

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Councillors present: William Helen, Olive Bramley, Roger Townsend, David Wandless, Peter O'Keefe, Charlotte Cobb, Graham Foot, Neil Hornby (from 7.35pm).  
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins  
Public: 0  
Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Anne Freeland, Cllr Andrew Adams.

**124 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall.

**125 MINUTES** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**126 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

126.1 115.1 Village Clock Parish resident, Peter Bradley, will seek to repair the broken cable on the clock.

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

## 127 REPORTS

127.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter did not attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the following:

- The County Council have received £7m from the Department for Work and Pensions to distribute over the winter for food, fuel and utility/heating costs. 50% is for families and the remainder for other vulnerable households. Referrals can be made through Citizens Advice.
- The impact of the pandemic on children's learning and mental health.

127.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that there has been no update as yet from the Government on Local Authority funding. This is now expected next week.

Two major schemes in Winchester are moving forward. Designs for the central Winchester regeneration are on a smaller scale than previously envisaged and a development partner is being sought to take the project forward. It is the City Council's intention to sell the old River Park site to the University of Southampton, subject to planning permission being granted, for an extension to the School of Arts with accommodation blocks, exhibition centre etc. The skatepark will have to be retained and a consultation will be held on the future of the indoor bowling facility. Concerns have been raised that only one prospective purchaser appears to be considered for the site.

Despite assurances given to the City Councillors, no update on Carousel Park has been provided to them in time for this meeting. No responses have been received to the Planning Contravention Notices (PCN's) and legal advisors are now reviewing the next steps. New aerial photographs have been taken of the site.

## 128 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

*The meeting resumed*

**129 CORRESPONDENCE** received by the Clerk in the past month:

WCC Warmer Homes	Free solar panel systems for low income households (£30,000 and lower).	To be circulated to all.
HCC Parish & Town Council Event	The event scheduled for 7 <sup>th</sup> December is cancelled.	Noted.
WinAcc	Launch of Winchester Area SuperHomes – advice and property surveys to produce retrofit plan.	Noted.

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## 130 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

130.1 New Applications

533 Jordans, London Road, M'dever

Detail

Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling.

Draft comments

**No comment**

534 Mulberry Cottage, Weston Down	Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with larger conservatory with solid pitched roof.	<b>No comment</b>
535 Micheldever Railway Station	Branches to be removed from beech to allow access for crane.	<b>No comment</b>
536 East Stratton House, Stratton Lane, East Stratton	To fell various trees and pollard three yews.	<b>No comment</b>
537 New Cottage, Andover Road, Micheldever Station	Single storey brick extension to replace existing glazed conservatory.	<b>No comment</b>
538 Ready Power Engineering Ltd, Basingstoke Road, Micheldever	Use of land as a demolition contractor's depot for the storage of vehicles, plant and equipment. Alteration to ground levels and installation of 2.4m palisade fence.	<b>No comment</b>
539 Reapers, Duke Street, M'dever	Willow to fell and fir to reduce by 4m.	<b>No comment</b>
540 Primrose Cottage, 56 Church St,	6 x cupress to reduce by max of 4m.	

130.2 The draft comments on 533 to 540 were **agreed**.

130.3 119.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites The planning application for the revised parking scheme at Southbrook Cottages is awaited.

An update on the wetland project consultation will be requested.

130.4 119.4 Village Design Statement A further review of the VDS has been undertaken by Jill Lee (WCC Principal Planning Officer) and she has raised two points. The first relates to an incongruity between one of the design principles and the photograph which accompanies it. It was **agreed** that the photograph was illustrative of many properties in the Parish and that it is the design principle which requires a slight amendment. The second point raised is whether we wish to identify specific views across the countryside that should be maintained. This has been discussed previously, when it was considered that specific views should not be identified as this may give the impression that others were less worthy of being maintained. The Clerk will contact Jill with these agreed responses.

130.5 119.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites The Clerk attended the virtual WCC Local Councils Update on 25<sup>th</sup> November and noted the update provided on the Local Plan. In respect of the proposed development strategy, it was advised that there was little support for approach 3 (a new settlement) whilst a modified version of approach 1, with limited increases to targets for 'Winchester Town' and 'Market Towns and Rural Area' plus three additional settlements – South Wonston, Otterbourne and Sutton Scotney was well supported.

130.6 119.6 Carousel Park See 127.2 above. It was noted that a serious incident took place at Carousel Park at the beginning of November.

130.7 119.7 Community Greening Campaign A public meeting, to launch the campaign, is to be held at the school at 6pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### 131 PARISH SERVICES

131.1 120.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley met with HCCllr Porter, at The Crease in Micheldever, and discussed the continuation of double yellow lines to where the road widens at the start of the church wall. The ROW information board at the LRPF has been damaged and is being repaired by the Alresford Men's Shed.

131.2 120.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge No further update has been received from HCC on the feasibility studies being undertaken.

131.3 120.3 Network Rail The vegetation has still not been cleared from the height signage at the bridge on Sloe Lane. Cllr Bramley will visit and take photographs to send to Network Rail.

131.4 120.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives Permission has been given by the Estate for the gateway which will encroach upon their land. However, they have now raised a question about the position of the southern gate.

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On 15<sup>th</sup> November, site meetings were held in Micheldever and East Stratton to review potential sites for a Speed Indication Device (SID). Suitable sites were identified in both villages, although some of those in Micheldever would require sockets at an additional cost.

It is hoped that it might be possible to achieve match funding through the WCC Crowdfunding scheme. Fundraising for a device has already been started in East Stratton, through the Northbrook Arms and the Clerk will check with WCC whether this can be brought within the crowdfunding scheme.

The Clerk will ask the HCC Safer Roads Team about the next steps in obtaining a licence to use a SID device.

### 132 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 132.1 121.1 Warren Field & Play Area New trees have been purchased to replace those which died over the Summer. These will be planted by Cllr Townsend.
- 132.2 121.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area A virtual meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> December to review the responses to the play area tender.

### 133 FINANCE

#### 133.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
2619 Grass & Grounds Ltd September grass cutting less gate contribution	20.40	3.40	17.00
2620 B Griffiths Topping	135.00	0.00	135.00
2621 Jocelyn Jenkins November expenses	82.40	3.18	79.22
2622 Jocelyn Jenkins November salary	807.29	0.00	807.29
DD NEST November pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51

#### **RFO's Report**

- 133.2 122.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.  
Cash held: £93,960. Reserves: Earmarked: £64,671. General: £29,289.
- 133.3 122.3 Bank Accounts No further progress has been made with RBS to activate on-line banking.
- 133.4 122.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new issues identified.

### **134 OTHER COMMITTEES**

- 134.1 123.1 Northbrook Hall One off bookings are starting to improve.
- 134.2 123.2 The Warren Centre The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, with free entry, mulled wine and mince pies.
- 134.3 123.3 East Stratton Village Hall A Christmas wreath making workshop is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- 134.4 123.4 Allotments Three renewals remain outstanding and there are currently four vacant plots.
- 134.5 123.5 Media and Broadband The front page of the website has been updated.
- 134.6 123.6 Monthly Dever item Vacant allotments will be advertised and Cllr Cobb offered to hold an event to display the plans for the LRPF play area update – date to be confirmed.
- 134.7 Other Council matters
- 134.7.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee A meeting is to be held at Cllr Bramley's home on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December to establish a committee in each village. Two grants have been applied for. The proposal to light a beacon on 2<sup>nd</sup> June was discussed and potential sites debated.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at The Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.

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