

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Graham Foot, Peter O'Keefe, Olly Bramley, Roger Townsend, Suzanne Findley, Lynn Drury, Nick Greenwood, Andrew Adams (until 8.50pm).  
In attendance: DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 2  
Apologies: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

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

**358 MINUTES** of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**359 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

359.1 348.1 Village Clock Details of the materials to be used are needed in order to apply for Listed Building Consent.

359.2 348.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) It was disappointing that no representative from Ascia attended the meeting. They will be invited to attend the December meeting.

With very little notice, the Parish Council were invited to propose names for the new block of flats. Due to the proximity to the allotments it was thought appropriate to commemorate Ernie Hobbs and the name Hobbs View was proposed and has been accepted by the Post Office.

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

## 360 REPORTS

360.3 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but supplied a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to HCC consultations on adult social care and school transport for children 5-16 years and for those over 16. The consultations can be accessed on the HCC website.

HCCllr Porter also sent an example of a 20mph reminder notice being used by residents of Hyde Street in Winchester and offered to arrange for similar notices to be created for Micheldever. It was **agreed** to accept this offer from HCCllr Porter.

360.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill advised that she has been seeking information on the camera promised for the A33 by the Police and Crime Commissioner. It appears that this has not yet been installed and DCllr Horrill is awaiting an installation date from the Police. She will update the Parish Council once this date is known.

A number of residents attended and made comments at the consultation event for the proposed new affordable homes near Waterloo Cottages. Some on-line responses have also been received. One resident is particularly concerned about the proposals and will require a detailed and considered response from the City Council to the points he has raised. DCllr Horrill noted that she has spoken with Jackie Porter, in her capacity as the City Council portfolio holder for Place and Local Plan, and has been advised that funding is available for the access road.

Cllr Helen noted that not all residents understand the history of this piece of land, which was given by Lord Rank, specifically for affordable housing.

The City Council are currently consulting on changes to the waste collection service.

Some Local Plan policies were reviewed today in relation to the public responses received. Sites for development, housing numbers and employment sites should be published before Christmas.

Central Winchester Redevelopment presentations are currently taking place around the District.

Budget setting is currently underway for the City Council.

## 361 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

361.1 A resident attended the meeting to ask about responsibility for trees when it is not clear on whose land the trees are.

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The Clerk noted that where hedges and trees grow on the edge of the Highway and mark its boundary with private property, it is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to properly maintain them.

361.2 David Findley (on behalf of the Northbrook Hall Committee) attended to advise that the tree work completed by C & D Trees was done to a high standard. To limit the cost, the logs and branches were left on site and are

being cleared by volunteers. This work will be completed before Remembrance Sunday. A large ash tree is also causing concern and a survey is proposed to assess its condition.

The Chairman advised that, should work be required on the ash tree, a further grant could be requested from the Parish Council if needed.

### *The meeting resumed*

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

WCC re Asset of Community Value	Confirmation that a new application can be made immediately following the expiration of the registration for the Half Moon and Spread Eagle.	It was <b>agreed</b> that a new application should be made.
WCC Resident	Local Councils Conference 16 <sup>th</sup> November. Concerns raised over blocked drain at Southbrook Cottages and ditch at LRPF.	The Clerk will attend. The blocked drain will be reported and the Lengthsman asked to clear the ditch.
Nick Adams-King, HCC	Draft letters provided which can be sent to residents to explain hedge, tree and riparian responsibilities.	Noted.
Resident	A very detailed communication received in respect of the proposed development at Barron Close/Waterloo Cottages (see also 360.2 above).	It was <b>agreed</b> to send a holding response pending results of consultation and review with City Cllrs.

#### **363 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

<b>363.1</b> <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
613 The Old School Hse, Overton Road, Micheldever Stn.	Convert existing garage to form home gym, home office and studio.	<b>No comment.</b>
614 Rosekerry, Overton Road, Micheldever Station.	Detached outbuilding and garage conversion.	<b>No comment.</b>
615 Bramley Cottage, 114 Duke St, Micheldever.	Single storey rear extension.	<b>No comment.</b>
616 Station Cottage, Andover Road, Micheldever Station.	Single new dwelling on garden land in settlement boundary.	<b>No comment.</b>
617 New Farm, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.	Conversion of single storey barn to the south east of New Farm Road.	<b>Neutral</b> comment to be made on 617 and 618 noting insufficient information provided to reach a decision.
618 New Farm, Church Bank Road East Stratton.	Conversion of single storey barn to the south west of New Farm Road.	
619 Micheldever Offices, Mill Place, Micheldever Station.	Various tree works and hedge to be cut back in accordance with Highways Act Requirements.	<b>Support.</b>

363.2 The comments on 613 to 619 were **agreed**.

363.3 352.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close – See 360.2 and 362 above.

363.4 352.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations See 360.2 above.

363.5 352.5 Carousel Park The Public Inquiry is ongoing and re-convenes on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

363.6 352.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency It was **agreed** to seek to hold the Climate Fresk training on the evening of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

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363.7 352.7 Micheldever Station Railway Sidings No further information has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the sidings. Off agenda.

#### **364 PARISH SERVICES**

364.1 353.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley reported that the standing water at Northbrook does appear to be gone since Southern Water carried out leak repairs.

The Parish Council have undertaken the cutting of the overgrowth at Hawthorn Close.

Cllr Bramley will seek to arrange the installation of a step (or steps) by the shop noticeboard.

- 364.2 353.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge An update is awaited from HCC.
- 364.3 353.3 Network Rail No new issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.
- 364.4 353.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The additional posts and sockets in Micheldever are awaited.
- 364.5 353.6 LRPF Bin Area DCllr Horrill will chase a response from Biffa on the improvements they would like to see at the bin area.

### 365 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 365.1 354.1 Warren Field & Play Area No new issues identified.
- 365.2 354.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The multi-play unit in the play area has had to be closed due to further broken rope fixings. AVA Recreation were asked to quote to fix any broken ropes but also for the cost of replacing all the rope fixings. Their advice was also sought on the football net and the markings on the play surface.  
£360 (net) has been quoted to fix six broken or loose ropes. The cost of replacing all the fixings is £915(net) but AVA advise continuing to repair on an ad hoc basis or replacing the whole unit at an estimated cost of £2,500-£4,000. It was **agreed** to accept the quote of £360 to repair six ropes.  
AVA have advised that they can retrofit fixings into the framework to hold the football net (rather than the current plastic pipe). Their quote for this is £700 (net). It was **agreed** to ask for an estimate of how long this method of fixing might be expected to last and to accept if this was at least three years.  
The markings on the play surface appear to have either been cleaned or to be fading due to the weather and are no longer as prominent.

### 366 FINANCE

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

			Total	VAT	Net
2821	Nigel Pratt	ROW expenses (from balance held)	150.99	19.33	131.66
2822	WCC	Dog bins (July – Sept)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2823	SSE	Pavilion electricity	217.60	8.59	209.01
2824	Business Stream	Pavilion water	81.18	0.00	81.18
2825	Grass & Grounds Ltd	September grass cutting	343.20	57.20	286.00
2826	Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	104.85	2.50	102.35
2827	Jocelyn Jenkins	October salary	894.10	0.00	894.10
2828	C & D Trees Ltd	Northbrook Hall tree work	1440.00	240.00	1200.00
DD	NEST	October pension contributions	216.88	0.00	216.88

### RFO's Report

- 366.2 355.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  
Cash held: £58,224.85. Reserves: Earmarked: £30,054. General: £28,171.
- 366.3 355.3 Bank Accounts An application is to be made to Unity Trust Bank.
- 366.4 355.4 Risk Management See 362 above re blocked drain. Cllr Townsend will visit the LRPF and Southbrook Cottages to assess and a report will be made to HCC.  
Emergency Plan An item will be included in the December Dever or newsletter.
- 366.5 355.5 2024/25 Budget The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget which includes an increase in the precept to £57,000. This is needed, in part, to cover increased costs but also to seek to create a small surplus which can be used to replenish reserves depleted by the installation of the new play equipment last year. It was **agreed** to accept the budget.

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### 367 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 367.1 356.1 Northbrook Hall See 361.2 above re tree work. A pantomime is currently being rehearsed.
- 367.2 356.2 The Warren Centre Christmas event planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- 367.3 356.3 East Stratton Village Hall The gates will be installed next week. Breakfast event to be held on New Years Day.
- 367.4 356.4 Allotments Renewals are currently underway.
- 367.5 356.5 Media and Broadband A new website provider has not yet been decided upon.
- 367.6 356.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Hedges and trees, Hobbs View, fireworks, vandalism, CP Inquiry.
- 367.7 Other Council matters
- 367.7.1 Churchyard and Church Structural Grants It was **agreed** to pay these in December at the same rate as last year.  
The 2024/25 budget includes an increase in these grants for next year.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

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