

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023

Councillors present: William Helen, Olive Bramley, David Wandless, Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Peter O’Keefe, Graham Foot, Andrew Adams, Aaron Brown.

In attendance: DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

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Apologies: Cllr Nick Greenwood, HCCllr Jackie Porter.

290 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).
Councillor Findley declared an interest (neighbour) in planning application 588 and did not participate in the discussion or the decision reached.
Councillor Townsend declared an interest (relative) in the payment (see 299.1 below) to Craig Townsend.

291 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st March 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

292 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

292.1 281.1 Village Clock Two quotes have been received for automating the clock. Cumbria Clock Company have quoted £8280 (net) which includes an auto-regulator to adjust for British Summertime. Gillett and Johnson have quoted £9594 (net) but this does not include an auto-regulator. It was **agreed** that the Cumbria Clock Company was the preferred quote but both will be sent to Peter Bradley for him to review the technical details as this is a specialised area.

The Headmaster of the school has confirmed that they will allow the sharing of the electricity supply if the work is permitted. A response is awaited from the Diocese.

Potential grant funding will be researched by the Clerk.

292.2 281.2 Defibrillator It was **agreed** provide a grant to cover the £175 cost of the training for residents. A demonstration of the defibrillator will be given at the Parish Assembly on 19th April.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

293 REPORTS

293.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but supplied a written report (appendix 1) which drew attention to the situation with potholes. HCC have received an additional £5.95 million from the Government to repair potholes and other road defects. The money should enable HCC to repair up to 40,000 more potholes with work expected to start during April.

HCCllr Porter has reported the litter along the highway at the A303 junction and this will be cleared.

293.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted the turf cutting event at the Southbrook development and advised that permission has still not been received to commence with the changes to the parking which run parallel with the building project. DCllr Horrill will continue to push for a resolution to this delay.

During this year the City Council boundaries will be reviewed and the Monitoring Officer will be introducing a new Code of Conduct which parish councils will be encouraged to adopt.

Following the Police liaison meeting in East Stratton, the Police have changed the timing of their patrols in the area. The surveillance camera is awaited and the Police will liaise with residents over the best location(s) for it. Police officers are being asked to carry out admin work from their vehicles, whilst parked in visible locations, to make the public aware of their presence. It has been noted that more ponies and traps have been seen in the last few days.

Councillor Bramley asked whether the WCC submissions to the Carousel Park Inquiry will make clear the real fear felt by residents.

DCllr Horrill noted that she thinks that the real level of fear generated by Carousel Park is not fully understood in respect of the appeal and that more information should be provided. This can be sent to DCllr Horrill.

All the links discussed at the meeting will be sent to the Clerk and to Cllr O’Keefe for the Dever.

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293.3 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the Carousel Park enforcement appeal dates have been announced. The first date is 26th September, with 12 days allocated from then until December. Anyone wishing to speak needs to attend on the first day. The Parish Council can also ask to speak although DCllr Godfrey is attending and could potentially speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Adams, as Chair of Planning, will call a planning

meeting and invite the District Councillors.

The Police have advised that they are looking at new ways to reduce fly tipping. The Police and Crime Commissioner noted that with the appointment of the new Chief Constable, Scott Chilton, a positive change is anticipated, particularly in rural areas.

Sharon Evans is the new Monitoring Officer at WCC and will become the Clerks point of contact for legal advice.

The City Council election takes place on 4th May and postal votes can still be applied for until 23rd April. Photo ID will be required for anyone voting in person and a Voter Identification Certificate can be applied for through the Government website for those without suitable photo ID.

294 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

294.1 A resident asked when the Speed Indication Device (SID) could start being used in East Stratton.

Volunteer training is taking place in the next week or so but it may be necessary to purchase some further brackets if any of the posts are found not to be of standard dimensions (as has been found elsewhere in the Parish).

A request was also made for a dog bin at the village hall end of the lane in East Stratton.

Councillor Bramley noted that a bin was requested for this end of the lane but that when Andrew Turner (WCC) visited the site and walked the route he advised that the pub car park was the best site. Councillor Bramley will contact Andrew Turner again.

Concern was raised over flooding in East Stratton which the resident has reported.

Councillor Bramley noted that she has reported the drain a number of times to HCC and HCClr Porter but that the second drain has still not been cleared.

The poor condition of the East Stratton telephone kiosk was also raised.

The Clerk noted that a recent application by the Parish Council to adopt the kiosk, on behalf of a group of East Stratton residents, was refused by BT because the mobile signal in the area was too low. However, there has recently been a planning application to extend a phone mast near East Stratton and the Clerk will check with BT whether the signal is now stronger.

294.2 Peter Bradley noted the potholes around Borough Arch and that ditches were not being cleared.

The Chairman advised that the ditches are the responsibility of the landowner and that HCC will no longer carry out work to clear these.

Attention was drawn to bins being left out near the Crease and forcing cars further out in to the road.

Peter carries out regular litter picking around Borough Arch but has had one of his bins removed by WCC and no longer has space for the extra litter collected.

The Clerk will contact Andrew Turner (WCC) to ask if an extra collection or extra bin can be arranged.

294.3 Councillor O'Keefe Commended the local 8-12 year old children who have been involved in the 'play-in-a-week' which will be performed on Friday evening.

The meeting resumed

295 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Sue Bell	Network Rail have withdrawn permission for the mural at the station.	Noted.
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296 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
588 Hilltop, Weston Down, Weston Colley.	Extension, external alterations and the erection of a new ancillary building.	Object – not in accordance with VDS.
589 Sweet Briar Cottage, 32 East Stratton.	Silver birch to reduce in height by approx.. 4m and re-shape.	No comment.
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590 Sunnyview, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Christmas tree at front of property to be felled.	No comment.
591 Hope Cottage, 96 Winchester Road, Micheldever.	Three ash to fell.	No comment.
592 The Old Smithy, East Stratton.	Change of use from ancillary outbuilding to a new dwelling.	Neutral comment – would have preferred to see the land used as an exception site for affordable home(s).
593 72 Church Street, Micheldever.	Two birch to reduce, one to fell.	No comment.

594 31 East Stratton.	Three cherry trees to reduce to pre-cuts.	No comment.
595 19 Dever Close, Micheldever.	Walnut and mountain ash to fell.	No comment.

296.2 The comments on 588 to 595 were **agreed**.

296.3 285.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close & Wetland project – New plans are awaited for the Barron Close site. Planning permission is still outstanding for the wetland.

Southbrook Cottages – As noted at 293.2 above, permission is awaited from HCC Highways before the creation of the additional parking can commence.

296.4 285.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations An update is awaited on the responses to the consultations.

296.5 285.5 Carousel Park See 293.2 and 293.3 above.

296.6 285.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency A public meeting was held on 27th March and it has been agreed to go ahead with one of the three pillars (nature) in the next stage of the Campaign.

296.7 285.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.

296.8 285.8 Village Shop Sign A decision on the Advertisement Consent application is awaited.

297 PARISH SERVICES

297.1 286.1 Highways It was noted that the grips on the road to Micheldever Station need clearing and are leading to flooding on the road. The Chairman will speak with Giles, the Agent for the Estate, about these and the issues of flooding on what is thought to be Estate land near New Road in Micheldever Station.

297.2 286.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge HCC are awaiting a decision from the landowner.

297.3 286.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.

297.4 286.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives It was **agreed** to book the installation of all the sockets and the replacement posts for the SID with HCC. Cllr Wandless will measure the existing posts to see which will need additional brackets. Cllrs Wandless and Foot will also commence training the volunteers in East Stratton and Micheldever.

297.5 286.5 Trees Some of the hedging plants have been used to fill the gap in the hedge at Warren Field.

297.6 286.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

298 SPORTS & RECREATION

298.1 287.1 Warren Field & Play Area The annual play area inspection report is awaited. As noted above, the gap in the hedge has been re-planted.

298.2 287.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play The annual play area inspection report is awaited. The Clerk will write to Ted Mitchener's daughter about the need to replace the memorial bench.
A fridge has been donated for the pavilion. The treatment for the pavilion will cost £208.25 and brushes will also be needed. It was **agreed** that Cllr Bramley could purchase the necessary items.

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299 FINANCE

299.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
2759 Craig Townsend	Hedge cutting at LRPF	72.00	12.00	60.00
2760 HMRC	4 th Quarter PAYE	741.22	0.00	741.22
2761 ESVH	Hall rental	108.00	0.00	108.00
2762 Jocelyn Jenkins	March expenses	127.39	9.30	118.09
2763 Jocelyn Jenkins	March salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
DD NEST	March pension contributions	216.88	0.00	216.88
DD PWLB	Loan repayment – Warren Centre	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO's Report

299.2 288.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 28th February 2023.

Cash held: £31,020.45. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,480. General: £12, 537.

299.3 288.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the May meeting.

299.4 288.4 Risk Management & Covid Response The 2023/24 Risk Management Report was **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

Emergency Plan Cllr Adams has made some updates to the Emergency Plan. These will be discussed at the May meeting.

300 OTHER COMMITTEES

300.1 289.1 Northbrook Hall Some urgent tree works are required. It was **agreed** that the hall could request a grant from the Parish Council towards the cost.

300.2 289.2 The Warren Centre Football Association grants towards pitch improvements are being explored.

300.3 289.3 East Stratton Village Hall The AGM was held last week.

300.4 289.4 Allotments Cllr Townsend will re-connect the water to the trough.

300.5 289.5 Media and Broadband Cllr O'Keefe will investigate transferring the website.

300.6 289.6 Monthly Dever item Emergency Plan & thank David Findley for clearing Winchester Road tree.

300.7 Other Council matters

300.7.1 289.7.1 Parish Assembly Arrangements were discussed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Next meeting: Parish Assembly 7.30pm Wednesday 19th April 2023 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.
Annual Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road.

The Ordinary May Meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Meeting at approximately 7.45pm.

Chairman's signature