

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station  
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Councillors present: William Helen, Graham Foot, David Wandless, Andrew Adams, Peter O'Keefe, Neil Hornby (from 8.25pm).  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins  
Public: 3  
Apologies: Cllr Olive Bramley, Cllr Anne Freeland, Cllr Charlotte Cobb, Cllr Roger Townsend, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

**102 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Adams – Warren Centre.

**103 MINUTES** of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**104 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

104.1 Village Clock The village clock is no longer chiming due to a broken cable between the clock and the bell. The cable was already broken prior to the service undertaken in October 2020 but the Parish Council were not advised by the company carrying out the service. A quote for £630 has now been provided to repair the cable and carry out a further service. It is considered that the quote is very high. The Chairman will discuss it with Peter Bradley who has previously undertaken work on the clock and the Clerk will see if a second quote can be obtained but also raise the point with the Cumbria Clock Company that we are not happy that we were not notified of the broken cable at the time of the service last year.

*The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public*

## 105 REPORTS

- 105.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew particular attention to the following:
- Road planings application 20/01188/HCS – the site at Three Maids Hill could be operational until midnight on certain nights and, without a clear planning condition, vehicles might seek to travel through neighbouring villages on their way to Micheldever Station.
  - Bus Back Better funding – bus use has recovered to 82% of its pre-pandemic level in Andover and 77% in Basingstoke but only 64% in Winchester. The 95 bus route has a large subsidy but HCC are looking to make savings by cutting bus subsidies.
  - The HCC 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is out for approval at Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> October.
  - The Lengthsman scheme costs HCC £1000 per parish and they are looking to transfer this cost to parishes.
- 105.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted that some Afghan refugee families will be arriving in Winchester. The new sport and leisure park is now open and is getting busier. WCC have appointed a new Strategic Director for Planning. The Local Plan Advisory Group met last week. Analysis of Local Plan feedback will not be completed until November and no formal decisions have been made as yet. It is still not known if Winchester may need to accommodate further housing as part of the Southern Partnership. A lack of resources at WCC Planning is resulting in delays in reviewing VDS.
- Progress has still not been made in respect of Carousel Park enforcement action and Cllrs Horrill and Godfrey have made it very clear that this is not acceptable. The District Councillors are to meet with the new Strategic Director and the issue will also be raised with the Chief Executive.
- Planning continues on the Central Winchester Regeneration Project and a decision will be made shortly on how to renovate and improve the area.

## 106 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

106.1 A resident attended the meeting to note a number of concerns:

1. Forest Holidays make a leisure map available to holidaymakers which indicates walking routes which are either dangerous or where public access is not actually allowed by the landowner.  
It was noted that the Parish Council, at the time of the planning application by Forest Holidays, had advised that local landowners be contacted and requests made for permissive paths across their land. Permission was

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declined by the landowner at Larkwhistle Farm.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Forest Holidays to express concern about their provision to holiday makers of a map suggesting that they walk along Larkwhistle Road. This is a very dangerous route for pedestrians and it will be suggested that Forest Holidays contact the landowner again about access onto their land or that they amend or discontinue supplying their map.

2. A request was made for signage on Larkwhistle Farm Road where the blind bend near Parkhill is very dangerous for pedestrians seeking to cross the road.  
HCCllr Porter will raise the issue at her meeting with HCC Safer Roads Officer.
3. It was asked whether the commencement of enforcement action at Carousel Park will mean that fly tipping at the rear of the site will now be cleared.  
DCllr Horrill asked that the details be sent to her and she will follow this up.
- 106.2 A resident noted that whilst the verges have been cut on the A33 the hedges have not been cut back.  
HCCllr Porter will also raise this at her meeting with the HCC Safer Roads Officer.

### *The meeting resumed*

#### **107 CORRESPONDENCE** received by the Clerk in the past month:

HALC	The AGM is to be held on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November.	Noted.
Blue Lamp Trust	The Bobby Scheme provides free home security visits, smoke alarms and advice to elderly and vulnerable residents.	Noted and considered for the Dever.
WDALC	Winchester District AGM is to be held on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October.	Noted.
CAB Winchester	Advice First Aid course is available to those working or volunteering with vulnerable residents.	Noted and considered for the Dever.
WCC Licensing	The Statement of Principles, under the Gambling Act 2005, is currently being updated and views are sought.	Noted.
NW Hants Parishes	Seeking to combine to influence approval policies for building developments.	Noted.

#### **108 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

- 108.1 New Applications                      Detail    Draft comments  
 526 Thatched Cttg, 41 Northbrook      Erection of replacement outbuilding.      **No comment.**  
 527 31 Stratton Lane, East Stratton      Three cherry trees to reduce.              **No comment.**
- 108.2              The draft comments on 526 to 527 were **agreed**.
- 108.3 097.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites The Project Manager for Southbrook Cottages has advised that survey work is being undertaken prior to the submission of the planning application for the additional parking. DCllr Horrill advised that she has spoken with the Head of New Housing who has assured her that the parking and the flats development will be undertaken together.  
No further update has been received in relation to the site at Barron Close.
- 108.4 097.4 Village Design Statement No update has been received from WCC following the submission of the VDS in August.
- 108.5 097.5 Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for Sites See 105.2 above.
- 108.6 097.6 Carousel Park See 105.2 and 106.1 above.
- 108.7 097.7 Community Greening Campaign Cllr O'Keefe advised that he is attending a WCC event as part of Green Week. Further volunteers have come forward to assist with the Micheldever Greening Campaign and it is hoped that a meeting can be held in November.

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#### **109 PARISH SERVICES**

- 109.1 098.1 Highways Matters The repair to the bench at Northbrook is awaited. A revised quote is required for the fence between the car park and Open Space at East Stratton as the job is more complex than was originally thought.
- 109.2 098.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge HCC Feasibility Designers are considering the possible options but the available funds are limited. The Parish Council will be invited to attend a site meeting to consider any identified measures.
- 109.3 098.3 Network Rail Clearance work required at the bridge at Sloe Lane was reported in August but has still not been carried out. A further reminder will be sent.
- 109.4 098.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives It was **agreed** to arrange a meeting to review potential sites for a

SID (Speed Indication Device) in Micheldever and East Stratton although there may not be sufficient funds available to purchase a device until 2023.

Permission is still being sought from the landowner for the village gateways on Overton Road.

109.5 098.5 A303 Flooding No further update has been received.

109.6 098.6 A33 Footpath Off agenda.

## 110 SPORTS & RECREATION

110.1 099.1 Warren Field & Play Area

Petanque The petanque group are in the process of applying for a Small Grant from WCC.

Security gate The replacement gate has been fitted and the grass cutting contractor has agreed to meet half the cost.

Trees The Clerk will obtain advice and a quote for any work required to the dead tree at the entrance to the Warren Centre. Cllr Townsend has confirmed that two of the trees planted around the field (an oak and a beech) are dead. The Chairman will enquire about prices at the supplier of the original trees.

110.2 099.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The budget for the new play area has been set at £60,000 (see 111.5 below).

## 111 FINANCE

111.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net
2594 Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting – East Stratton Open Space	120.00	0.00	120.00
2595 Northbrook Hall	Hall rental 21/22	120.00	0.00	120.00
2596 Lynsey Sweeney	ROW expenses (from balance of grant)	31.27	0.00	31.27
2597 S. Ground Care Ltd	Pitch treatment LRPF	384.00	64.00	384.00
2598 Sports & Play Cons.	LRPF tender and project management fee	1800.00	0.00	1800.00
2599 Grass & Grounds Ltd	August grass cutting	889.20	148.20	741.00
2600 Business Stream	Water (pavilion and allotments)	124.64	0.00	124.64
2601 Nursery Agric.Servs	Replacement gate at Warren Field	1144.80	190.80	954.00
2602 SSE	LRPF pavilion	176.49	8.40	168.09
2603 PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fee	360.00	60.00	300.00
HMRC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter PAYE	423.42	0.00	423.42
2605 Jocelyn Jenkins	September expenses	46.65	0.00	46.65
2606 Jocelyn Jenkins	September salary	807.29	0.00	807.29
DD NEST	September pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51
DD PWLB	Loan repayment – Loan 2 Warren Centre	2443.43	0.00	2443.43
				2604

## RFO's Report

111.2 100.2.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

Cash held: £79,628.77. Reserves: Earmarked: £63,860. General: £15768.

111.3 100.3 Bank Accounts No further progress has been made with RBS to activate on-line banking.

111.4 100.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new issues identified.

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111.5 New 2022/23 Budget for Precept The Finance Committee recommended an increase of 1% to the precept, raising it to £49,500 (this equates to less than 10pence per household per month), to set the play area budget at £60,000 and to accept any National Salary Award made (with backdating as applicable).

The Clerk noted that she had only recommended a play area budget of £55,000.

It was **agreed** to accept the three recommendations and draft budget proposed by the Finance Committee. Additional funding will be sought from local companies towards the potential shortfall for the new play area and, if a shortfall still arises, an item, such as the fencing of the play area, may have to be deferred until further funds are available.

111.6 New Churchyard Grants It was **agreed** to pay grants in November at the 2020/21 rates.

## 112 OTHER COMMITTEES

112.1 101.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

112.2 101.2 The Warren Centre A Christmas Fayre is being held in December. There are now two permanent tenants

using the building.

112.3 101.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

112.4 101.4 Allotments Renewal letters have been sent. There is currently one vacant plot.

112.5 101.5 Media and Broadband It was **agreed** to refund the arrears of website costs incurred by Cllr O’Keefe. The Clerk will explore whether HugoFox still provide free websites for local councils.

112.6 101.6 Monthly Dever item Article noting that we are looking for grants to assist towards the new play area and ask for any ideas of who we could ask.

112.7 Other Council matters None.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

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