

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), Olive Bramley, Paul Brown, Suzanne Findley, Peter O’Keefe, Graham Foot (from 7.40pm), David Wandless (from 7.40pm).

In attendance: HCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

Public: Gary Brown (WCC Fly Tipping Officer) plus 6 others.

Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Charlotte Cobb, Cllr Andrew Adams, Cllr Aaron Brown.

**212 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Paul Brown – Warren Centre (NPI).

**213 MINUTES** of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**214 GARY BROWN (WCC Fly Tipping Officer)** Gary noted that he is a former Police officer with 19 years experience as a Fly Tipping Officer in other counties. He has recorded many hundreds of convictions during his career but commented that it is necessary to try and change people’s behaviour as well as carrying out enforcement.

Gary explained that there are three main elements to taking action on fly tipping:

1. Witness led
2. Cameras
3. Evidence found in tipped items

He feels that the effectiveness of cameras has been over-stated and noted that there are far more people who could be witnesses than there are cameras. He further noted that there are far too many regular tipping sites to cover with cameras and numerous different people tipping at them. Gary stated that convictions do lead to a change in behaviour and that he can offer support to potential witnesses who may be anxious.

Gary offered to provide further information to Councillor O’Keefe for inclusion in the Dever and then took questions.

DCllr Godfrey asked what services can be offered in respect of tipping on private land.

Gary advised that the offence is ‘deposit of controlled waste’ and that whilst the local authority only clear from public land, the investigation is the same for public or private land. Where the landowner has incurred removal costs compensation may be awarded following a successful conviction.

Councillor Bramley asked how abandoned caravans are dealt with.

Gary advised that these are dealt with by the abandoned vehicle department but the contents would be cleared first and hence why questions are asked about the contents at the reporting stage.

The Chairman thanked Gary for his attendance at the meeting and for the summary and explanations provided.

**215 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

215.1 203.1 Village Clock It has not been possible for Cllr Helen and Peter Bradley to visit the clock yet. Carried forward to the October meeting.

215.2 New Emergency Plan The writing of an Emergency Plan was discussed and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should prepare a draft for further consideration

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

**216 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

216.1 A resident noted his concern about the revisions to planning application 21/00737/FUL in respect of The Dove Inn, Micheldever Station. The revised plans include a sewage treatment plant but concern was expressed about whether this would be suitable and effective. The resident advised that he would like Building Regs and the Environment Agency to test whether the proposal would actually work before the planning application is considered. See also 219.1 below.

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216.2 Sue Bell noted her gratitude for the way in which the proposals from So Recycle for the railway sidings were dealt with by the Parish, City and County Councils.

Following the 180<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in Micheldever Station, a Station Adoption Group was set up to liaise with the railway authorities. Water entering the underpass has been reported and is currently being dealt with.

Graffiti is also to be dealt with by installing alternative acceptable artwork.

**217 REPORTS**

217.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the National Highways Transport Survey and the HCC 20mph review. School transport, lower carbon living and HCC Councillor grants were also noted.

217.2 WCCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that no further information has been received about the contents of the Local Plan. Parish submissions were made but it is not known how these will affect the Regulation 18 (draft plan) to be published next week. Parishes will need to consider their responses to the Regulation 18 as it will set out future rural development plans etc within the text not just in the housing allocations. The public consultation starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> November if the draft plan is agreed.

The Carousel Park appeals against enforcement action have started. ‘Heads of Terms’ have been submitted and are on the Planning Inspectorate website. There is a 12-18 month waiting list for public enquiries but the actual date should be known by Christmas. Daily Police visits are being made to Carousel Park.

Councillor Horrill has responded to a request to submit comments in respect of the inadequate sewerage provision in the Dove Inn planning application. The current drawings show the soakaway where there is an established tree which should be retained and Councillor Horrill has queried this. There are currently insufficient comments to trigger the Planning Committee to consider the application.

*The meeting resumed*

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

HALC	AGM to take place on Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October. To include a motion to reduce the quorum.	Carry forward to the October meeting to consider sending a representative.
HCC Transport	Stakeholder workshops to identify future walking and cycling improvements.	Details to be sent to Cllr O’Keefe.
Councillor Cobb	Letter of resignation.	Accepted by the Chairman.
CAB Winchester	Grant request.	A grant of £350 was <b>agreed</b> .
Victim Support	Grant request.	A grant of £300 was <b>agreed</b>
Resident	Grant request to fund equipment for a Community Speedwatch team.	It was <b>agreed</b> that a grant would be made once the team was set up and had sufficient volunteers.
Resident	Grant request to fund a sign for the village shop.	It was <b>agreed</b> to make a grant of up to £250 net. A HCC Councillor Grant can also be applied for. Planning permission will be needed.
North Hants Downs	Support was previously given to a motion to create North Hants Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and further action now requested.	It was <b>agreed</b> to write to Steve Brine MP and HCCllr Jackie Porter to seek their support.

**219 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

219.1	<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
512	The Dove Inn, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.	Revised plans including a sewage treatment plant and soakaway.	<b>Object</b> – not satisfied that the STP as outlined is adequate and independent proof required.
568	Warren House, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.	Various alterations and extension to listed building.	<b>No comment.</b>
569	Larkwhistle Farm Works, Larkwhistle Farm Road.	Erection of new office building.	<b>No comment.</b>
570	Church Barns, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.	Chairman’s initials ..... Date ..... 18 lime trees to raise to 5.2m over drive and 18 lime trees to raise to 10 foot over lawn.	<b>No comment.</b>
571	Waterside, Bilberry Lane, Micheldever.	Conversion of outbuilding to annexe.	<b>No comment.</b>
572	Field Barn, Church Street, Micheldever.	Erection of above ground training pool. Replacement greenhouse. Replacement/repair to roof & cladding of existing shed & installation of solar panels. Replacement of garage doors, front door and rear garage	<b>No comment.</b>

573 The Limes, Church Street, window. Relocation of rear garage door to side.  
Hedges to cut, reduce & re-coppice. **No comment.**  
Remove end section nearest to road.

219.2 The draft comments on 512 and 568 to 573 were **agreed**.

219.3 205.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – Archaeological surveys have indicated that a full investigation of the site is warranted. WCC are awaiting fee proposals to see if the project remains financially viable. Planning permission is still awaited for the wetland.

Southbrook Cottages – The tender period has now closed and those returned will be evaluated. A Deed of Easement is being drafted by WCC relating to the drainage connection on the allotments.

219.4 205.4 Village Design Statement The final report for the adoption of the VDS is being drafted by WCC.

219.5 205.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites See 217.2 above.

219.6 205.6 Carousel Park See 217.2 above.

219.7 205.7 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency During Phase 1 of the Campaign it is estimated (from the cards displayed) that 14.2 tonnes of CO2 was saved, equivalent to a £19840 financial saving. The Committee will meet to look at the three options available for taking the Campaign forward. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would further consider declaring a Climate Emergency.

219.8 New Micheldever Station Railway Sidings Following advice from HCC and WCC that planning permission would be required on the sidings site, the application by So Recycle to operate 22 additional vehicles has been withdrawn. Mr Murray, MD of So Recycle, has been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.

## 220 PARISH SERVICES

220.1 208.1 Highways It was **agreed** to ask Craig Townsend to cut the ditch at the LRPF and the hedge on Andover Road, Micheldever Station.

220.2 208.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge Details of the SWR Customer and Communities Fund grants has been sent to HCC but the closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> September and plans may not be sufficiently far forward to make an application this year.

220.3 208.3 Network Rail No new issues were reported this month.

220.4 208.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives

Village gateways – A delay in commencing the installation is due to the gates not having arrived from the supplier.

Speed devices – The new device continues to be tested in Micheldever Station whilst work by HCC on the posts in Micheldever and East Stratton is awaited.

220.5 208.5 Trees Some of the hedging plants may be used to restore the hedge on Andover Road.

220.6 208.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk has contacted the company who operate the Clothes recycling bins and sought evidence of permission having been granted for the newer black bin.

## 221 SPORTS & RECREATION

221.1 209.1 Warren Field & Play Area Councillor Foot will meet with the Warren Centre to discuss whether to retain the old fitness trail equipment.

221.2 209.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area It was **agreed** to spend up to £50 to clean the pavilion before the fete.

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A request to site a memorial bench near the entrance to the LRPF was **agreed** subject to it not being within 3m of the ditch to allow access to machinery as required.

## 222 FINANCE

222.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net	
2694	Warren Centre	Re-issue of chq 2566 re hall rental	242.00	0.00	242.00
2695	HALC	Councillor training	117.60	19.60	98.00
2696	Dever Printing	July Dever, newsletter & contact sheet	961.81	0.00	961.81
2697	Grass & Grounds	June grass cutting	312.00	52.00	260.00
2698	Northbrook Hall	2023 Hall rental in advance	96.00	0.00	96.00
2699	Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	61.08	1.15	59.93
2700	Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	843.77	0.00	843.77
2701	Grass & Grounds	July grass cutting	312.00	52.00	260.00
2702	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fee	360.00	60.00	300.00

2703 David Findley	Jubilee expenses	97.91	0.00	97.91
DD NEST	August pension contributions	185.87	0.00	185.87

**RFO's Report**

222.2 210.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Cash held: £11,220.18. Reserves: Earmarked: £11,220.18. General: £Nil.

222.3 210.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the October meeting.

222.4 210.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.

222.5 210.5 Annual Return 2021/22 The review of the Annual Return has been completed by the external auditor and the certificate issued. There were no matters arising.

It was **agreed** to remain as part of the sector led SAAA sector scheme for external audit and not to opt out and appoint an independent external auditor.

**223 OTHER COMMITTEES**

223.1 211.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

223.2 211.2 The Warren Centre It was confirmed that no suitable site has been found to relocate the dog bin. It was **agreed** that the Warren Centre could apply directly for a Football Association grant towards pitch improvements.

223.3 211.3 East Stratton Village Hall The Clerk will write to the residents of The Barns about their hedge.

223.4 211.4 Allotments Renewals are due at the end of September.

223.5 211.5 Media and Broadband No report.

223.6 211.6 Monthly Dever item Hedge removal at Warren Field, hedge cutting, speeding in Micheldever Station.

223.7 Other Council matters None.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Chairman's signature .....