

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th December 2022

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless (Vice Chairman), Paul Brown, Olive Bramley, Aaron Brown, Graham Foot, Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Andrew Adams (from 7.35pm), Peter O'Keefe (from 7.35pm).
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 3
Apologies: DCllr Patrick Cunningham.

246 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).

247 MINUTES of the meeting of 2nd November 2022 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

248 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

248.1 237.1 Village Clock Councillor Helen met with Peter Bradley and Ben Bell to discuss securing the clock tower from birds and it is hoped to carry out this work over the Christmas holidays. Mechanising the clock was discussed and it was **agreed** that Councillor Bramley should approach the Headmaster of the school to arrange a meeting. The Clerk will seek updates on the quotes previously supplied.

249 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

WCC	Cost of Living Parish Briefing 22 nd November (virtual).	Noted.
Smaller Authorities Audit	BDO have been appointed as the external auditor for the next 5 years.	Noted.
Appointments (SAAA)		
WCC/Hyde Housing	Notification of two part own/part buy properties available in Sutton Scotney for residents with a local connection.	Noted.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

250 REPORTS

250.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter supplied a written report (Appendix 1) which noted advice and assistance for councils wishing to reduce their carbon footprint and provided an update on the Cart and Horses junction. HCCllr Porter is holding a Zoom meeting on 12th January to discuss responses to the HCC Minerals and Waste Regulation 18 consultation. Locally she noted that HCC have visited East Stratton and will jet the drains and clear the ditches. They will then write to residents to advise them of their riparian responsibilities. In response to questions, HCCllr Porter advised that she is not aware of an end date for the Lengthsman scheme and, in respect to the Crease, she needs residents to continue to report obstructions (via 101 on-line) and collect evidence of dangerous or obstructive parking.

250.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill advised that she has met with the Head of New Homes at WCC who has confirmed that the Southbrook project will be commenced in mid-January. In respect of Barron Close, the architect has been asked to provide designs based on a smaller area of land, to avoid having to pay for expensive archaeological work. The Local Plan consultation runs until 14th December and DCllr Horrill noted that the developers acting for Magners (who own the land in Micheldever Station) have been lobbying WCC and putting pressure on them that any shortfall in allocations should be met by making an allocation to Micheldever Station. Councillor Townsend asked for an update on the handrail at the bungalows and DCllr Horrill agreed to request an update from HCC. It was also noted that leaves from the adjacent ash tree are blocking gutters and are not being cleared by the council. DCllr Horrill will also seek a resolution to this issue.

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250.3 DCllr Stephen Godfrey and DCllr Horrill met with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, and the local Police commander following an on-line meeting about trap racing. Donna is keen to remain involved and to prevent further illegal activity taking place. She was also very positive about providing funding to improve the situation. Speeding on rural roads, and the need for more focus on this, was also discussed. Councillor O'Keefe noted the regularity of fly tipping on Church Road and near Forest Holidays.

251 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two residents raised concerns over the HCC Draft Minerals and Waste Plan and its implications for Micheldever Station.

It was also noted that the service road behind New Road is being flooded by water from Overton Road where the drain has been silted up.

HCCllr Porter will report this to HCC and asked that residents also report via the HCC website.

The meeting resumed

252 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- | 252.1 | <u>New Applications</u> | <u>Detail</u> | <u>Draft comments</u> |
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| 576 | 60 Church Street, Micheldever | Oak to raise by 4-5m & crown reduce 2m. | No comment. |
| 577 | Field Barn, Church St, M'dever | Ash to be removed. | No comment. |
| 578 | Woodmancott Hse, Rownest
Wood Lane, Woodmancott | Extension to existing kitchen and conservatory to match existing house. | No comment. |
- 252.2 The draft comments on 576 - 578 were **agreed**. It was noted, in respect of the HCC planning application at Test Valley Golf Club (22/00104/CMA), that a full traffic impact report has now been provided and is based on all traffic connecting to the A303.
- 252.3 241.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites
Barron Close & Wetland project – See 250.2 above.
Southbrook Cottages – See 250.2 above.
- 252.4 241.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations The Planning Committee will meet on Monday 12th December to finalise the Parish Council response to the Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation.
The HCC Minerals and Waste Regulation 18 consultation will be further considered at the 4th January Parish Council meeting and following the meeting being organised by HCCllr Porter on 12th January. See also 250.1 above.
- 252.5 241.5 Carousel Park See 250.3 above.
- 252.6 241.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency A further meeting of the committee is being held on 9th December. The fee for the second phase of the campaign is included at 255.1 below.
- 252.7 241.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings As noted at 252.4 (above) the Draft Minerals and Waste Plan and its implications for the sidings will be further considered in January.
- 252.8 241.8 Village Shop Sign There have been delays in receiving a decision from WCC planning officers on whether Advertisement Consent is necessary. DCllr Horrill offered to assist in resolving this matter more promptly.

253 PARISH SERVICES

- 253.1 242.1 Highways The Lengthsman is due to work in the Parish on Friday. It was noted that the bank by the shop noticeboard is slippery and that it may be wise to add a step to make access safer.
- 253.2 242.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge Karen Wright (HCC) has noted that progress is dependant on the affected resident agreeing to the outline plans. She has further noted that she has insufficient funds for the project but intends to apply for CIL funding if an agreement is reached.
- 253.3 242.3 Network Rail A report was made to Network Rail in November about rubbish at Weston Colley. This was followed by a further report which included photographs and which appears to have led to firmer action being taken with contractors.
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- 253.4 242.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The SID report for November shows that 45% of vehicles on Andover and Overton Roads are exceeding the 30mph speed limit. This will be reported to the Police again. It was also noted that vehicles are parking in the wrong direction on Overton Road, such that they are less visible to oncoming traffic. This will be mentioned in the Dever report.
- 253.5 242.5 Trees Anne Freeland has been looking after the small trees and hedging plants and has noted that there is quite a bit of hornbeam plus oak, birch and alder but that the beech suffered the most over the hot summer.
- 253.6 242.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

254 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 254.1 243.1 Warren Field & Play Area In respect of the damage to the hedge on Andover Road, it was **agreed** to write to Donna Jones, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner. It was further **agreed** that a temporary safety fence should be installed to reduce the risk of incursions. A budget of £100 was **agreed** for the fence. A £200 budget was **agreed** for the re-planting of the hedge.
- 254.2 243.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Two further rope repairs have been completed on the multi-play unit. Cllr Bramley has established that the fridge at the pavilion had been left turned on, leading in part to the high electricity use. There should now be no further use of electricity but the £30/month standing charge remains and the matter will be further discussed after the clean of the pavilion for which electricity will be required.

255 FINANCE

- 255.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**. It was **agreed** to make a £100 donation to Alresford Men's Shed in addition to the £58 costs for the noticeboard repair.

		Total	VAT	Net
2727 HALC	Re-issue of chq 2695 (Cllr training)	117.60	0.00	117.60
2728 Dever Printing	December Dever & newsletter	764.65	0.00	764.65
2729 Peter O'Keefe	2022 (to Nov) website expenses	187.18	31.20	155.98
2730 Business Stream	Pavilion water	8.77	0.00	8.77
2731 AVA Recreation Ltd	2 x rope repairs at LRPF	189.60	31.60	158.00
2732 Greening Campaign CIC	Greening Campaign phase 2 fee	50.00	0.00	50.00
2733 Grass & Grounds Ltd	October grass cutting	312.00	52.00	260.00
2734 Anthony Patston	Speedwatch equipment grant	290.08	16.77	273.31
2735 Alresford Men's Shed	Noticeboard repair and grant	158.00	0.00	158.00
2736 Jocelyn Jenkins	November expenses	73.77	0.00	73.77
2737 Jocelyn Jenkins	November salary	843.77	0.00	843.77
DD NEST	November pension contributions	185.87	0.00	185.87

RFO's Report

- 255.2 244.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st October 2022.
Cash held: £43,283.06. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,454. General: £24,829.
- 255.3 244.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the January meeting.
- 255.4 244.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.
Emergency Plan Councillor Adams to report to the January meeting on progress with the plan.
- 255.5 244.5 Budget 2023/24 It was **agreed** to accept the draft budget for 2023/24 with the adjustments made by the Finance Committee. The precept is to increase by 5% as the cost of maintenance and repairs have risen by significantly more than this and both the County Council and City Council continue to cut back on the work they carry out

256 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 256.1 245.1 Northbrook Hall The Snow Queen pantomime is taking place from 26th – 29th January 2023.
- 256.2 245.2 The Warren Centre There is a regular Wednesday evening pilates booking which means that the Parish Council can no longer be accommodated. It was **agreed** to temporarily not meet at the Warren Centre and to fill the gaps until April with ESVH. From April 2023 meetings will alternate between ESVH and Northbrook Hall.
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- 256.3 245.3 East Stratton Village Hall There will be a New Year's Day breakfast from 10am until noon.
- 256.4 245.4 Allotments There is one new tenant but two vacant plots remain.
- 256.5 245.5 Media and Broadband Councillor O'Keefe reported that the Parish website is 75% more environmentally friendly than typical sites.
- 256.6 245.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Parking in the correct direction on the highway, speeding, Minerals and Waste consultation.
- 256.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 4th January 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature