

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Councillors present: Anne Freeland, Olive Bramley, Roger Townsend, Graham Foot, Neil Hornby (from 7.35pm), Andrew Adams (from 7.35pm), David Wandless (from 7.40pm).
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 3
Apologies: Cllr William Helen, Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Charlotte Cobb, HCCllr Jackie Porter.

157 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Adams – Warren Centre.

158 MINUTES of the meeting of 2nd February 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

159 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

159.1 148.1 Village Clock Andrew Bell, who winds the clock, has noted that he has no safety concerns in respect of winding the clock. He has suggested that a service is undertaken on the clock each year. No response has been received as yet from Peter Bradley and the matter will be further considered at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

160 REPORTS

- 160.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the issues arising following the late February storms. HCC did not upgrade their response level to utilise their communication systems and HCCllr Porter is meeting with the Customer Services lead at HCC to discuss this. Updates were also provided on Kings Barton, the Cart and Horses junction and rain damaged rural roads and footpaths.
- 160.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that archeological digs are to be undertaken at the Barron Close and wetland sites. The site access for the proposed development at Barron Close is also being investigated. A multi-agency meeting about Carousel Park took place last week to discuss issues including housing, social care and criminal acts. PCN's were served yesterday to residents who now have 28 days to respond. The City Council budget was agreed last week and includes a 2.7% rise to Council Tax. An extra £1.3 million New Homes Bonus has been received from Government which has eased the financial situation of the Council and led to a balanced budget. An agreement was signed at Worthy Down today, to support the armed forces, their families and veterans. Cllr Freeland asked about the proposed access for the Barron Close development, as she thought that the original plan was not to use the track. DCllr Godfrey and DCllr Horrill both stated that they were not aware that any change had been made to the plans. DCllr Horrill will forward the current plans. She noted that using the track as the access would make it possible to use the existing buildings at a later date.
- 160.3 DCllr Horrill advised that she attended a Local Plan Members Briefing on Friday where housing numbers and possible locations for housing allocations were discussed. Letters have also been sent to parishes (see 163.5 below). Cllr Hornby asked whether the City Council were responding to the crisis in Ukraine. DCllr Horrill was not aware of any formal activities in Winchester but will forward details of local groups who are actively seeking to help. There is a collection point at Weeke Community Centre where donations are being collected until midday on Saturday.

161 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

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162 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Micheldever Pre-School	Permission has been requested for a shed and fence on the field at the Warren Centre.	It was noted that both requests are marked as being on land that is leased to the Warren Centre and that
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Wessex Rivers Trust	Giant hogweed has been identified near East Stratton.	permission should be sought from the trustees. The land identified is owned by Lord Northbrook and his agent's details will be passed to Wessex Rivers.
WCC	Elections for Micheldever Parish Council are scheduled for 5 May 2022. The Notice of Election will be published on 21 March.	Details will be added to the Dever item for April and posted on the website.
Baring Close, East Stratton	Pre-application information relating to the proposed development of land at Baring Close has been received and circulated to councillors.	Advice has been sought from WCC on how the Council should act in respect of this planning proposal in light of the upcoming election and the commencement of purdah on 21 st March.

163 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- 163.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments
548 The Coach House, Church Barns East Stratton. Five limes to be pollarded. **No comment.**
- 549 2 Stable Cottages, Church Barns, East Stratton. Salix to crown reduce back to pollard points. **No comment.**
- 550 Southbrook Cottages, M'dever Removal of 12 on-street parking spaces. Provision of 20 new parking spaces. **Support.**
- 163.2 The draft comments on 548 to 550 were **agreed.**
- 163.3 152.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites
Barron Close & Wetland project – Duncan Faires (WCC New Homes Project Manager) has advised that archeology quotes are being reviewed and an appointment will shortly be made. Evaluation trenches will be dug on both sites. Initial design and costing has been completed to upgrade the access track for the proposed housing site. The wetland planning application is yet to be determined as consultees have requested additional information and planning officers are working with Aquascience on this.
Southbrook Cottages – The car park planning application has now been published (see 550 above). A tender will be issued shortly for the development. No start date for the building has been decided as yet.
- 163.4 152.4 Village Design Statement The consultation on the VDS runs until 28th March and is available via: <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/policy-and-planning/micheldever-village-design-statement/>
- 163.5 152.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites A communication has been received from the Strategic Planning Team at WCC, on 28th February, stating:
‘In the case of your Parish Council we are not going to ask you to plan for a specific housing target. This does not mean that no growth can take place in the parish but it is anticipated that the amount of new housing envisaged in the emerging local plan is likely to be relatively small in scale and limited to certain types of development such as infilling, or redevelopment of existing sites. This is based upon our current understanding of the situation, and the emerging development strategy. Should this position change then we will of course let you know.’
- 163.6 152.6 Carousel Park See 160.2 above.
- 163.7 152.7 Community Greening Campaign The Challenge cards should have all been delivered by now and the next step is for them to be displayed in a window visible from the street. These will be counted on 19th March. If a card has not been received then they can be picked up from the school, churches or village halls.

164 PARISH SERVICES

- 164.1 153.1 Highways Matters Richard Dawe has filled holes at the entrance to the Lord Rank car park free of charge.

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- 164.2 153.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge The councillors were asked to provide observations and feedback, particularly around relative acceptability, on the potential options outlined by Steve Mountain who is preparing the viability report for HCC. The seven options were discussed and the points raised will be reported back to Steve.
- 164.3 153.3 Network Rail No new issues were reported.
- 164.4 153.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives
Village gateways – A consultation letter, with a diagram showing the proposed gateways, will be sent to the homes on Overton Road and between Overton Road and the railway line to ascertain the support of residents for the plans.

Speed Indication Device Following the fundraising, two new devices have been ordered. These will currently have to be shared between East Stratton, Micheldever and Micheldever Station and the Clerk will prepare a deployment schedule for approval by HCC. It was **agreed** that a third device will be purchased once sufficient funds are available. Volunteers are still being sought to assist with the placement of the device in Micheldever.

164.5 153.5 Trees It was **agreed** that permission should be sought from HCC to plant hornbeam on the verge between the LRPF car park and the road. Further planting is to be undertaken on the verge beyond Borough Arch, approaching Weston Colley. Cllr Freeland will hold some saplings for the landscaping around the bin area at the LRPF which is to be undertaken in the Autumn. Further sites are still being sought for the remainder of the trees.

164.6 153.6 LRPF Bin Area The usage of the bins will continue to be monitored.

165 SPORTS & RECREATION

165.1 154.1 Warren Field & Play Area Work on the petanque area is scheduled to start next week.

165.2 154.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area See 164.1 above re repairs to the car park.

166 FINANCE

166.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net
2642 Norman Goodyear	Ditch clearance at LRPF	1296.00	216.00	1080.00
2643 MacPennys	2 x trees for Warren Field	72.50	0.00	72.50
2644 Jocelyn Jenkins	February expenses	111.49	5.83	105.66
2645 Jocelyn Jenkins	February salary	807.29	0.00	807.29
DD NEST	February pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51

RFO's Report

166.2 155.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st January 2022.

Cash held: £84,789.95. Reserves: Earmarked: £64,671. General: £20,151.

The cheque payments were signed by Cllr Bramley and the Clerk, in the absence of another signatory.

The supporting papers were reviewed by Cllr Bramley and Cllr Hornby.

166.3 155.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the April meeting.

166.4 155.4 Risk Management & Covid Response It was **agreed** to accept the updated Risk Management Report and this was signed by the Chair. The fixed asset schedule was circulated to councillors and no issues were raised.

167 OTHER COMMITTEES

167.1 156.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

167.2 156.2 The Warren Centre See 162 above. It was **agreed** that the £200 grant approved for the Micheldever Station Anniversary in 2020 should be honoured and paid for the re-scheduled celebrations to be held this year.

167.3 156.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

167.4 156.4 Allotments Some damage was reported following the recent storms but efforts have been made to clear broken glass and make the area safe.

167.5 156.5 Media and Broadband No report.

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167.6 156.6 Monthly Dever item Gateway survey, litter pick (Saturday 9th April?), Parish Assembly, elections.

167.7 Other Council matters

167.7.1 156.7.1 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Road closure signs have now been arranged. A flyer detailing the weekend of events will be circulated to all homes in the parish. Commemorative mugs are to be ordered and it was **agreed** that the invoice should be made to the Parish Council. Pre-ordering of mugs is to be encouraged.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 6th April 2022 at the Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.

Parish Assembly: Wednesday 27th April 2022 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature