

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually (using Zoom)  
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), Anne Freeland, Andrew Adams, Graham Foot, Neil Hornby, David Wandless, Roger Townsend, Peter O'Keefe, Olive Bramley, Charlotte Cobb.  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins  
Public: 2  
Apologies: None.

**023 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall, Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall. Cllrs Wandless, Helen and Foot noted an interest in the quotes for Warren Field (031.1 below).

**024 MINUTES** of the (virtual) Ordinary Parish Council meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December were **agreed**.

**025 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

025.1 014.2 Community Payback Scheme HCCllr Porter noted that she will personally report the issues with the overgrown areas of the footpath on the A33. A response to this report will be awaited before taking matters further with the Community Payback Scheme as it may not be possible for them to carry out this work.

025.2 014.3 Village Shop DCllr Godfrey has been advised by WCC that none of the land near Waterloo Cottages is suitable for development due to the risk of flooding. Cllr Townsend observed that the area which already contains outbuildings has never flooded in his extensive time in the village. DCllr Horrill agreed to facilitate a meeting between the Parish Council, WCC officers and Micheldever Community Enterprise Society (MCES) to discuss this site.

It was noted that the new building on the site of the previous village shop has been sold and that it is possible that the new owner may be intending to operate as a village shop. Cllr Helen raised the possibility of the Parish Council and community offering support to such a venture. Cllr Freeland noted that all possible sites for a village shop must be very thoroughly explored and discounted before there could be any possible application for change of use at the LRPF.

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

## 026 REPORTS

026.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted The following:

- The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline (0333 370 4000 – 9am-5pm) can help with more complicated queries which may be difficult for local volunteers to resolve.
- A31 Operation Transmission may result in issues when drivers have to divert to Sutton Scotney Services for Coronavirus testing and then return to the holding areas on the A31.
- Micheldever Youth Club are now meeting on-line and are attracting greater numbers than previously attended in person.
- Many on-line and telephone scams are occurring at the moment and bank details should never be given out on the phone. Advice can be received via [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040

026.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the restrictions on the disposal of The Dove Inn have been reinstated and run until 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024. During this time the owner of the premises must notify WCC if they intend to sell the property.

The WCC Local Plan Committee are meeting next week to discuss the consultation document. The Government have withdrawn the proposals which would have led to more homes being required and it is now likely that the target will be more modest. The consultation still includes a new town as an option to accommodate 1700 homes but notes that to make such a development sustainable it may be necessary to allow expansion to 5000 homes over time. DCllr Godfrey stated that he does not consider this option at all necessary and is putting

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forward a motion that no development should be allowed outside town or village boundaries without the approval of the relevant town or parish council.

There were problems with bonfires at Carousel Park over the Christmas period and it has not been possible to carry out any work on longer term plans as it has proved difficult to engage a contractor to carry out the

necessary enforcement work. Lockdown is adding to the difficulties in dealing with the site but Julie Pinnock (WCC Head of Planning) was able to make a site visit before Christmas. The Hospital Trust have delayed their consultation until the summer to allow for greater public engagement.

026.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted that all the district councillors, together with Councillor Porter, are aligned in respect of Carousel Park, aware of the issues and also that deadlines are not being met. DCllr Horrill has written to WCC to state that the councillors would not be supporting the proposed development at Southbrook Cottages unless the parking issues are resolved and proper feedback is received. If major development sites remain under consideration under the Local Plan the city councillors for the ward will ensure that the Parish Council are kept informed.

**027 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions received from the public.

*The meeting resumed*

**028 CORRESPONDENCE** received by the Clerk in the past month:

Hampshire Homes Hub	Virtual housing event 19 <sup>th</sup> January.	Details noted.
Village website	Grant request to cover three year web hosting and support package (£182).	<b>Agreed.</b> To be paid in February.
Stagetruck	Confirmation that licence for additional vehicles has been granted.	Noted.
Local resident	Request that the footpath map be posted on noticeboards.	Cllr O’Keefe will see if a larger copy can be generated.

**029 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

029.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
494 2 King Aelfred Ctgs, M’dever	Willow to reduce back to previous pruning points.	<b>No comment.</b>

029.2 The draft comment on 494 was **agreed**.

029.3 018.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites A meeting is still awaited following the pre-application review of the Barron Close site.

Feedback on the parking feasibility studies for Southbrook Cottages is also awaited.

029.4 018.4 Village Design Statement A small number of photographs remain outstanding.

029.5 018.5 Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites See 026.2 and 026.3 above.

029.6 018.6 Carousel Park See 026.2 and 026.3 above.

**030 PARISH SERVICES**

030.1 019.1 Highways Matters The Lengthsman is due in the Parish this month. It was **agreed** that he should be asked to clear grips.

The hedge beside the open space at East Stratton is causing damage to the fence. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to The Barns residents and Cllr Bramley has offered to meet with them to explain the issue.

A number of reports have been received of overgrown hedges and trees. The Clerk will write to new cases and refer those who have already had letters but taken no action to Tristan Kestle at HCC.

030.2 019.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge Investigations are to be made into the fungus on the site of the path as this may be protected.

030.3 019.3 Network Rail No reports received this month.

030.4 019.5 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives Draft designs are anticipated for the gateway features.

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030.5 019.8 A303 Flooding HCCllr Porter has noted that a review is to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> February to decide if the scope of the planned works is sufficient.

**031 SPORTS & RECREATION**

031.1 020.1 Warren Field & Play Area Grass & Grounds have confirmed that they will not be increasing their prices for 2021 and that they will include the small additional grassed area by the LRPF car park at no extra charge. It was **agreed** to extend the contract to cover 2021 for Warren Field and the LRPF. Field security and fencing Following receipt of a revised quote from Whitefoot it was **agreed** to

reconsider the quotes received for the security fencing.

The three quotes under consideration were: Whitefoot £7980, Landmax £8670 and D&D £9000.

Cllrs Wandless, Helen and Foot declared an interest and did not participate in the voting. The remaining councillors **agreed** to accept the quote from Landmax Ltd (Richard Dawe) as his quote showed good attention to detail, he was able to start work this month and previous work has been completed to a high standard.

It was noted that the fitness equipment needs to be taped off again under current lockdown restrictions but that the play areas are able to remain open.

031.2 020.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Michael Carter of Sports and Play Consulting Ltd carried out a site visit in December and noted his observations and recommendations in a short report which has been circulated to councillors. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should ask how much Michael's fees would be to manage the project and prepare a budget for the project prior to a meeting of the Sports and Recreation Committee being held.

## **032 FINANCE**

032.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

			<b>Total</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Net</b>
2524	Andrew Adams	Zoom (Sept – Dec)	57.56	9.60	47.96
2525	Craig Townsend	Tree removal & grass cutting	102.00	17.00	85.00
2526	Grass and Grounds	November grass cutting	296.40	49.40	247.00
2527	SSE	Electricity – LRPF pavilion	143.68	6.84	136.84
2528	HMRC	Qtr 3 PAYE	497.38	0.00	497.38
2529	Jocelyn Jenkins	December expenses	124.97	5.08	119.89
2530	Jocelyn Jenkins	December salary	937.68	0.00	937.68
DD	NEST	December pension contributions	221.72	0.00	221.72

## **RFO's Report**

032.2 021.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Cash held: £89,809.53. Reserves: Earmarked: £63,612. General: £26,196.

032.3 021.3 Bank Accounts An application has been made to the Co-Operative Bank. No bank statements have been received from RBS since September 2019. Following a number of telephone calls the Clerk has now had to visit the Southampton branch in order to try to resolve this.

032.4 021.4 Risk Management & Covid Response It was noted that the move from Tier 4 to full lockdown does not require many changes locally but new messages will be sent out and updates added to the noticeboards. New business support grants are available and local businesses have been encouraged to apply if they qualify. Church services will not be held during January, although they are allowed during this lockdown. The outdoor gym equipment will be taped off.

## **033 OTHER COMMITTEES**

033.1 022.1 Northbrook Hall The hall remains closed at present.

033.2 022.2 The Warren Centre A virtual committee meeting is being held next week.

033.3 022.3 East Stratton Village Hall See 030.1 above re the hedge.

033.4 022.4 Allotments Reminders will be sent for the outstanding rentals once bank statements have been received to confirm any recent payments.

033.5 022.5 Media and Broadband No report.

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033.6 022.6 Monthly Dever item The proposed re-development of the LRPF play area to be mentioned again plus details of the footpath booklet and current 'payment' arrangement.

033.7 Other Council matters The Greening Campaign will be added to the February agenda for consideration.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm***

**Next meeting:** This is scheduled for 7.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. It will be a virtual meeting and full details will be provided with the agenda and on the website.

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