

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.
at 7.40pm on Wednesday 5th October 2022

Councillors present: David Wandless (Chair of the meeting), Andrew Adams, Paul Brown, Suzanne Findley, Peter O’Keefe, Graham Foot, Aaron Brown.
 In attendance: None.
 Public: 9
 Apologies: Cllr William Helen, Cllr Olive Bramley, HCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Patrick Cunningham.

224 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Paul Brown – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI).

225 MINUTES of the meeting of 7th September 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

226 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

226.1 215.1 Village Clock Carried forward to the November meeting.

227 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

WCC	A consultation on increases to taxi fares is running until 12 th October 2022.	Noted.
HALC	AGM and Annual Conference taking place on Thursday 20 th October 2022.	It was agreed that it was not necessary to send a delegate to the conference but that the Clerk would try to attend the AGM.
Shop sign	Proposals for the sign have been received.	The Clerk will contact WCC Historic Environment as the site is in the conservation area.

228 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

228.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments

574 42-43 Baileys End, Stratton Ln, Erection of oak framed, two bay car port. **No comment.**

228.2 The draft comment on 574 was **agreed**.

In respect of the application to HCC by Test Valley Golf Club, Overton (22/00104/CMA) for six lodges, it was **agreed** to support the comments made by HCllr Jackie Porter. These refer to the travel plan, EV chargers, access routes during construction and the potential implications of additional traffic.

228.3 219.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – No further update has been received following the review of the financial viability of the project.

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.

228.4 219.4 Village Design Statement The VDS was approved by WCC on Monday. Off agenda.

228.5 219.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites HCllr Porter, in her capacity as WCC Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan, has proposed a virtual meeting to discuss the Gypsy and Traveller area of the draft Local Plan. Dates when she could be available to meet are awaited.

228.6 219.6 Carousel Park DCllr Horrill has advised that WCC Planning Department are awaiting an appeal date to be set.

228.7 219.7 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency A meeting of the Climate Committee will take place this month to discuss taking the Greening Campaign forward to the next stage and the ramifications of the Parish Council declaring a climate emergency.

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228.8 219.8 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings David Smith (HCC Planning Enforcement Officer) has advised that SO Recycle have made an application for an operating centre for their HGVs at the Timber Yard, Penton Mewsey, Andover, with the suggestion that they will be moving their operation to this new site.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

229 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 229.1 A resident Asked about the history of the Carousel Park site which has led to the current situation and expressed her concern that there were currently 20 children from Carousel Park attending the school in Micheldever and the impact that evictions from the site might have on the school.
A brief summary of the situation leading to the current legal action was provided. It was noted that it could be 12-18 months before the appeal hearing takes place.
- 229.2 A resident noted that further cutting down of the Warren Field hedge has taken place opposite the houses on Andover Road. It was also observed that some garden waste is being put over the hedge.
The cutting down of the hedge was witnessed by two councillors and, following the warning issued in the Dever, the matter has now been referred to the Police.
Three councillors inspected the hedge but did not note any garden waste.

230 REPORTS

- 230.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter supplied a written report (Appendix 1) this evening and it will be circulated to councillors.

The meeting resumed

231 PARISH SERVICES

- 231.1 220.1 Highways The hedge on Andover Road has been cut to improve the visibility of the speed indication device (SID) and improve general road safety and sightlines for drivers.
- 231.2 220.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge The feasibility study is still underway and has meant that HCC were unable to apply to the SWR Customer and Communities Fund this year.
- 231.3 220.3 Network Rail No new issues were reported this month.
- 231.4 220.4 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.
- 231.5 220.5 Trees Some of the hedging plants may be used to restore the hedge on Andover Road and a gap in the hedge at the allotments.
- 231.6 220.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk previously contacted the company who operate the clothes recycling bins and sought evidence of permission having been granted for the newer black bin. No response has been received as yet and a reminder has therefore been issued.

232 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 232.1 221.1 Warren Field & Play Area It was **agreed** that the old fitness trail equipment should be removed. A digger will be required and Cllr Foot will provide an estimate of costs for approval at the November meeting.
As noted at 229.2 (above) further cutting down of the hedge has taken place over the past weekend and was witnessed by two councillors. The matter has now been reported to the Police as an act of criminal damage.
- 232.2 221.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Another rope has become loose on the multi-play unit and it was **agreed** to ask AVA to repair this one if the cost is not significantly higher than the £79 paid previously.
Reports have also been received this evening of damage to the play surface and a swing. Cllrs Foot and Wandless will check the play area and report on any necessary repairs.
The clean up at the pavilion was postponed as the fete was cancelled but Cllr Bramley has offered to organise a community clean later this month.
The increase in both the cost and use of electricity at the pavilion was discussed and this will be added to the November agenda.

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233 FINANCE

- 233.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net	
2704	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting East Stratton Open Space	90.00	0.00	90.00
2705	B Griffiths	Flail topping LRPF	130.00	0.00	130.00
2706	Grass & Grounds Ltd	August grass cutting at LRPF	312.00	52.00	260.00
2707	Victim Support	Grant	300.00	0.00	300.00
2708	CAB Winchester District	Grant	350.00	0.00	350.00
2709	Winchester City Council	Dog bins (July, Aug, Sept)	130.00	0.00	130.00

2710	Durley Parish Council	Planning training	25.00	0.00	25.00
2711	HMRC	2 nd Qtr PAYE	395.45	0.00	395.45
2712	Jocelyn Jenkins	September expenses	98.72	3.79	94.93
2713	Jocelyn Jenkins	September salary	843.77	0.00	843.77
2714	Business Stream	Allotments water	124.81	0.00	124.81
	DD NEST	September pension contributions	185.87	0.00	185.87
	DD PWLB	Loan repayment	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO's Report

233.2 222.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st August 2022.

Cash held: £26,133.84. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,242.00. General: £7,891.84.

233.3 222.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the November meeting.

233.4 222.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.

Emergency Plan A draft emergency plan was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Adams volunteered to take the first steps to add emergency contacts, assembly points etc to the draft plan.

233.5 New Budget 2023/24 A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held this month to consider the budget for the next financial year.

233.6 New Churchyard and Church Maintenance Grants It was **agreed** to make grants to the three Churches in the Parish at the same level as 2021.

234 OTHER COMMITTEES

234.1 223.1 Northbrook Hall Cllr O'Keefe will clear the moss from the rear of the noticeboard.

234.2 223.2 The Warren Centre A new position is being sought for the noticeboard at the hall.

234.3 223.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

234.4 223.4 Allotments Renewals of tenancies are currently underway.

234.5 223.5 Media and Broadband No report.

234.6 223.6 Monthly Dever item Parking on pavements, play area damage, dog mess, fireworks.

234.7 Other Council matters

234.7.1 Co-Option Two candidates for co-option attended the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting thanked them for their attendance but deferred a vote until the November meeting.

234.7.2 A hedge letter will be sent to the Old School House.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at The Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.

Chairman's signature