

# Micheldever Parish Council - NEWSLETTER July 2015

## Chairman's Report

*William Helen*

This copy of the Dever is provided free of charge to all residents by the Parish Council. It contains a consultation being carried out by the Parish Council over the proposals for a 20mph zone in Micheldever and we hope that you will take the time to consider the options and to submit your response.

The annual Parish Assembly was held on 22nd April at Northbrook Hall and my report covers many of the matters which were discussed at the meeting.

**Broadband** The meeting commenced with a presentation from Councillor David James about the implications for Micheldever Parish of the broadband roll-out programme in Hampshire. The presentation can be viewed on the village website and makes very interesting reading.

**Micheldever** The final phase of the re-development of Northbrook Hall has now commenced and the Parish Council are pleased to have been able to assist towards meeting the final funds required. The ditches have been cleared around the Lord Rank Playing Field, Barron Close and the estate land to assist in keeping a water flow but residents are asked to remain vigilant over items being thrown into ditches. Concern remains over the future of the shop and Post Office.

**East Stratton and Woodmancott** The Parish Council have adopted the old BT telephone kiosk on behalf of St James' Church who are now completing its restoration and a new parish noticeboard has been installed. There has been a proposal for affordable housing from a local landowner who has approached Winchester Housing Trust and the City Council.

**Micheldever Station** I was impressed on a recent site visit to Warren Hall over the size and quality of the development which will be a remarkable facility for the community and I would like to thank all those who have worked so hard on this project. The Open Spaces balances have been drawn for the project and the Parish Council have secured a Public Works Loan to assist with the final stage of the development. Parking issues in Micheldever Station are a major concern, possible solutions are being considered and South West Trains consulted as its customers create some of the problems which impact upon residents. Trees along Andover Road have been pollarded to make them safer and to extend their life.

**Carousel Park** is to be the subject of a Public Enquiry. The date of this has not yet been determined.

**Affordable Housing** The Parish Council are in discussion with Winchester Housing Trust over a possible further affordable housing development in Micheldever. Letters have been sent to all those

on the Parish housing list. Information on how to be included on the housing list can be obtained from Jocelyn, the Parish Clerk, via micheldeverpc@hotmail.co.uk

**Dog fouling** There have been reports recently over how serious this issue has become on the Lord Rank and Warren playing fields. It is disgusting, dangerous to the health of our children and totally unacceptable when bins have been provided. The Dog Warden has been contacted and will be carrying out patrols in the area but he has urged residents to contact him if they witness a dog owner not clearing up after their pet. Please call 01962 848350 during office hours to make a report or e-mail ehealth@winchester.gov.uk. Further detail is available on the village website.

**Lord Rank Play Area** Over £50,000 was spent to update this area for the younger children in the community but it has sadly suffered damage and graffiti recently. I sincerely hope that this will not happen again in our village community but please be vigilant and help us to stamp out this type of behaviour.

## Ernie's Bench

The beautiful oak bench supplied by the Parish Council in memory of Ernie Hobbs is in situ on the allotments. This is a superb bench, exactly what we wanted and well worth a visit if you have not already done so.

Thank you to those parishioners who donated to this memorial. The Parish Council is grateful for your generosity. At a later date a brass plaque will be placed on the rear of the seat giving information regarding the installation and funding.

*Cllr Chris Compton (Vice Chairman)*

## Parish Noticeboards

Some noticeboards are being replaced this year and others are to be serviced. There will be an extra board adjacent to Mill Place to enable residents on the east side of the railway line to be kept informed of events in the Parish.

There has been some question as to what is allowed on the boards. The noticeboards are owned by the Parish Council and are firstly for information from the PC and higher levels of government. Secondly, if there is room, they can be used for advertising events in the Parish, Parish Halls or surrounding communities. What they are not for is private advertising. These will be removed when found.

*Cllr Chris Compton (Vice Chairman)*

## Trees in Conservation Areas

Trees within conservation areas are protected and works on trees in these areas is subject to restrictions

even if the trees are not the subjects of a Tree Preservation Order.

Anyone wishing to undertake works to a tree within these areas must give six weeks written notice to the City Council of their intention. This enables the City Council to inspect the site and to consider whether a TPO needs to be issued. This applies for trees wider than 75mm in diameter (measured 1.5m above ground level) or trees which replace those previously covered by TPO's.

The penalties for undertaking works to tree(s) within a conservation area within the six-week period are similar to those for undertaking unauthorised works to a tree covered by a TPO.

*Peter O'Keefe (Parish Tree Officer)*

## Clock Winding

After many years of service winding the clock at the school, Peter Bradley is taking a well-earned rest and we are seeking a volunteer to take over this task. The clock needs to be wound each week at a regular time and this requires a reasonable level of fitness and strength. Full training can be given and anybody who is interested is asked to contact Jocelyn, the Parish Clerk.

## Blissfields

The Parish Council were consulted recently over an application by Blissfields Ltd to extend the area covered by their license and to increase the capacity to 8500 by 2017. It is difficult to know whether the increase in capacity will cause issues for residents but the Council have been re-assured that a licence can be reviewed at any time where it is having a negative impact, for example on public safety or the prevention of public nuisance. If you have any feedback or concerns following events on this site please refer these to the Parish Council or contact: licensing@winchester.gov.uk

## Roads, hedges etc...

It is now possible to report potholes, drainage problems, tree and hedge problems and many other matters on the Hampshire County Council website and residents are urged to do this whenever they notice a problem. Resources are allocated based upon the issues raised on the site and this is the quickest way to report concerns and to get them resolved. [www3.hants.gov.uk/transport](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport)

## Police matters

Similarly, police resources are allocated based upon reports received and residents are urged to report concerns relevant to the Police on 101.

## Waste Plant at Micheldever Station – an update.

Clean Power Properties Ltd are hoping to overturn the Hampshire County Council's refusal of planning permission and a formal appeal hearing is scheduled for December 1st. Appeals of this kind are conducted by an independent arm of Central Government, the Planning Inspectorate.

The venue is not yet confirmed but

could possibly be in one of the Parish Village Halls.

The procedures are open to the public and could last up to six days. Micheldever Action Group (MAG) is working closely with the HCC officers who are preparing a robust defence of the original position (i.e. refusal). Because of the very substantial case MAG was able to put to HCC built on the extensive input from residents it has been granted special status

(known as Rule 6) at the appeal.

This gives the opportunity to make our case with whatever arguments we chose, and more importantly, challenge any of the other witnesses. MAG's approach is that we fully endorse HCC's refusal and to add arguments specific to how residents are impacted by the plan. Members of the public are allowed to speak, at the discretion of the Inspector, but for strictly limited times (3 minutes

or less) but may not ask questions. MAG welcomes any comments you believe to be significant that might be included in our case. These should be sent to [adrian.deverbarn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:adrian.deverbarn@yahoo.co.uk) using subject 'CPP appeal'

Nearer the appeal date additional information will be placed on the village website.

*Adrian Bates*

*Chair, Micheldever Action Group*

## MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/16

Meeting are all on Wednesdays and all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

They start at 7:30pm and are open to public participation at 8:00pm for 15 minutes.

Dates 2015	Venue	Dates 2015	Venue	Dates 2016	Venue
1st July	East Stratton	4th November	Northbrook Hall	6th January	East Stratton
2nd September	Micheldever Station	2nd December	Micheldever Station	3rd February	Northbrook Hall
7th October	East Stratton			2nd March	

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