

# MINUTES of the MICHELDEVER PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th April 2018

**Present:** Parish Cllrs: William Helen (Chairman), David James, Katy Toms, Peter O'Keefe, Andrew Adams, Charlotte Cobb, Neil Hornby, David Wandless.

Other residents including: Richard and Vivienne Vellacott, Misters M, J and J Annetts, Liz Hawkesworth, Caroline Knight and, with others present, making approximately 24 members of the public in total.

Hampshire County Councillor: Jackie Porter

District Cllrs: Stephen Godfrey

Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr John Botham, Felicity Botham, Cllr Olive Bramley, Roger Bramley, Hugh and Sue Sanders.

Minutes: Jocelyn Jenkins (PC Clerk).

**1 CHAIRMAN** William Helen, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair. He welcomed residents to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and support.

**2 MINUTES** The Minutes of the Parish Assembly of 19th April 2017 were **agreed** and signed.

## **3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council had been busy during the year and proceeded to summarise the activities undertaken.

### **Around the Parish:**

#### **Micheldever Station**

Mini bus proposal The possibility of introducing a mini bus service for commuters was considered by the Council to alleviate the parking issues in Micheldever Station. Despite publicity undertaken through the newsletter and social media there was no interest in the scheme and no volunteers came forward to consider alternative schemes. The introduction of the Traffic Regulation Orders has led to cars parking on the verge further along Andover Road. Talks are taking place between South Western Railways, Network Rail, the Sutton Scotney Estate, Steve Brine MP, Winchester City Council and the Parish Council to try to find alternative parking.

Pavement extension from Micheldever Tyres to the railway bridge This was not completed during the 2014 works and the Parish Council are continuing to seek support and financing for this to take place.

Warren Field play area Minor repairs have been undertaken to meet safety requirements but a new play area is being planned and will be a significant investment by the Parish Council. Any public input with ideas for equipment etc would be very welcome.

### **East Stratton & Woodmancott**

Open Space The trees and adjoining hedge have been reduced in size to prevent the area being taken over and to maintain the space available.

Exception Sites Potential exception sites for a small number of low cost units are being sought in East Stratton.

### **Micheldever**

Allotments Extensive clearance work has been undertaken and trees and rubbish removed from plots. Some plots have now been split and those on the waiting list have now been allocated plots.

War Memorial benches The existing benches are now in a very poor condition and are to be replaced at the end of April.

Bench at The Crease A replacement oak bench has been commissioned and will bear an inscription in memory of Dr Peter Lee. Work will commence in July.

20mph Trial The trial area is larger than the Parish Council would have wished to see and there is concern that due to the size of the area the speed limit is not being adhered to. A public consultation will be undertaken by Hampshire Highways and the Parish Council will be led by the public response.

Village shop Construction of the shop has not progressed significantly since last year. The Parish Council was disappointed that the planning condition preventing the building of the house until the shop was built was dropped.

Lord Rank pavilion Small repairs have been undertaken as required but the general condition is poor. The pavilion has only a limited amount of use at present and public feedback and ideas are sought on how it could be developed and used in the future.

### **General matters**

Affordable housing Staff shortages at Winchester Housing Trust led to delays with the plans for the second stage of Barron Close and Leanne Smith, the Chief Executive, has now left. A replacement has been appointed and the project is now being taken forward in conjunction with Winchester City Council.

Spring Clean The Youth Club have been invited to assist with a parish spring clean and further volunteers from the public are sought. The provisional date is the Bank Holiday at the end of May.

Carousel Park A multi-agency meeting was attended by representatives from the Parish Council, City Council, Police, Fire Service and other parties to discuss the issues created by the site and affecting residents.

### **In conclusion**

The Chairman noted the sadness of the Parish at the loss this year of Graham Pursey and Dr Peter Lee. Graham created and maintained the village website and historical archive and Peter assisted the Parish Council by performing the monthly playground inspection in Micheldever. Both gentlemen made a major contribution to the community and will be sadly missed.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Ben Riley for taking over the maintenance of the website, the Rights of Way volunteer group, the Upper Dever Benefice and church wardens, Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter and the three Winchester City Councillors, the Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

### **4 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Potholes A resident commented on the very poor quality of the repairs carried out in Micheldever and noted that he has made a complaint to Hampshire Highways Department.

It was noted that the repairs to the road in Woodmancott have, however, been done reasonably well.

Winchester Road A resident commented on the erosion being caused to the bank beside Winchester Road by vehicles driving over it in a similar way to the damage caused at Borough Arch. It was noted that the increase in delivery lorries and larger vehicles using small village roads, due perhaps to the increase in internet shopping, is causing an increased amount of damage as there are insufficient pull-in points.

### **5 PRESENTATION by JULIE PINNOCK, Head of Development Management, Winchester City Council**

Julie explained the importance of the Local Plan and supplementary planning documents, such as the Micheldever Village Design Statement. She noted that the Micheldever document, created in 2002, would now carry less weight due to its age and recommended updating the document to align it with the current (2017) Local Plan.

An outline was provided of the planning process and the involvement of Parish Councils, how decisions are arrived at and how planning policy is likely to change in the future. The Local Enforcement Plan was also explained together with the issues to be considered when taking enforcement action.

Residents were then invited to ask questions about planning and enforcement and the Chairman thanked Julie for her attendance at the meeting and her presentation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at about 8.55pm and cheese and wine followed.

1) *Chairman's signature at MPC meeting* ..... *Date* .....

2) *Chairman's signature at 2018 Parish Assembly* ..... *Date* .....