

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st March 2023**

Councillors present: William Helen, Olive Bramley, David Wandless, Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Peter O’Keefe, Graham Foot, Nick Greenwood, Andrew Adams (until 9.15pm).

In attendance: DCllr Caroline Horrill.

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Apologies: Cllr Aaron Brown, HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

279 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olive Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI). Cllr Foot declared an interest in the quote from Whitefoot Contracting discussed at 287.1 (below) and did not participate in the discussion.

280 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st February 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

281 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

281.1 270.1 Village Clock One quote of £9594 (net) has been received for the automation of the clock and a second quote is awaited. Discussions with the school over the electricity supply and the securing of the tower against birds are ongoing and Councillor Bramley will request an update.

281.2 New Defibrillator Katherine Walker, who is fundraising for a defibrillator in Micheldever, was unable to attend the meeting but asked the Parish Council a number of questions.

In respect of installation and insurance of a device, it was **agreed** that Katherine should approach the owner of any suitable building and that the Clerk would contact the group in Wonston to ask how they insure their devices.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would still be prepared to fund community first aid training and that the fundraising group should request a grant once the cost of training is known.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would not commit to ongoing funding but would be happy to consider grant requests towards costs as these arise.

It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would be prepared to submit a National Lottery grant application on behalf of the fundraising group and to accept any grant awarded into their bank account on the condition that the fundraising group make every effort to open their own bank account.

It was further **agreed** to invite Katherine and the fundraising group to make a presentation at the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 19th April.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

282 REPORTS

282.1 DCllr Caroline Horrill A turf cutting ceremony is taking place at the Southbrook Cottages site next week.

Councillors Helen and Wandless will represent the Parish Council.

The archaeological work recommended for the Barron Close site would be very expensive and WCC are therefore looking at moving the planned new homes away from the area of particular archaeological interest. They think that they can still include ten two and three bedroomed homes on the site.

Some work is scheduled to take place on the wetland site next week to gain accreditation for nitrate mitigation.

DCllr Horrill met Councillor Bramley at the shop site to discuss land ownership and this should be resolved shortly.

The City Council budget has been agreed with a 3% increase to Council Tax. An additional and unexpected £2 million grant has been received from the Government. Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the City Council for infrastructure projects.

WCC are supporting the Great British Spring Clean again this year.

DCllrs Horrill and Godfrey have been in discussion with the local Police and Police and Crime Commissioner

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about the A33 issues. The Police would like to meet with residents and the suggested date is Wednesday 15th March (at East Stratton Village Hall). It was **agreed** that the Parish Council would participate with the meeting. The City Councillors will deliver leaflets to residents. The Police and Crime Commissioner may be prepared to provide funding, possibly for cameras, and the Police will explain potential changes to the road layout. A Local Plan update on the 3.5k responses received to the consultation is due next week and a decision is also

due on the contractor to be appointed for the Central Winchester Project.

- 282.2 Gemma Clinch, HCC Community Engagement Ranger Gemma noted that her role at HCC is to engage with the public to make positive improvements to Rights of Way. Funding is available to Parish Councils and landowners from April for any positive developments on Rights of Way, such as changing styles for gates or purchasing tools for volunteers to enable them to carry out clearance work. Three rangers cover a very large area in the East of Hampshire. Problems on Rights of Way can be reported via the interactive map on the HCC website and it is helpful if photos are attached. Signage can be provided to support landowners with issues such as dogs or cycles.

The Chairman noted that the footpath on the edge of a steep bank by the railway line has become dangerous because the fencing has eroded away. Gemma noted that stiles, fences and gates are owned by the landowner and are their responsibility whilst only the actual footpath is HCC's responsibility but advised reporting the footpath issues via the website.

Lynsey, of the Micheldever Rights of Way Volunteers, thanked Gemma for the support she is providing to the group.

283 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 283.1 Sue Bell advised that the April monthly walk will highlight the path cleared most recently by the Rights of Way Volunteers. Dog owners are being encouraged to attend and issues with inappropriate disposal of dog waste will be addressed.

On the 8th May Community Help Out Day a community workshop is to be held in Micheldever Station to create a mural entitled 'Our Rural Landscape'. A request for a grant of around £200 will be made to the Parish Council once full approval for the mural is received.

The Micheldever Station 180 year celebration exhibition will be on display at the Hampshire Records Office in May and June.

- 283.2 A resident noted the rubbish on the A33 verges and the extreme speeding on the road. There have been bonfires most evenings at Carousel Park which have produced toxic smoke.

This has been reported to WCC Environmental Health via the Parish Council and it was noted that residents should report each time there is a bonfire as this will lead to a visit by Environmental Health to the site.

- 283.3 A resident asked when the Speed Indication Device (SID) will be deployed in East Stratton.

It was noted that the necessary work on the posts has now been undertaken and the sign will be used shortly.

The meeting resumed

284 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

HCC	Consultation on draft Guidance on Planning Obligations and Infrastructure Guidance.	Noted.
WCC	Home Upgrade Grants available to 31 st March for private homes or private rentals with EPC rating E-G and household income below £30k.	Noted.
A resident	Further attention drawn to the need for an additional dog bin in Micheldever Station.	Andrew Turner (WCC) will make a site visit to assess.

285 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
584 Larkwhistle Farm, land adjacent to Larkwhistle Farm Road.	General purpose agricultural building.	Neutral but noting the opportunity missed to incorporate solar panels.

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585 Yew Tree Cottage, Stratton Lane, East Stratton.	Oak framed garage to replace existing garage.	No comment.
586 Barn Cottage, Church Street	Replacement of clay tiles on back extension roof with slate tiles.	No comment.
587 Micheldever Store, Church St,	Hanging 'gallows' sign on grass bank in front of store.	No comment.

- 285.2 The comments on 584 to 587 were **agreed**.

- 285.3 272.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – See 282.1 above.

Southbrook Cottages – Turf cutting ceremony Wednesday 8th March. Water is temporarily being used

from the allotments for the site and from the pavilion for the compound. Permission has been given for an electrical connection for the compound on the LRPF.

- 285.4 272.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations An update is awaited on the responses to the consultations.
- 285.5 272.5 Carousel Park See 283.2 above. DCllr Horrill noted that some correspondence has been received by WCC in relation to the inquiry but a date for the hearing has not yet been finalised.
- 285.6 272.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllrs O'Keefe and Adams attended a virtual carbon neutrality meeting and the very ambitious target set was noted. Seven responses were received to the offer of thermal imaging included in last month's Dever and these are ongoing.
- 285.7 272.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.
- 285.8 272.8 Village Shop Sign The Advertisement Consent application is as at 285.1 above.

286 PARISH SERVICES

- 286.1 275.1 Highways The Lengthsman Scheme is to continue for 2023/24 but the funding is not transferrable if a Parish Council chooses to leave the scheme. It was therefore **agreed** to remain within the scheme. It was **agreed** to ask Charlotte Cobb if she would assist in running a Spring Clean in Micheldever on the Coronation volunteering day.
- 286.2 275.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge No further update has been received.
- 286.3 275.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.
- 286.4 275.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives HCC have quoted £600 each for additional ground sockets in Micheldever and £100 per post. It was **agreed** to ask whether this work can be carried out other than through HCC. A quote of £2990 (net) has been received for the purchase of a third SID which would enable each village to have their own. However, Cllr Wandless has noted that the plate on the new devices is difficult to install and he will therefore research to see if there is a better alternative whilst the Clerk liaises with the supplier and other councils with the same sign about this issue.
- 286.5 275.5 Trees Carried forward.
- 286.6 275.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

287 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 287.1 276.1 Warren Field & Play Area Quotes to remove the old fitness trail and restore the area were considered. It was **agreed** to accept the lower quote of £700 from Richard Dawe. It was also **agreed** to accept a further quote of £200 from Richard to replant the gap in the hedge on Andover Road.
- 287.2 276.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play The clean of the pavilion took place over two consecutive Saturday's. An item has been included in the Dever to thank the residents who gave so generously of their time. The emergency repairs have been completed. It was **agreed** to leave a decision on the electricity supply until after the Coronation event and fete. It was also **agreed** to pay for the wood treatment to be used by the volunteers painting the pavilion on 8th May.

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288 FINANCE

- 288.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
2751 The Warren Centre	2022 grass cutting at Warren Field	1850.00	0.00	1850.00
2753 Alresford Men's Shed	Noticeboard repair + donation	75.00	0.00	75.00
2754 Roger Bramley	Glass for pavilion window repairs	149.57	24.93	124.64
2755 Olive Bramley	Travel and printing costs re noticeboards	191.05	8.22	182.83
2756 Simon Hughes	Emergency pavilion repairs	379.70	0.00	379.70
2757 Jocelyn Jenkins	February expenses	79.12	1.24	77.88
2758 Jocelyn Jenkins	February salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
DD NEST	February pension contributions	216.88	0.00	216.88

RFO's Report

- 288.2 277.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st January 2023.
Cash held: £33,080.01. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,480. General: £14,600.

- 288.3 277.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the April meeting.
288.4 277.4 Risk Management & Covid Response No new concerns were raised.
Emergency Plan Councillor Adams has begun work on the draft plan and will circulate an update.

289 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 289.1 278.1 Northbrook Hall There is a quiz this weekend. All tickets have already been sold.
289.2 278.2 The Warren Centre The water leak is being resolved. Planning has started for a Coronation picnic on Monday 8th May.
289.3 278.3 East Stratton Village Hall A reminder letter about the hedge has been sent to The Barns.
289.4 278.4 Allotments See 285.3 re water.
289.5 278.5 Media and Broadband The draft Social Media Policy was **agreed**.
289.6 278.6 Monthly Dever item Promote Parish Assembly and guest speaker.
289.7 Other Council matters
289.7.1 Parish Assembly Cllr Greenwood volunteered to organise the catering for the assembly. The defibrillator fundraising group will be invited to make a presentation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 5th April 2023 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

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