

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton
at 7.40pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Councillors present: William Helen, Olive Bramley, David Wandless, Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Peter O’Keefe, Graham Foot, Aaron Brown, Nick Greenwood.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 3
Apologies: Cllr Andrew Adams, DCllr Caroline Horrill.

301 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olive Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI).

302 MINUTES of the ordinary meeting of 5th April 2023 and Parish Assembly of 19th April 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

303 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

303.1 292.1 Village Clock Peter Bradley has reviewed the two quotes to automate the clock and is in agreement that the quote from the Cumbria Clock Company should be the preferred quote. A further response is awaited from the school in respect of working on the tower.

303.2 292.2 Defibrillator A cheque to reimburse, by way of a grant, the cost of the community training course is included in payments at 310.1 below. Off agenda.

304 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:
WCC Mayor’s Sunday Service, May 21st.

Cllr Bramley will represent the Parish Council.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

305 REPORTS

305.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter advised that she has been liaising with the resident affected by the proposed footpath in Micheldever Station. A technical point raised by the resident has been put to HCC for a response. The results of the Minerals and Waste Plan consultation may not be available for another couple of months. HCCllr Porter is aware of a number of complaints about matters reported to Highways being returned ‘no work required’.

305.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that elections are taking place tomorrow and that photo ID will be required by voters.

On 1st June a Freedom Parade will be held in Winchester to mark the move of the Royal Logistics Corps to Worthy Down. There will be 500 troops plus bands and this will be followed by a service at the Cathedral. The new mayor will be formally selected in a couple of weeks but will actually be the current Acting Mayor who stepped in early.

The additional parking for Southbrook Cottage is being held up by a delay in the authorisation required from HCC. The City Councillors continue to press for this to be resolved promptly.

The City Councillors have also been asked by residents to assist with getting some parking enforcement in Micheldever Station.

306 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

306.1 A resident asked whether the new SID (Speed Indication Device) had had an effect in reducing speeding. Cllr Wandless noted that there was concern that speeding in Micheldever Station was still very dangerous and the data has been given to HCCllr Porter with a request that she seek Police action.

306.2 A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about the very poor condition of Worthy Road, the speed of traffic on the A33 and the quantity of rubbish on the verges.

The meeting resumed

Chairman’s initials Date

307 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

307.1 New Applications

596 Trivotts Cottage, West Stratton Lane, West Stratton.

Detail

Construction of a single storey side extension.

Draft comments

No comment.

597 Yew Tree Cottage, East Stratton. Demolition of existing conservatory. **No comment.**
 598 Micheldever School, Church St, Two yew trees to thin by 30% and crown **No comment.**
 Micheldever. reduce to 15m.

307.2 The comments on 596 to 598 were **agreed**. The April 'neutral' comment (Minute reference 296.1) on application 592 (The Old Smithy, East Stratton) has been amended, following the receipt of additional information. By the consensus of councillors, this has been changed to an **objection** due to it not being in accordance with the VDS, the loss of a public access route and a protected tree being on the site. The Parish Council would favour the site being used for a sympathetic development of affordable housing.

307.3 296.3 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 – Permission is awaited from HCC Highways before the creation of the additional parking can commence.

307.4 296.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations An update is awaited on the responses to the consultations. See also 305.1 above.

307.5 296.5 Carousel Park A Planning Committee meeting will be held this month to consider the Parish Council's Response to the inquiry into the appeals which commences in September.

307.6 296.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O'Keefe noted that a new resident has offered to assist with the Campaign.

307.7 296.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.

307.8 296.8 Village Shop Sign A decision on the Advertisement Consent application is awaited.

308 PARISH SERVICES

308.1 297.1 Cllr Bramley advised that she has contacted Andrew Turner (WCC) about the request for a bin at the end of the lane near East Stratton Village Hall and he has noted that a move to this location would require the landowner's permission.

The Clerk will write to Mr Ashworth to ask whether he owns the strip of land near the shop where the noticeboard is sited.

308.2 297.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge See 305.1 above.

308.3 297.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.

308.4 297.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives It was **agreed** to purchase a third device at the same time as the seven additional brackets and take advantage of the additional £304 discount being offered.

308.5 297.5 Trees Carry forward to the September meeting.

308.6 297.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

309 SPORTS & RECREATION

309.1 298.1 Warren Field & Play Area The annual play inspection report has identified one moderate risk item. This is part of the old fitness trail and a contractor has already been engaged to remove the pieces of equipment which remain. All other items are identified as low or very low risk.

309.2 298.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play The annual play area inspection has identified all items as low or very low risk. Cllr Foot has adjusted the swings.

310 FINANCE

310.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

			Total	VAT	Net
2764	WCC	Play area inspections & dog bins	233.00	0.00	233.00
2765	Dr K H A Walker	First aid training (refund of course cost)	175.00	0.00	175.00
		Chairman's initials Date			
2766	Majestic Wine Warehouse Ltd	Coronation wine (from funds held)	380.76	63.46	317.30
2767	Roger Townsend	Parts for allotment trough repair	59.60	9.93	49.67
2768	Charlie Dalton Plumbing	Allotment water trough repair	456.00	76.00	380.00
2769	R Dawe Ltd	Warren Field hedge planting	240.00	40.00	200.00
2770	Nicholas Greenwood	Parish Assembly catering	181.57	0.00	181.57
2771	HALC	HALC/NALC Affiliation fees 23/24	465.48	0.00	465.48
2772	Jocelyn Jenkins	April expenses	61.30	0.00	61.30
2773	Jocelyn Jenkins	April salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
2774	Olive Bramley	Pavilion paint & Coronation expenses	399.70	38.92	360.78
2775	Fair Account	Internal audit fee	380.00	0.00	380.00

RFO's Report

310.2 299.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st March 2023.

Cash held: £28,221.23. Reserves: Earmarked: £18,503. General: £9,718.

310.3 299.3 Bank Accounts Carried forward to the June meeting.

310.4 299.4 Risk Management No new risks were identified.

Emergency Plan An updated draft will be available for the June meeting.

310.5 New BDO Conflict of Interest Form No interests were declared and the form was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

310.6 New Annual Return 2022/23 – Section 1 Annual Governance Statement It was **agreed** to accept the Annual Governance Statement and this was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

310.7 New Annual Return 2022/23 – Section 2 Accounting Statements It was **agreed** to accept the Accounting Statements and they were signed by the Chairman.

311 OTHER COMMITTEES

311.1 300.1 Northbrook Hall A request will be made to the Parish Council for a grant towards the tree work needed.

311.2 300.2 The Warren Centre Pitch improvement options are being considered. The pétanque area has been improved.

311.3 300.3 East Stratton Village Hall Three quotes will be sought for the fence with gates giving access to the open space.

311.4 300.4 Allotments It was noted that the hedge at Old Cottage needs to be cut back.

311.5 300.5 Media and Broadband The website costs are to increase by 10%. Cllr O'Keefe will look at the cost of alternatives.

311.6 300.6 Monthly Dever item Reporting of fly tipping and potholes.

311.7 Other Council matters The litter pick on Monday 8th May will now be run concurrently with the painting of the pavilion.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th June 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature