will not commence without the additional parking having been created. The response has been that the two projects will be run together and that the phasing of each is not yet decided. Details of the wetland project on the land by Barron Close have been received. A request will be made to include this update or a similar item in the October Dever.

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As noted at 094.3 above, the development of the remaining land at Barron Close has been delayed due to staff shortages at WCC.

- 097.4 086.4 Village Design Statement The VDS has been submitted to WCC.

- 097.5 086.5 Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites The next stage of the Local Plan process is awaited. See also 094.3 above.

- 097.6 086.6 Carousel Park See 094.3 and 095.2 above.

- 097.7 086.7 Community Greening Campaign Cllr O’Keefe is attending a further meeting next week.

098 PARISH SERVICES

- 098.1 087.1 Highways Matters A quote of £145 has been received from Stephen Purnell for a repair to the bench at Northbrook. It was **agreed** to accept the quote.
- 098.2 087.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge Following HCCllr Porter's meeting, HCC have allocated an officer to consider the pavement project. A moderate budget has also been allocated. The Clerk has contacted the officer and suggested that an early site meeting be held.
- 098.3 087.3 Network Rail The overgrowth on the bridge at Sloe Lane was reported to Network Rail on 23rd July. On 13th August it was confirmed that a work order has been raised for vegetation clearance but it was noted that safety critical work will take priority over this safety work. The clearance has not been undertaken as at 1st September and a reminder will be sent.
- 098.4 087.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives New SLR devices are now available at less than £2000. The Clerk is meeting with HCC this month and will ask whether a review of potential SLR sites in Micheldever and East Stratton can be undertaken. If there are sufficient suitable sites and volunteers in each village to move the device then the Council may consider purchasing one for exclusive use in the Parish rather than in a shared agreement with other parishes.
Joe Folland (HCC Traffic Engineer) will be meeting Giles, the agent for the Estate, this month to discuss permission for the planned village gateways on Overton Road which will need to encroach slightly onto Estate land.
- 098.5 087.5 A303 Flooding Drainage improvement works at Overton Road will resume on 6th September. This next phase of works is expected to last for seven weeks, during which time Overton Road will be closed to vehicular traffic at the A303 underpass for 24 hours a day.
- 098.6 087.6 A33 Footpath HCC have declined to carry out further clearance work on the A33 footpath, as requested by HCCllr Porter, as they have noted that it does not present a hazard to highway users.

099 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 099.1 088.1 Warren Field & Play Area
Petanque Richard Dawe has revised his quote to match the specification of the quote from VVK. His revised quote is for £2362 (VVK quoted £3050). It was noted that the petanque area at the Half Moon is now back in use. The Clerk will check that the area at Warren Field is still required before accepting the revised quote from Richard.
Security gate The damage to the gate has almost certainly been caused by the grass cutting equipment. It was **agreed** that a 50% contribution towards the replacement gate should be sought from Grass and Grounds Ltd.
- 099.2 088.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area
Pitch treatment The Worthies Youth Football Club have asked for a grant towards the Autumn pitch treatment which will cost £325. It was **agreed** to pay half of the cost.
Play area upgrade The Clerk and Cllrs Cobb, Foot and Wandless met with Michael Carter of Sports and Play Consulting Ltd on 17th August to discuss the upgrading of the play facilities at the Lord Rank. It is proposed to remove the child swings and bouncers from the current area and replace with further equipment for older children; the play area will then be extended and the bouncers, new child swings and further equipment for younger children added to this new area. The whole play area will then have new round topped fencing with new gates and further benches. It is hoped that the budget will be sufficient to have a soft play surface included. An accessible path from the car park will be added as funds allow. It was **agreed** that the play area should be extended in front of the pavilion and therefore avoid the costs of relocating the basketball area.

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The final budget for the project has still not been agreed and due to the absence of both the Chairman and Chair of Finance it was **agreed** to defer this to the October meeting. It was **agreed** however that the Clerk should sign the contract with Michael Carter which is based on a fee of 6% of the total contract value and is payable in two instalments. The first instalment will be paid in October and based on a budget of £60,000. If the final budget is lower than this then the second payment will be adjusted to reflect this.

100 FINANCE

100.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net
2585 Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting – East Stratton Open Space	60.00	0.00	60.00
2586 Craig Townsend	Hedge cutting at Warren Field	108.00	18.00	90.00
2587 Lynsey Sweeney	ROW items (from balance of grant)	42.85	0.00	42.85
2588 Grass & Grounds	June and July grass cutting	1185.60	197.60	988.00

2589 Victim Support	Grant	300.00	0.00	300.00
2590 Citizens Advice	Grant	300.00	0.00	300.00
2591 Alresford Men's Shed	Grant	250.00	0.00	250.00
2592 Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	102.69	0.00	102.69
2593 Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	807.29	0.00	807.29
DD NEST	August pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51

RFO's Report

100.2 089.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st July 2021.

Cash held: £78,750.74. Reserves: Earmarked: £63,860. General: £14891.

100.3 089.3 Bank Accounts The digital banking application with RBS is still not effective and the Clerk continues trying to resolve this issue.

100.4 089.4 Risk Management & Covid Response The meeting risk assessment will be updated to reflect changes in Government guidance. Local businesses have been made aware of the grants available through WCC.

101 OTHER COMMITTEES

101.1 090.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

101.2 090.2 The Warren Centre Cllr Townsend will review the trees noted by Cllr O'Keefe as having possibly died and will provide a quote for any necessary replacements.

101.3 090.3 East Stratton Village Hall The hall would like to store equipment in the shed, belonging to the Council, which was previously used by the pre-school. They will paint the shed and replace the felt roof. It was **agreed** to allow the shed to be used by the hall.

A Jazz evening is being held on 18th September, the meeting room now has a permanent booking, six new lighter weight tables are being purchased and the hall is being redecorated.

101.4 090.4 Allotments The archway gate will be completed this month. Renewals are due at the end of September.

101.5 090.5 Media and Broadband See 094.1 above.

101.6 090.6 Monthly Dever item Wetland project as at 097.3 above.

101.7 Other Council matters

101.7.1 Village clock It has been noted that the clock is not currently chiming. The Clerk will write to Andy Bell to see if he is no longer able to carry out the clock winding.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 6th October 2021 at The Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.

Chairman's signature