

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Graham Foot, Peter O’Keefe, Olly Bramley, Roger Townsend, Lynn Drury, Nick Greenwood, Andrew Adams, Suzanne Findley.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 2
Apologies: None.

379 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).

380 MINUTES of the meeting of 6th December 2023 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

381 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

381.1 370.1 Village Clock Peter Bradley and Roger Bramley inspected the clock during the Christmas holidays and have noted that it would not be possible to bring pre-built screens up the tower. They have therefore recommended that a light mesh is stapled or tacked over the louvres, through which the birds are forcing access. They have also noted that cleaning is needed to remove the mess created by the birds. The Clerk contacted the Cumbria Clock Company to enquire whether they could clean and install the mesh whilst installing the automator. They have advised that a specialist cleaning company would be required. Councillor O’Keefe will send details of the company who cleaned the Church tower.

381.2 370.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill and the Chairman met the contractors on site with a

representative from the WCC New Homes Team. The new parking is to be created as soon as the necessary paperwork is dealt with. Some dropped kerbs are also being looked at to allow parking on existing driveways. The retaining wall by the allotments was not originally done correctly and is having to

be redone. The affected allotment is unlikely to be available before April. Re-instatement of the LRPF car park was discussed, together with the improvement of the bin area and a path to the play area. DCllr Horrill noted that a positive discussion was held and that the necessary actions are clear. The Chairman’s notes of the meeting will be sent to the WCC New Homes Team so that there is an official record of the meeting.

381.3 370.3 Assets of Community Value Further information was requested to support the application to register the Half Moon as an Asset of Community Value. The WCC officer is now writing his report.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

382 REPORTS

382.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter noted that she will supply a written report on Monday 8th January when details will be available of the HCC financial efficiencies consultation.

The Micheldever Station pavement project is not eligible for a South Western Railways Customer and Community Improvement Fund grant.

An e-mail from HCCllr Nick Adams-King about potholes and other roads matters has been circulated to the parish councillors.

A decision on the 20mph extension to rural villages will be made in February.

HCCllr Porter is seeking permission to use the 20mph reminder signs for Micheldever and noted that she would be prepared to make a County Councillor grant to cover the printing costs.

The Chairman noted that there continues to be no enforcement action in respect of parking on the yellow lines around the Crease in Micheldever and Cllr Drury asked if the problems in the whole area could be reviewed.

HCCllr Porter will arrange a meeting to discuss extending the yellow lines. Details of the possible changing of the school bus rota and the request for the school governors to re-consider allowing staff to park on school land were discussed and noted by HCCllr Porter. The councillors expressed again the need for enforcement of existing parking restrictions.

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382.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that he will be reporting the pot hole under Borough Arch which he encountered on his way to the meeting. He will also be seeking a meeting with the new Police Commander to discuss the recent burglaries of Overton Road and Mill Place properties.

City Council Small Grants are available for amounts up to £1000 and green grants are also available for commercial groups and businesses and can cover the installation of electrical vehicle charging points. The hospital consultation continues until mid-March and may impact development under the Local Plan. The level of the Dever has risen by over 10% in the last week and flooding looks likely.

- 382.3 DCllr Caroline noted that 27 responses were received to the Waterloo Cottages consultation. The land is specifically for the development of affordable housing and this is to be undertaken by the City Council. The consultation responses are not yet on the WCC website as a response from the Parish Council is awaited (see 385.3 below).
Councillor Helen noted his concern that the intention appears to be for all the properties to be rented when this may not be what is required.

383 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 383.1 A resident thanked DCllr Horrill for continuing to monitor the situation in respect of the promised CCTV camera for the A33.
DCllr Horrill advised that there is a camera but that it has not been installed due to the change in police personnel. The camera is currently at Winchester City Council and officers are working with the Police to have it installed. A date for installation is imminent and it will be linked to the police control centre.
The resident advised that if it is not installed and evidence seen that it is operational then he intends to send an open letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner advising her of the Police failings.
- 383.2 Les Wrangle attended the meeting to draw the council's attention to an email sent today, by Winchester Housing Trust(WHT), to residents of Dever Close. WHT are offering residents the chance to purchase 100% of their properties and note that they are applying to remove the local connection conditions on the properties. It was further noted that new residents of Barron Close did not appear to have a local connection and that council properties were being purchased by residents.
The Parish Council had not been notified of WHT's plans and Councillor Helen suggested that they be asked to attend the February meeting.
DCllr Horrill will investigate the email from WHT and re-check the allocation criteria for Dever Close and Barron Close and the council properties which have been sold.

The meeting resumed

384 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Friends of the Family	Volunteers sought for charity supporting families in the Winchester area.	To be noted in the Dever.
WCC Housing	Home insulation grants available for off-grid properties where residents income is below £31k.	Noted.
HCC Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund	Funding of up to £5k for community projects.	Noted.
Micheldever Coronation Committee	Grant request for £447 to add to the monies from the Coronation in order to purchase a bench for the LRPF.	Agreed.

385 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

385.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
629 The Old Cottage, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Ginko to crown lift above thatch line. Cherry laurel to remove. Cedarto to crown lift.	No comment.

385.2 The comment on 629 was **agreed**.

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- 385.3 374.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites
Barron Close – It was **agreed** to respond to WCC that the Parish Council would support, in principle, the development at Waterloo Cottages as long as the detail for the allocation of properties, both initially and in the future, conforms to local community expectations.
- 385.4 374.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations Further updates are awaited.
- 385.5 374.5 Carousel Park The decision and report of the Planning Inspectorate is awaited.
- 385.6 374.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency FRESK training is to be held on 22nd January from 6.30pm to 9.30pm at East Stratton Village Hall.

386 PARISH SERVICES

- 386.1 375.1 Highways Matters The Lengthsman is due on 10th January and will be asked to clear the ditch at the LRPF.
- 386.2 375.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge See 382.1 above.
- 386.3 375.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.
- 386.4 375.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The new posts and sockets in Micheldever have been approved and an invoice is awaited for the work.
- 386.5 375.6 LRPF Bin Area The surface has been discussed with the builders as at 381.2 above.

387 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 387.1 376.1 Warren Field & Play Area The play area gates have been repaired. The annual play area inspection has been booked.
- 387.2 376.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The new store room doors at the pavilion will be installed this month. The annual play area inspection has been booked.

388 FINANCE

388.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net	
2844	R Dawe Ltd	Gates and fencing at ESVH	3506.22	584.37	2921.85
2845	AVA Recreation Ltd	Repairs to play area gates at Warren Field	240.00	40.00	200.00
2846	Business Stream	Allotments water	34.24	0.00	34.24
2847	Grass & Grounds Ltd	Oct & Nov grass cut (less adjustment)	202.80	85.80	202.80
2848	HMRC	Qtr 3 PAYE	729.76	0.00	729.76
2849	Jocelyn Jenkins	December expenses	71.65	0.00	71.65
2850	Jocelyn Jenkins	December salary (with backdated pay award)	1289.76	0.00	1289.76
	DD NEST	December pension contributions	317.72	0.00	317.72

RFO's Report

- 388.2 377.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30th November 2023. Cash held: £46,530.94 Reserves: Earmarked: £29,990. General: £20,976.
- 388.3 377.3 Bank Accounts An application to Unity Trust Bank has been started.
- 388.4 377.4 Risk Management No new issues were raised.
Emergency Plan More volunteers have come forward to be included in the plan.

389 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 389.1 378.1 Northbrook Hall The pantomime runs from 25th - 28th January.
- 389.2 378.2 The Warren Centre A resident has requested extra fencing to fill the gaps around the gate. This will be discussed by the committee.
- 389.3 378.3 East Stratton Village Hall The New Year breakfast was well supported.
- 389.4 378.4 Allotments Allocation of the available plots will commence as the plot affected by the retaining wall is unlikely to be available in time for planting this spring.
- 389.5 378.5 Media and Broadband The Dever is now available for on-line subscribers.
- 389.6 378.6 Monthly Dever item Cllr Wandless will supply an item on walking on private fields.
- 389.7 Other Council matters A letter of condolence will be sent following the death of Barry Lipscombe's wife Christine.

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The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Chairman's signature Date