

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Councillors present: David Wandless (Chairman of the meeting), Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Peter O'Keefe, Andrew Adams, Graham Foot (from 7.35pm), Olive Bramley (from 8.10pm).

In attendance: DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

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Apologies: Cllr William Helen, Cllr Aaron Brown, HCCllr Jackie Porter, both Cllr Graham Foot and Cllr Olive Bramley advised that they may be delayed in arriving at the meeting.

268 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Olive Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Foot declared an interest in one of the quotes discussed at 276.1 and did not participate in the discussion.

269 MINUTES of the meeting of 4th January 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

270 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

270.1 259.1 Village Clock Two quotes are being sought to automate the clock. One of the companies was visiting today to inspect the clock. Councillors Helen and Bramley met with the Headmaster to discuss safety improvements to the tower and the possibility of using the school electricity supply for the clock. The clock mechanism is owned by the Parish Council but the tower belongs to the school. The Headmaster has noted that any work to the tower is likely to have to be done by an HCC approved contractor and that consent may be required as the tower is listed.

271 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

WCC	Mayor of Winchester's Community Award	Nominations were considered and details will be passed to Cllrs Adams and Bramley.
WCC	Carbon Neutrality Open Forum – 8 th February.	Cllrs Adams and O'Keefe will seek to attend.
WCC	New Project Grant Scheme launched with grants of up to £5000 available.	Details to be passed to Cllr Bramley.

272 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

272.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
579 Jasmine Cottage, Northbrook, Micheldever.	Refurbishment of rear dormer, insertion of new window & new French doors.	No comment.
580 Beechwood Cottage, London Rd, Micheldever.	Demolition of rear two storey and side single storey extensions and construction of replacement extension.	No comment.
581 7 New Railway Cottages, New Road, Micheldever Station.	Replacement single storey rear extension.	No comment.
582 Yew Tree Cottage, Stratton Lane, East Stratton.	Erection of oak framed garden room following demolition of lean to.	No comment.
583 Snowdrop Cottage, Rook Lane,	Hawthorn to reduce 1.5m to approx. 4.5m.	No comment.

272.2 The comments on 579 to 583 were **agreed**.

It was noted that an appeal has been received in respect of application 21/03277/PNACOU, buildings to the north of Westbrook Farm Bungalow, Northbrook. It was **agreed** that it was not necessary to add to the objection already made. As a close neighbour, Councillor Helen has declared an interest in respect of this application.

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272.3 263.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – The wetland planning application has still not been determined. WCCllr Horrill noted that further submissions have been made to the Environment Agency but that it could still be a few more weeks before a decision is made.

Southbrook Cottages – In respect of the compound at the LRPF, Ascia have confirmed that they have contacted residents and provided them with contact details. They have also confirmed that the surface will be porous and that they will work with the Parish Council at the end of the project to determine whether the majority of residents wish to retain the additional parking or would prefer to have the area returned to grass. Ascia have contacted Highways about the change in site of the compound and are awaiting a response which they will share with the Parish Council.

272.4 263.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations A neutral comment has been submitted by the Parish Council to the HCC Minerals and Waste consultation. The comment notes the inclusion of the site at Micheldever Station and draws attention to the points which are considered to need amending or strengthening, such as the need for a separate road access due to the unsuitability of New Road.

272.5 263.5 Carousel Park See 274.2 below.

272.6 263.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency A thermal imaging camera is currently available in the Parish and attention is being drawn to this in the February edition of the Dever which will include a form that residents can complete if they wish to have their home checked.

272.7 263.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.

272.8 263.8 Village Shop Sign The Advertisement Consent application is ongoing.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

273 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

273.1 A resident thanked the Parish Council and Councillor Adams for the response to the HCC Minerals and Waste consultation.

The damage to the hedge at Warren Field was also noted and litter picking was discussed.

WCCllr Horrill noted that the Great British Spring Clean is scheduled for 17th March to 2nd April this year.

273.2 A resident attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council to reconsider the installing of a public defibrillator in Micheldever. A number of points were discussed and it was **agreed** that the resident would forward more information to the Clerk.

274 REPORTS

274.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but supplied a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the contract between HCC Trading Standards and Citizens Advice. Residents can raise consumer queries via the 'consumers' tab on the Citizens Advice website. Details were also provided of a briefing from HCC's Public Health Team on the Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

274.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that a date for the Carousel Park appeal should be known shortly and is anticipated to be in October or November of this year. He also advised that the City Councillors would be prepared to assist with monitoring the construction at Southbrook Cottages and the agreement with Ascia. Some residents at the Cottages have already raised concerns about parking during construction and WCCllr Godfrey has been able to provide some reassurances to them following the moving of the compound to the LRPF. DCllr Godfrey and DCllr Horrill visited Stagetruck, where the application for planning permission for a new office building has not yet been determined. They are both prepared to support the application as it will improve the site and lead to further employment and they have asked that it is looked at by the Planning Committee if the Planning Officer is inclined to refuse permission.

The Dever valley has coped with the volume of rainfall and does not currently present a flood risk. The City centre may, however, have issues if there is further heavy rain.

The City Council budget for next year is being considered and it is expected that council tax will be increased.

The County Deal Proposal is being looked at favourably by the Minister for Communities and Levelling Up.

274.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted that the New Homes Team will be on site at Southbrook Cottages next week. DCllr Horrill and Councillor Bramley are meeting next week to look at the land ownership near the shop. The path at the cottages was cleaned last week and DCllr Horrill is awaiting a response about the handrail.

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The meeting resumed

275 PARISH SERVICES

275.1 264.1 Highways Overhanging vegetation and an unsafe tree stump on HCC land by Hawthorn Close have been reported. Tasks for the Lengthsman's visit on 3rd February were discussed.

275.2 264.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge No further update has been received.

275.3 264.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.

275.4 264.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The Clerk has been advised that the posts in East Stratton and Micheldever are now ready to take the SID.

275.5 264.5 Trees Carried forward to the March meeting.

275.6 264.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

276 SPORTS & RECREATION

276.1 265.1 Warren Field & Play Area Two quotes were received last year for the removal of the old fitness trail. The Clerk will check if there is any increase to the price originally quoted and also establish how quickly the work could be completed. It was **agreed** that the lowest quote would be accepted as long as this remained no higher than £800. Both contractors would also be asked to quote to re-plant the missing section of hedge on Andover Road.

In respect to the damage to the hedge, the Police and Crime Commissioner's office will be liaising with the local Police.

It was **agreed** to extend the grass cutting contract with the Warren Centre for a further year.

276.2 265.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area It was **agreed** to extend the grass cutting contract with Grass and Grounds Ltd for a further year.

A Spring clean, organised by Councillor Bramley, is taking place at the pavilion this weekend. The cost of replacement glass panes is £176.59 plus labour charged to install these. It was **agreed** that the glass repairs should take place as soon as possible. The Worthys will be asked to store their goals in a different area to avoid them crossing carpeted areas with muddy boots on.

277 FINANCE

277.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

			Total	VAT	Net
2745	AVA Recreation Ltd	Re-issue of cheque 2731	189.60	0.00	189.60
2746	WCC	Dog bins (Oct – Dec)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2747	Grass & Grounds Ltd	November grass cutting	156.00	26.00	130.00
2748	Northbrook Hall Man.Cttee	Hall rental	60.00	0.00	60.00
2749	Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	99.80	4.69	95.11
2750	Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary (plus backdated rise)	1305.62	0.00	1305.62
DD	NEST	January pension contributions	322.48	0.00	322.48

RFO's Report

277.2 266.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st December 2022.

Cash held: £34,475.35. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,640. General: £15835.

277.3 266.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the March meeting.

277.4 266.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.

Emergency Plan Councillor Adams has begun work on the draft plan.

278 OTHER COMMITTEES

278.1 267.1 Northbrook Hall The Pantomime was very successful. The 'play in a week' is taking place again in April and there will be an Agatha Christie production in the Summer and a quiz night in March.

278.2 267.2 The Warren Centre Ben Bell has joined the committee. A Coronation event is being considered.

278.3 267.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

278.4 267.4 Allotments Councillor Townsend and the Clerk are contacting those with trees on their plots.

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278.5 267.5 Media and Broadband The use of social media by councillors was discussed.

278.6 267.6 Monthly Dever item SID's, grips, dog poo, Greatr British Spring Clean and the possibility of setting up a litter picking team.

278.7 Other Council matters

278.7.1 Co-Option Nick Greenwood, a resident of Woodmancott, attended the meeting with a view to co-option and it was unanimously **agreed** to co-opt him as a parish councillor.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st March 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature