

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Councillors present: David Wandless (Chair to 7.40pm), Graham Foot, Peter O’Keefe, Roger Townsend, Andrew Adams, William Helen (from 7.40pm and Chair from 7.40pm).  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
Public: 6  
Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Suzanne Findley, Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Nick Greenwood.

**334 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI).

**335 MINUTES** of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**336 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

336.1 325.1 Village Clock The Clerk noted that in order to make an application for Listed Building Consent, for the proposed screening and clock automation, it would be necessary to advise all the materials being used, how they would be attached etc. It was **agreed** to carry the matter forward to the October meeting when a discussion could take place on producing a specification for the proposed changes.

*The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public*

## 337 REPORTS

337.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the consultation on the designs for the Cart and Horses junction which runs until 17<sup>th</sup> September. Two options are proposed: a signal-controlled junction or two roundabouts. Cllr O’Keefe asked whether funding was available for these changes and HCCllr Porter noted that there was not but that an argument is being made to National Highways that the junction needs to change in conjunction with the changes to the A34/M3 junction.

The standing water at Northbrook and the need to cut back the vegetation (on HCC land) opposite the Half Moon and Spreadeagle were noted again to Jackie.

337.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the City Council have extended the Local Plan review period to give more time for the publication of the Regulation 19 which is not now expected until next summer. The Local Plan will now run until 2040. The delay in the Regulation 19 leads to uncertainty and submissions continue to be received from larger developers.

The Carousel Park Inquiry commences on 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Mercure Hotel, Winchester. The first day is important for those who wish to register to speak.

The proposed wetland project in Micheldever is not now to be taken forward as the costs significantly outweigh the benefits of the scheme.

DCllr Godfrey noted that he has reported two more fly tipping events in Micheldever in the last month. He noted that an on-line report should always be made and that all reports will be investigated.

## 338 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

338.1 A resident attended the meeting to report on parking in Church Street. She noted that Police bollards are being deployed but are not a long-term solution and that residents would like to see some enforcement action and to share some of their ideas for potential improvements.

The Chairman noted that the hedge beside the footpath at the LRPF has been cut to make it easier to walk from there to the school.

HCCllr Porter advised that she has drawn the issues to the attention of HCC officers and has pressed for action. She noted that she now also has details of the Roads Policing Unit.

338.2 A resident requested that the Police be asked to carry out speed checks on the A33.

HCCllr Porter noted that ‘High Risk Route’ signs have now been put up. She will also advise the Police of a location where the resident is happy for the Police speed van to park on their land.

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338.3 A resident asked what had happened about the deployment of a fixed camera outside Carousel Park which was promised by the Police at the community meeting held in East Stratton. He noted that he had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner and received a reply stating that they had not received a funding request from the Police. The resident noted that he has also written to Steve Brine.

## *The meeting resumed*

### **339 CORRESPONDENCE** received by the Clerk in the past month:

Councillor Aaron Brown	Letter of resignation.	Accepted with immediate effect.
CAB Winchester	Grant request.	Grant of £350 <b>agreed</b> .
WCC	Survey re fitness equipment.	Responses <b>agreed</b> .
CPRE Hampshire	Membership is being offered to Parish Councils for £60. Planning advice and training is available to members.	It was <b>agreed</b> to join CPRE.
Worthys Youth FC	Request to meet to discuss pitch etc at LRPF	Councillor Foote to attend.

### **340 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

- 340.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments  
608 Dunley, Vicarage Ln, W'mancott Use of annex as single dwelling for letting **No comment**.  
purposes.  
609 Land at Blackwood, B'stoke Rd Screening opinion request. **News item to be requested for inclusion in October Dever.**  
610 Land adj Larkwhistle Farm Siting of 3 x fertiliser tanks. **No comment.**  
611 Barn at Weston Down Road, Siting of 3 x fertiliser tanks. **No comment.**  
Weston Colley  
340.2 The comments on 608 to 611 were **agreed**.  
340.3 329.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites  
Barron Close & Wetland project – As noted at 337.2 above, the wetland project will not now be taken forward by WCC. The field will remain as it is unsuitable for housing and because nitrate credits have already been generated by changing the land use.  
T2 are working on drawings for the proposed housing and a community consultation is being planned for late September or October.  
Southbrook Cottages – It was **agreed** to invite Ascia to attend the October meeting to address a number of points arising from the development.  
340.4 329.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations See 337.2 above re the extension to the Local Plan timeframe.  
340.5 329.5 Carousel Park As noted at 337.2 above, the Public Inquiry commences on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Notices will be placed on the Parish Council boards. Councillor O'Keefe will attend the first day of the hearing (with notes prepared by Councillor Helen) to secure a speaking slot for the Parish Council.  
340.6 329.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Carried forward to the October meeting.  
340.7 329.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.

### **341 PARISH SERVICES**

- 341.1 330.1 As at 337.1 above, HCClr Porter was asked to continue to draw the standing water at Northbrook and the vegetation opposite the Half Moon to the attention of HCC.  
341.2 330.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge South Western Railway community grants have been launched again this week and HCClr Porter has forwarded the details to the team leading this project.  
341.3 330.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.  
341.4 330.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives A site meeting with Ian Janes (HCC Traffic Team) took place on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Ian confirmed that he could see no issue in using the post by Forge Cottage. Three further sites for the SID were also identified. HCC will replace the children crossing signs near Cobbledown

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Cottage and Willow Cottage on Duke Street so that there is room for the SID on these posts. A further socket can also be installed on the verge beyond the Half Moon (as leaving the village) but this would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.

It was **agreed** to request the additional socket and replacement posts. A letter will be sent to Forge Cottage to advise that the post near the property will be used again.

- 341.5 330.5 Trees All the trees have now been planted. Off agenda.

- 341.6 330.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins.

### **342 SPORTS & RECREATION**

- 342.1 331.1 Warren Field & Play Area No new issues identified.  
 342.2 331.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Councillor Foote is repairing the washer on the see saw. He will also attend a pitch meeting with the Worthys as noted at 339 above.

### 343 FINANCE

#### 343.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

			Total	VAT	Net
2800	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting at East Stratton open space	120.00	0.00	120.00
2801	Winchester Street Reach	Micheldever Youth Club grant	400.00	0.00	400.00
2802	Dever Printing	July Dever & contact sheet	757.26	0.00	757.26
2803	Nigel Pratt	ROW expenses (from funds held)	480.40	5.07	475.33
2804	Lynsey Sweeney	ROW expenses (from funds held)	586.15	54.00	532.15
2805	Grass and Grounds Ltd	May grass cutting	343.20	57.20	286.00
2806	Alresford Men's Shed	Noticeboard refurbishment (£31) + grant	81.00	0.00	81.00
2807	Northbrook Hall Man. Cttee	2024 hall rental in advance	150.00	0.00	150.00
2808	Business Stream	Pavillion water	26.61	0.00	26.61
2809	Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	177.45	2.28	175.17
2710	Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
2811	B Griffiths	Flail topping	162.00	0.00	162.00
2812	BDO LLP	External audit fee	504.00	84.00	420.00
DD	NEST	August pension contributions	216.88	0.00	216.88

In the absence of a second account signatory (other than the Clerk) it was **agreed** that the Clerk could act as the second signatory on her own cheques.

### RFO's Report

- 343.2 332.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.  
 Cash held: £40,593.29. Reserves: Earmarked: £31,043. General: £9,550.  
 343.3 332.3 Bank Accounts Unity Trust Bank have been identified by a recent survey as the best online bank account for parish and town councils. The Clerk will contact them to see if an account could be opened.  
 343.4 332.4 Risk Management No new risks were identified.  
Emergency Plan Carried forward to the October meeting.

### 344 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 344.1 333.1 Northbrook Hall The tree work is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> October. A BBQ was held in August. The next committee meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September.  
 344.2 333.2 The Warren Centre The car boot sale was affected by very bad weather. A couple of new committee members have joined. Pitch improvements are still being considered.  
 344.3 333.3 East Stratton Village Hall Quotes for the new gates and fence are still awaited and will now be considered at the October meeting.  
 344.4 333.4 Allotments It was **agreed** to retain the current fees. Renewals are due on 1<sup>st</sup> October.  
 344.5 333.5 Media and Broadband SID data will be added to the website.  
 344.6 333.6 Monthly Dever item Update on the SIDs and sites.  
 344.7 Other Council matters None.

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***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

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