

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Councillors present: David Wandless (Chair to 7.45pm)), Graham Foot, Peter O'Keefe, Nick Greenwood, Andrew Adams, Suzanne Findley, Lynn Drury (following co-option at 7.40pm), William Helen (from 7.45pm and Chair from 7.45pm).  
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 6  
Apologies: HCCllr Jackie Porter, Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Roger Townsend.

**345 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI).

**346 CO-OPTION** Lynn Drury attended the meeting with a view to co-option. She made a presentation outlining her experience and interests and it was unanimously **agreed** that she should be co-opted onto the Council.

**347 MINUTES** of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**348 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

348.1 336.1 Village Clock As noted in September, 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. Cllr Helen will seek to meet with Peter Bradley to discuss.

348.2 New Southbrook Development No representative from Ascia was able to attend the meeting. It was **agreed** to invite them to attend the November meeting. Among other matters, the re-instatement of the car park at the LRPF is to be discussed.

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

**349 REPORTS**

349.1 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the Carousel Park enforcement appeal has commenced. DCllr Godfrey, HCCllr Porter and Cllr O'Keefe spoke and presented the case for residents of the Parish. He observed that the defence appears to be based on the effect of forcing residents to leave rather than being based on more technical points. The hearing will last for three months and it will then be a further three or more months before the report is published. It is likely that further appeals will then follow. DCllr Godfrey noted that he took some confidence from the calm approach of the inspector.

DCllr Godfrey and DCllr Horrill have been involved in the recent review of the City Council constitution and will now be moving on to assist with the review of the Code of Conduct.

The Wonston Flood Action Group (FLAG) met on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and it was noted that ground water levels are quite high.

The Warren Centre had a pitch inspection by the Football Association this week. It went well and is likely to lead to Football Association funding for pitch improvements.

349.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill drew attention to the consultation being held on 24<sup>th</sup> October at Northbrook Hall which is seeking residents views on the proposed development at Barron Close.

DCllr Horrill has made a request to HCC and HCCllr Porter that the road surface at Rook Lane is looked at. Biffa (WCC bin contractor) have advised that they are encountering difficulties, due to the deteriorating surface beneath the bins, at the LRPF. DCllr Horrill will ask Biffa how they would like to see the surface improved.

**350 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

350.1 A resident attended the meeting to ask the City Councillors about the wetland project not being taken forward and to ask what improvements the funds are instead being spent on.

DCllr Godfrey advised that he was not clear on the answer but that this may be explained at the consultation event on the 24<sup>th</sup>. DCllr Horrill confirmed that clarification was needed for residents.

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350.2 A resident advised that he has sent a further letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect to the promises made to residents at the public meeting held in East Stratton earlier this year. A reply has been received noting that a request, from the Police, for a CCTV camera would be supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The resident requested that the Parish Council call a further public meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

DCllr Horrill noted that the Winchester Police Team have received a camera for use on the A33. She noted that they have also changed their pattern of attendance in this area. DCllr Horrill offered to contact the Police for a summary of what they have done and to report to the November meeting. Whether a further public meeting is needed could then be reviewed.

- 350.3 A further report was made of parking issues on Church Street and the aggressive behaviour of car drivers. It was noted that all incidents of aggressive behaviour must be reported to the Police so that they have evidence upon which to act.

### *The meeting resumed*

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

Winchester Street Reach	Thank you for the grant made to Micheldever Youth Club.	Noted.
WCC	Notice that the listing of the Half Moon and Spread Eagle as an Asset of Community Value has expired.	The Clerk will check how long it is before a new listing application can be made.

#### **352 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

- 352.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments  
612 The Hornbeams, 18 Dever Cl, Micheldever. Hornbeam to reduce by 6m. **No comment.**
- 352.2 The comment on 612 was **agreed**.
- 352.3 340.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites  
Barron Close – A community consultation on the new plans and drawings for Barron Close is to be held on 24th October at Northbrook Hall.
- 352.4 340.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations DCllr Horrill noted that Southern Hampshire are requesting that Winchester, Test Valley etc take a larger housing allocation. This may mean that additional sites will need to be included in the emerging Local Plan and might encourage developers to renew their pressure on planners.
- 352.5 340.5 Carousel Park Cllrs O’Keefe and Adams attended the first day of the Public Inquiry on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Ahead of this the Planning Inspectorate supplied a letter setting out the ten main issues identified which the inquiry will consider.  
It was noted that a new Enforcement case has been opened in respect of the alleged unauthorised ground works at Ready Power Engineering, Basingstoke Road, Micheldever.
- 352.6 340.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O’Keefe attended the Parish Council Climate Information Event hosted by WCC. He noted that he would like to book a Fresk session if there was sufficient interest. This is a free session lasting up to three hours and teaches the fundamental science behind climate change.  
Cllr O’Keefe also noted that the Greening Campaign have received lottery funding and that he will find out more about Climate Literacy training.
- 352.7 340.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings.

#### **353 PARISH SERVICES**

- 353.1 341.1 Highways Matters It was noted that three water leaks near Sunset Farm are currently being repaired by

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Southern Water and that it has been suggested that this may have been the source of the standing water in Northbrook.

Some work on clearing overgrowth was noted to have taken place on the HCC land near Hawthorn Close. Mr Ashworth has confirmed that he would have no objection to a step being installed by the parish noticeboard at the shop.

- 353.2 341.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge An update is awaited from HCC.
- 353.3 341.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.
- 353.4 341.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The additional posts and sockets in Micheldever are awaited.
- 353.5 341.6 LRPF Bin Area The Clerk continues to liaise with the company responsible for the bins. See also 349.2

above.

### 354 SPORTS & RECREATION

354.1 342.1 Warren Field & Play Area No new issues identified.

354.2 342.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Cllrs Foot and Wandless met with committee members from the Worthys to review their use of the LRPF. It was noted that, other than for storage and access to the toilet, the Worthys do not anticipate any greater use by them of the pavilion.  
Cllr Foot will check whether the graffiti at the play area remains and, if so, quotes will be sought to clean the play surface and for repair or replacement of the football net.

### 355 FINANCE

355.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

			Total	VAT	Net
2813	Grass and Grounds Ltd	August grass cutting	343.20	57.20	286.00
2814	CAB Winchester District	Grant	350.00	0.00	350.00
2815	Nigel Pratt	ROW expenses (from balance held)	116.43	23.28	139.71
2816	Business Stream	Allotments water	124.34	0.00	124.34
2817	HMRC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr PAYE	445.83	0.00	445.83
2818	Jocelyn Jenkins	September expenses	147.42	6.41	141.01
2819	Jocelyn Jenkins	September salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
2820	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S O/space x 2	60.00	0.00	60.00
	DD NEST	September pension contributions	216.88	0.00	216.88
	DD PWLB	Loan repayment – Loan 2 (WC)	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

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. An application has been made to RBS to add Cllr Wandless to the mandate.

### RFO's Report

355.2 343.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

Cash held: £37,057.49. Reserves: Earmarked: £31,054. General: £6,003.

355.3 343.3 Bank Accounts Unity Trust Bank have confirmed that they would accept an application for a new current and linked deposit account. Unity Trust are an ethical, on-line bank, currently used by 23.6% of town and parish councils. Charges are fixed at £6 per month and interest is currently paid at 2.75% gross. These terms are slightly better than those currently available from RBS. It was **agreed** to apply to move accounts to Unity Trust Bank.

355.4 343.4 Risk Management No new risks were identified.

Emergency Plan An updated version of the plan will be circulated and an item included in the November Dever.

355.5 New 2024/25 Budget The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October to review the budget prior to it being presented to the full council at the November meeting.

### 356 OTHER COMMITTEES

356.1 344.1 Northbrook Hall The committee are meeting this evening. The tree work is being carried out this month.

356.2 344.2 The Warren Centre See 349.1 above re the pitch. A Christmas event is being held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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356.3 344.3 East Stratton Village Hall Quotes for the replacement fence and wheeled gates were sought from five companies. Two declined to quote and two did not respond, only Richard Dawe supplied a quote which is for £2484.45 (net). It was **agreed** to accept this quote.

356.4 344.4 Allotments Renewals are currently underway.

356.5 344.5 Media and Broadband It was **agreed** that the website could be transferred to Hugo Fox if Cllr O'Keefe and the Clerk were happy that this was the best of the available options.

356.6 344.6 Monthly Dever item Reminder re hedge cutting, emergency plan.

356.7 Other Council matters None.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

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