

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at the Warren Centre, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless (Vice Chairman), Paul Brown, Olive Bramley, Aaron Brown, Graham Foot, Peter O'Keefe, Suzanne Findley (from 7.35pm).
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 5
Apologies: Cllr Andrew Adams.

235 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olive Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Paul Brown – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Peter O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI).

236 MINUTES of the meeting of 5th October 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

237 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

237.1 226.1 Village Clock Carried forward to the November meeting.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

238 REPORTS

238.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter supplied a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the two Regulation 18 consultations taking place this month. The consultation on the Minerals and Waste Plan runs from 8th November 2022 to 31st January 2023 and will be available via the HCC website. The Winchester Local Plan consultation runs from 2nd November 2022 to 14th December 2022 at www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk

The report also noted that the ONS have published further data from the 2021 census. This covers age, living arrangements, household size, education etc.

Financial pressures have led to a reduction in the number of Directorships and HCC and a rearrangement of departments.

Further accidents have occurred recently at the Cart and Horses junction, including one fatality. A deputation will be made to the County on the 29th November. Anyone wishing to know more about this should contact Jackie.

Jackie also advised that further cuts are to be made to bus routes with low user numbers. She will provide a list of affected routes.

238.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill confirmed the launch of the Regulation 18 consultation on the draft Winchester Local Plan and noted that it is in two sections: policies (these will be used to assess future planning applications) and the proposed allocation of sites. Locally, 900 homes have been allocated to the Sir John Moore site and an allocation is also proposed for South Wonston.

Caroline noted that the City Councillors participated in the reading of the Proclamation for King Charles III which took place from the Guildhall steps.

The Worthy Down facility is expanding and the Freedom of the City was recently exercised by the Adjutant General's Corps.

A Cost of Living Support Package has been produced by the City Council and liaison is taking place to understand how to reach those in need of support. The Community Grants have also been increased to £1000. The 2021 Census data for the district shows the aging population. Sites for further supported care facilities are being reviewed.

239 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

239.1 Roger Townsend asked why the handrail at the cottages has still not been replaced and noted that the path can become very slippery.

DCllr Horrill advised that she has visited the site and that there cannot be a handrail as the path is too steep. Instead, the path will be levelled and permission is awaited from HCC who own the land. She will ensure that

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the path is kept clean until then.

Roger also asked when lines will be painted at the Crease in Micheldever.

HCCllr Porter noted that she had thought that the Parish Council no longer wished to proceed with this but Councillor Bramley commented that a site meeting was still awaited with HCCllr Porter and HCC representatives.

239.2 A resident noted that a racing pony trap attempting to turn on the single carriageway section of the A33 near Popham held up an emergency ambulance. Shots have also been fired at homes and cars near Carousel Park. The Police were called.

The meeting resumed

240 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

A resident	Details of speeding incidents on Winchester Road, Micheldever.	The viability of adding a socket for the SID will be explored and a check made to see if Speedwatch will be able to operate here.
CAB Winchester District	Thanks for the grant made in October.	Noted.
Victim Support	Thanks for the grant made in October.	Noted.
WCC	Details of the current funding schemes available through WCC.	Noted.
Community First	Details of training available for those setting up Warm Hubs or similar support schemes.	Noted.
CPRE Hampshire	Details of funding available for hedgerows.	Details to be forwarded to Cllrs Foot, Wandless and P.Brown.

241 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

241.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
575 The Boundary, Coxford Down, Micheldever.	Extension to cattery and outbuilding (including first floor office and storage).	No comment.

241.2 The draft comment on 575 was **agreed**.

241.3 228.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – DCllr Horrill advised that the cost of carrying out the archaeological work deemed to be necessary is likely to make the project unaffordable. WCC are disputing the level of archaeological work required.

Planning permission is still awaited for the wetland.

Southbrook Cottages – The proposed Deed of Easement, allowing access by WCC to a corner of the allotments where the sewer from the new Southbrook development will connect to the main sewer, was circulated to councillors for consideration prior to the meeting.

It was **agreed** to accept the Deed of Easement and for this to be signed by the Clerk and witnessed by the Chairman. This was done during the meeting.

241.4 228.5 Winchester Local Plan & Call For Sites See 238.1 and 238.2 above.

241.5 228.6 Carousel Park DCllr Horrill advised that an inspector has not yet been allocated to the appeal and a date has not therefore yet been set.

241.6 228.7 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O’Keefe reported that the Climate Committee attended a meeting at HCC and received a lot of encouragement and support.

241.7 228.8 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings It was noted that some work is currently being undertaken at the sidings by the owner but that the main base for vehicles etc is at Roundwood.

241.8 New Village Shop Sign The Clerk has been in communication with WCC Historic Environment over the suitability of the proposed sign in a conservation area. They would like some more details of the sign but are generally happy and have suggested that Advertisement Consent could be applied for rather than full planning permission.

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242 PARISH SERVICES

242.1 231.1 Highways No new issues reported.

242.2 231.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge The feasibility report and a further site meeting are awaited.

242.3 231.3 Network Rail Contractors have left litter at Weston Colley. Councillor Bramley will visit and take pictures (as necessary) to submit to Network Rail.

242.4 231.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives

Village gateways – The gateways have now been installed. The Clerk is in contact with HCC to try to have the road markings re-painted as was originally promised.

Speed devices – Work on the signposts to take the devices is imminent. The Clerk will prepare the rotas

which need to be submitted to HCC for approval.

242.5 231.5 Trees Anne Freeland has looked after the trees over the summer and has been asked to update on their condition.

242.6 231.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

243 SPORTS & RECREATION

243.1 232.1 Warren Field & Play Area Quotes to remove the old fitness trail equipment and restore the area to be carried forward and considered at the February 2023 meeting as it is now too late to re-seed the area. Letters will be sent this week to residents living opposite the area of Warren Field hedge which has been removed without consent.

243.2 232.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area VitaPlay have repaired the swings without charge. AVA are awaiting the part in order to repair the rope on the multi-play unit. The cost of electricity at the pavilion was discussed and will be considered again in December when the Clerk has had further contact with SSE.

244 FINANCE

244.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net	
2715	East Stratton PCC	Structural Grant 2022/23	400.00	0.00	400.00
2716	East Stratton PCC	Churchyard Grant 2022/23	350.00	0.00	350.00
2717	St James' PCC	Structural Grant 2022/23	400.00	0.00	400.00
2718	St James' PCC	Churchyard Grant 2022/23	300.00	0.00	300.00
2719	Micheldever PCC	Structural Grant 2022/23	400.00	0.00	400.00
2720	Micheldever PCC	Churchyard Grant 2022/23	300.00	0.00	300.00
2721	Craig Townsend	Hedge and ditch cutting	744.00	124.00	620.00
2722	Grass & Ground Ltd	September grass cutting	312.00	52.00	260.00
2723	Hampshire County Council	Gateways	2417.84	0.00	2417.84
2724	Alresford Men's Shed	Noticeboard repair and grant	150.00	0.00	150.00
2725	Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	46.65	0.00	46.65
2726	Jocelyn Jenkins	October salary	843.77	0.00	843.77
DD	NEST	October pension contributions	185.87	0.00	185.87

RFO's Report

244.2 233.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 30th September 2022.

Cash held: £47,589.06. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,242.00. General: £29,326.06.

244.3 233.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the December meeting.

244.4 233.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.

Emergency Plan Councillor Adams to report to the December meeting on progress with the plan.

244.5 233.5 Budget 2023/24 It was **agreed** that Councillor Findley would no longer sit on the Finance Committee and would be replaced by Councillor Bramley.

The draft budget, as adjusted by the Finance Committee, will be circulated to all councillors and be considered for approval at the December meeting.

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245 OTHER COMMITTEES

245.1 234.1 Northbrook Hall There is a table top sale on Friday.

245.2 234.2 The Warren Centre Christmas Fayre on Saturday 19th November.

245.3 234.3 East Stratton Village Hall The hall will be holding the New Year's Day breakfast again.

245.4 234.4 Allotments The renewals are almost complete. There are a few vacant plots.

245.5 234.5 Media and Broadband No report.

245.6 234.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Vacant allotments and reminder not to dump garden waste.

245.7 Other Council matters

245.7.1 Co-Option Two candidates for co-option attended the meeting. The Chairman asked each candidate to introduce themselves and outline knowledge and experience that they could bring to the Council.

Dawn noted that she has previous experience of working on large committees, has sat on the RBL Governance Board and has an extreme interest in local issues. She has lived in Micheldever Station for 7 years.

Roger Townsend was born in Micheldever and has lived there for 74 years. He attended the school and

worked locally until he retired. He has previously been a parish councillor and brings local knowledge and a willingness to assist as required.

The candidates were asked to leave the room whilst a vote was taken.

Roger received a higher number of votes and was welcomed onto the Council by the Chairman. The Chairman thanked Dawn for her interest in the Council and the community and hoped that this would continue and that she might be prepared to stand again if a further vacancy arose.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th December 2022 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature