

MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2015

Chairman's Report

William Helen

This copy of the Dever is provided free of charge to all residents by the Parish Council. The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) and you are warmly invited to attend a meeting.

Village Halls

I would like to begin my report by congratulating the trustees, committees and fundraisers of the Warren Centre and Northbrook Halls. Extensive works at Micheldever Station have led to a modern, multi-function facility which will be a major asset to the community. A coffee shop is now open in the afternoons, conference facilities are available and a small community shop is planned. Refurbishment work at Northbrook Hall has been on a smaller scale but the hall has been sympathetically updated to incorporate disabled facilities and a new sound room. These halls together with East Stratton Village Hall are important community assets.

Hedges, Trees and Property Boundaries

Any growth that encroaches from a property onto a road, bridleway or footpath is the responsibility of the homeowner or tenant. If on a public highway, the road should have clear passage for a high lorry or coach up to the outside edge of the road surface. There are many hedges and trees in the Parish which do not comply with this and the Council receive complaints at every meeting. The only recourse of the Council is to send a letter to the homeowner or tenant and, if no action is taken, to then notify Hampshire County Council. If the County Council deal with the matter themselves they will re-charge the costs to the homeowner or tenant. Please help us by looking at your own boundaries, considering whether you are obstructing a footpath, bridleway or the highway and taking action where necessary.

Dog Fouling

I raised this matter in the July newsletter but the problem persists and is particularly dangerous where children play and take part in sports activities. If you witness a dog owner not clearing up after their pet please call 01962 848350 during office hours or e-mail ehhealth@winchester.gov.uk. Further detail is available on the village website.

Parking & Traffic Calming, Micheldever Station

Following the Public Meeting held on 6th October, residents had the opportunity to submit their views and ideas about how to deal with this difficult problem. Winchester City Council Engineering & Transport Department are considering the responses and it is hoped that revised proposals will be available shortly.

20mph Consultation

Thank you to all those who responded to the 20mph consultation included in the July newsletter. The majority were in support of the Parish Councils proposals and the results have been sent to Hampshire Highways. It is hoped that the evidence of residents support will lead to a 20mph scheme being implemented in the New Year.

Barron Close

The 2nd phase of the development of Barron Close is being considered by Winchester Housing Trust with a number of proposals being explored. Once these are fully developed the Trust will provide an opportunity for the Parish Council and the community to look at these proposals at a public meeting which may be early in 2016. The Parish Council maintains a list of those interested in affordable housing in the parish and more detail can be obtained by contacting Jocelyn, the Parish Clerk via micheldeverpc@hotmail.co.uk

Safer Routes to School

As a result of a discussion between myself on behalf of the Parish Council and Mrs Julia Cameron of Micheldever House, she has generously given a 'Permissive Path' from the gate at the rear of the school, along the boundary of her property to exit in Rook Lane. The Parish Council has some money in the 'pot' towards this, being the S106 payment from the last development in Rook Lane. (Some has already been spent on the footpath from Rook Lane to the Lord Rank playing Field).

The Parish Council will fence the path with close board fencing and advice has already been sought from WCC tree expert, Ivan Gurdler, as to how we should avoid damaging any mature trees when grading the actual path. Work on this will start shortly.

Mrs Cameron has stated that should she in the future decide to sell her property she will gift the path to the Parish.

I trust you will all join the Parish Council in thanking Mrs Cameron for this extremely generous gesture. At last our children will be able to access the LRPF safely without having to use Duke Street with no footpath and the danger from vehicles.

Cllr Chris Compton (Vice Chairman)

Network Rail

The Parish Council continues to attempt negotiations with Network Rail regarding the problems with overlarge vehicles accessing Weston Lane and the subsequent mud and litter at Weston Arch.

Due to a missing '6'6" Access Only' sign at the crossroads at Micheldever Station, there is also a problem with large vehicles entering the village, realising they are wrong, turning at the junction of Northbrook with Weston Lane and damaging property in the process. Following an earlier complaint from the Parish Council regarding a damaged '6'6" sign at the railway bridge, the correct sign for the village of Micheldever was put in the place of the one for the bridge and now reads 'Access Only'. Frequent requests for the situation to be rectified have so far gone unheeded. One can only hope that our requests are successful before the bridge is knocked onto the railway line below (which is why traffic lights and width restrictions were originally put in place) and that we can have a width restriction sign

for Micheldever once more.

Cllr Chris Compton (Vice Chairman)

Fireworks, Thatched Roofs & Animals

With fireworks no longer confined to the 5th November but used at celebrations throughout the year please be conscious of any neighbouring thatched properties, take sensible precautions and warn the occupants if you intend to use fireworks. If a thatched roof does ignite the results are rapid and devastating. Similarly, please show consideration for dogs, horses and other animals which may become distressed by the noise of fireworks and warn neighbours in advance if you are planning an event.

Cllr Olly Bramley, Parish Services

PLANNING

The Parish Council were delighted to receive the news that 'Clean Power' had withdrawn their appeal that challenged the decision not to allow the building of 8 MWE Pyrolysis Advanced Conversion Technology (ACT) plant including a 2 MWE Anaerobic Digestion Plant. (The hearing was to be held in December 2015 at the Warren Centre). The importance of the vast amount of research undertaken by Adrian Bates, ably supported by Peter Bradley and the whole of the MAG team cannot be overstated in achieving this outcome – right won out in the end!

It is essential that the planning process be both objective and transparent and we very much benefit from the excellent Micheldever Village website designed and run by Graham Pursey and Mark Tait. On the website all 'live' planning applications are added making this information readily available for all interested parties. In addition, agendas, minutes and information related to the work of the Council are clearly included. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful community resource for disseminating information.

Finally it is important to emphasise how communication at the pre application stage with neighbours and the Parish Council is fundamental to a successful outcome when considering applying for planning permission. Wherever possible the Parish Council is happy and willing to offer guidance and support.

Cllr John Botham, Chair of Planning

Broadband Update

Parishioners are reminded that the current status of the rural high-speed Broadband roll-out can be found at <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com> Just enter your postcode into the above web page to find the latest dates. Be aware that postcodes are very broad-brush and may not be accurate for individual properties, where distance from the new equipment will be the limiting factor.

“Wave 2” will begin in January 2016 and will include most of the Parish by 2018. However, there will be isolated areas of the parish that are still not part of the government’s plan, which aims to reach 96% of premises in the country (not 96% of any specific area, like a parish). If you are part of the remaining 4%

please contact David James for further details and options. dbjames@btconnect.com or 01962 774310
Cllr David James, Media & Broadband

***** LATE NEWS *****

Details of a planning application (reference WRG007) for an ‘Asphalt plant with site access, offices, weighbridge, storage bays and relocation of mobile HBM plant at Micheldever Highways Depot, Stockbridge Road, Micheldever Station, Hampshire SO21 3AP’ have just been received from Hampshire County Council. Details will be available on the village website and comments should be made to HCC by 14 December 2015.

MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/16

Meetings are all on Wednesdays

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 and Venues of Meetings 2015/16

2nd December The Warren Centre

6th April East Stratton Village Hall

6th January Northbrook Hall

4th May Northbrook Hall

3rd February East Stratton Village Hall

1st June The Warren Centre

2nd March The Warren Centre

6th July East Stratton Village Hall

Parish Assembly 20th April 2016 at The Warren Centre

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