

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), Anne Freeland, Olive Bramley, Roger Townsend, David Wandless, Peter O'Keefe, Graham Foot, Charlotte Cobb, Andrew Adams.  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
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Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Patrick Cunningham, Cllr Neil Hornby.

**146 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr O'Keefe – Greening Campaign, Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall, Cllr Adams – The Warren Centre. Cllrs Helen, Freeland, Townsend and Bramley all declared a pecuniary interest (as close neighbours) in planning application 544 and did not participate in the decision on this application.

**147 MINUTES** of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**148 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

148.1 137.1 Village Clock Peter Bradley has, with the help of another resident, removed a number of jackdaw nests from the clock tower. Peter has then replaced the cable and restored the clock chime. The quote to replace the cable, which did not include removing the nests, was for £435. It was **agreed** to make a payment of £250 to Peter to thank him for the many hours he has spent working to restore the function of the clock. Peter will be consulted on how the safety of those working on the clock can be improved. Work is also needed to restrict the access of birds to the tower and will be further considered at the March meeting.

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

**149 REPORTS**

149.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which included the 20mph Speed Limit Policy, as a working group will be reviewing the policy. In addition, the report drew attention to:

- one.network, which can be used to receive notifications of roadworks.
- HWRC sites where the booking system is to be retained.
- HCC Minerals and Waste Plan. HCCllr Porter is seeking changes to the policy for recycling sites and lorry routes so that large lorries must use major roads and not smaller roads through villages.
- The budget for the Lengthsman, beyond 2023, has still not been agreed but should be known after 16<sup>th</sup> February.
- HCCllr Porter is meeting with Tim Lawton (HCC Assistant Director of Highways, Traffic & Engineering) on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February in relation to the discussions which are beginning about 'designing out' the pony and trap racing on the A33.

149.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the City Council made a decision in January to start the process of selling the Silver Hill site to a development partner who will be found in the next 12 months. The process to sell the River Park site has also re-started following a legal challenge. The sale will still be to the University of Southampton. Budget decisions will be taken later this month but, despite ongoing uncertainty, things are looking better than was originally expected.

DCllr Cunningham attended the launch of the Micheldever Greening Campaign and was very impressed. DCllr Godfrey noted that funding is available from WCC for schemes such as these.

Further Business Recovery grants are available from WCC, these are particularly aimed at accommodation and hospitality businesses affected by the pandemic.

Fly tipping reports continue and the items reported do not always get cleared promptly. Any delays and issues can be reported to DCllr Godfrey for him to investigate.

The Chairman noted that there is often rubbish left at the junction between the A303 and Overton Road and that this presents a danger to livestock. DCllr Godfrey asked for the exact site to be reported as it may be possible to site a camera here.

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Carousel Park update – Penalty Enforcement Notices are in the final stages of preparation. These will be issued in March. A number of agencies are involved and will meet this month. Challenges to the notices and planning appeals are then likely to follow.

HCCllr Porter advised that the Police have noted that they are attending Carousel Park almost every day.

## 150 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

150.1 A resident who has recently moved to Micheldever Station asked about fly tipping and was advised that this should be reported on the WCC website.

The hedge between Warren Field and Andover Road was also discussed as the resident felt that it appeared scruffy and that a more open look might be preferable.

150.2 A resident noted that rubbish is building up again on the verges, and in the centre, of the A33.

The junction of Larkwhistle Road was discussed again. HCCLr Porter noted that she had reported concerns to Andy Smith (HCC Safer Roads Team Leader) but that he had felt that there was nothing else that could be done. She observed that traffic speed checks on the A31 and A272 may have moved racing cars to the A33 and that she will raise this at her meeting with Tim Lawton on Friday.

### *The meeting resumed*

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

The Dever	The Dever have offered to make two grants to the Parish Council £2000 towards the speed indication Device and £1000 towards the play area.	It was <b>agreed</b> to accept the very generous offer and the Clerk will write to express the thanks of the Council.
Cliddesden Parish Council	Support is sought for a campaign to have the North Hampshire Downs protected.	It was <b>agreed</b> to support the campaign in principle.
M.Station residents	Two residents have carried out litter picking around Micheldever Station.	Noted and thanks expressed. Support to be sought for litter picks in the Spring.
HCC Parish & Town Council Event	The event has been re-scheduled to 17 <sup>th</sup> March and will be a hybrid event.	Details to be sent to Cllrs Helen and Bramley.
Non-resident re allotments	A request for an allotment has been made by a non-resident. Despite advertising vacancies, empty plots remain.	It was <b>agreed</b> that a plot could be offered on a one-year basis.

## 152 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>152.1 New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
544 Buildings north of Westbrook Farm Bungalow, Northbrook	Application for prior approval for change of use of agricultural barns to four dwellings.	<b>Object</b> – should be subject to full planning process. Proposal not in keeping with location and size of properties not meeting identified housing need.
545 Bradley Farm, Basingstoke Rd, Micheldever.	Change of use of existing agricultural barn to B8 storage of the site.	<b>Object</b> – lack of information provided on the proposed use
546 The Old Mill House, Weston Down Lane, Weston Colley.	Single storey rear extension.	<b>No comment.</b>
547 Willow Tree Cottage, 34 Stratton Lane, East Stratton.	Erection of two storey side extension.	<b>No comment.</b>
152.2	The draft comments on 544 to 547 were <b>agreed</b> . As noted at 146 (above), declarations of interest were made by Cllrs Helen, Freeland, Townsend and Bramley in respect of 544.	

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### 152.3 141.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close – Duncan Faires (WCC New Homes Project Manager) has confirmed that work has now re-started on this project. The archaeology of the site and the proposed access via Waterloo Cottages are now being addressed.

Southbrook Cottages – The planning application for the additional parking is due to be submitted. Soakage testing is also being undertaken this week.

152.4 141.4 Village Design Statement The VDS will be considered at the WCC Decision Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

152.5 141.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites A Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February to review the sites identified in the Parish.

152.6 141.6 Carousel Park See 149.2 above.

152.7 141.7 Community Greening Campaign The Micheldever Greening Campaign had its official launch last night. Residents now have six weeks to commit to the challenges and then display the card. The cards on display are then counted.

**153 PARISH SERVICES**

153.1 142.1 Highways Matters There has been concern among residents at the prospect of parking restrictions being extended at the Crease. It was noted that the review is only in the early stages of what is a very lengthy process and that no change could be made without a consultation, including residents views, taking place.

153.2 142.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge A site meeting was held with Steve Mountain (acting on behalf of HCC), to review the potential options to improve pedestrian access. Following the meeting, Steve has outlined the possible options and will provide a review of these in mid-February and a formal report by mid-March.

153.3 142.3 Network Rail The vegetation has not been cleared on the bridge at Sloe Lane.

153.4 142.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives

Village gateways – It was **agreed** to formally approve the designs for the gateway features to be installed on Overton Road. The Community Funded Initiative application form and Maintenance Agreement were also signed. A survey of residents will shortly be undertaken.

Speed Indication Device Following the donation from The Dever (as noted at 151 above), almost £4000 is now available from fundraising. It was **agreed** that the preferred new device was a SAM (smiley face) from Messagemaker. A quote for £2697, to include a spare battery and Bluetooth data capture, has been recieved and a further small discount may be available if ordered at the same time as a new device being purchased by Wonston PC. It was **agreed** that two new SAM devices would be ordered now if a further discount was offered .

153.5 New Trees Locations for planting the trees were discussed and councillors were asked to explore all the options discussed before the March meeting when final decisions can be taken.

153.6 New LRPF Bin Area The proposals from the Rights of Way Group were discussed. The use of the bins will be monitored and the frequency of collections checked to see if they are all being fully utilised or whether any of them could be removed. The ideas to improve the area were generally supported and it was decided to arrange a site meeting after the play area improvements are completed, with the intention to undertake any planting and landscaping in September.

It was noted that a car, which is blocking the entrance to the LRPF, appears to have been abandoned. The Clerk will report and apply for the owner’s details from DVLA.

**154 SPORTS & RECREATION**

154.1 143.1 Warren Field & Play Area The dead tree at the car park entrance has now been removed. A start date is awaited for the work to create the petanque area.

154.2 143.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area It is hoped that work on the play area will commence immediately after the Easter school holidays. The Clerk has applied for a grant from the HPFA (Hampshire Playing Fields Association). If awarded, this could be for up to £2500 towards the costs for the play area.

Football pitch The Worthys have supplied a quote for £2550 for pitch maintenance which they wish to have done in May. The Parish Council have previously paid for or towards the pitch maintenance but are currently using all available resources to meet the shortfall towards the speed devices and the new play area. It was **agreed** that on this occasion it would not be possible to offer support but that this might have changed by the Autumn and certainly for next year. Details on WCC Small Grants will be passed to the

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Worthys and HCClr Porter indicated that she could also assist with a grant if an application was made to her by 20<sup>th</sup> February.

154.3 New 2022 Grass Cutting Following the issuing of the tender, three quotes were received for Warren Field and two for the LRPF. It was **agreed** to accept the lowest quotes for each field and the Warren Field contract will therefore be awarded to the Warren Centre and the LRPF contract to Grass and Grounds.

**155 FINANCE**

155.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net
2632 Peter Bradley	Repairs to village clock	250.00	0.00	250.00
2634 WCC	Dog bins (Oct – Dec)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2635 Yew Tree Landscapes	Removal of dead tree at Warren Centre entrance	1560.00	260.00	1300.00
2636 Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	67.29	0.66	66.63
2637 Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	807.29	0.00	807.29

DD NEST	January pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51
2638 Olive Bramley	Key cutting re LRPF pavilion	9.00	0.00	9.00
2639 Peter O'Keefe	Refund of costs re Greening Campaign cards	180.00	0.00	180.00

### **RFO's Report**

155.2 144.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

Cash held: £88,402.49. Reserves: Earmarked: £64,671. General: £23,731.

155.3 144.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the March meeting.

155.4 144.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new issues were identified. Details of the new Business Recovery Grants will be circulated to local businesses.

### **156 OTHER COMMITTEES**

156.1 145.1 Northbrook Hall Bookings are improving and the play will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March.

156.2 145.2 The Warren Centre The rental income is consistent and the committee are hoping to move ahead with the car park improvements and a possible garden area.

156.3 145.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

156.4 145.4 Allotments Vacancies will be advertised again.

156.5 145.5 Media and Broadband No report.

156.6 145.6 Monthly Dever item Acknowledgement and thanks for the Northbrook fundraising and Dever grants, proposed village litter pick, dog fouling.

156.7 Other Council matters

156.7.1 145.7.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee A road closure and temporary licence have been applied for. It is intended to have a bar at the street party in Micheldever and it was **agreed** to loan the committee the money to purchase stock, on a sale or return basis, for the bar.

Parish Assembly Stuart Mills has confirmed that he is able to make a presentation at the assembly on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.  
**(Note change to usual venue rotation).**

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