

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless (to 9.05pm), Graham Foot, Peter O’Keefe, Olly Bramley, Roger Townsend, Lynn Drury, Suzanne Findley, Nick Greenwood (from 7.35pm), Andy Adams (from 7.35pm to 8.55pm).  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 5  
Apologies: None.

**390 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI) and payment (see 399.1 below), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI) and payment (see 399.1 below), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI).

**391 MINUTES** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**392 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

392.1 381.1 Village Clock Quotes are being sought to clean the interior of the clock tower.

392.2 381.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Work began on the new parking spaces on 5<sup>th</sup> February. A specification has been received for the extension to the bin hardstanding area at the LRPF and this will be forwarded to Alan Statham, the site manager.

392.3 381.3 Assets of Community Value The Half Moon and Spread Eagle has been re-registered as an Asset of Community Value. The owners are now required to notify the City Council if they intend to dispose of the property. The Parish Council and community would then be notified and the Community Right to Bid process set in motion. Off agenda.

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

## 393 REPORTS

393.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which draws attention to four consultations:

1. HCC Future Services which outlines 7.5 million of cuts and savings.
2. HCC Minerals & Waste Plan
3. HCC Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Cllr O’Keefe will add the Micheldever ‘wetland’ site.
4. HHFT ‘Hampshire Together’ hospital consultation. This is on the Hampshire Together website.

HCCllr Porter also noted that 20mph schemes can now be introduced by parish councils through the Community Funded Initiatives Scheme. Cllr Helen noted that these would be ineffective without enforcement and HCCllr Porter advised that whilst 30mph enforcement does still take place, 20mph enforcement does not. HCCllr Porter will liaise with Cllr O’Keefe about 20mph reminder signs for Micheldever.

A meeting was held today, and attended by Cllr Drury, to discuss issues around school parking. The meeting included discussion on the painting of lines around the Crease and Cllr Bramley will be invited to attend the next meeting. (See also 400.7.1 below).

Sections of Rook Lane have been found to be unadopted and this is causing issues in trying to get it re-surfaced.

393.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the City Council budget is being set and includes a proposed 3% increase in Council Tax. No other significant changes will be made until a strategic financial review has been completed.

DCllr Godfrey has met the new local PC, Hayley Goodsell, and raised the issue of speeding with her. This was particularly in respect of Overton Road and Hayley will seek to get regular checks undertaken.

A briefing was provided to the City Councillors in respect of the issues with exception site houses in the parish. A legal over-site some years ago led to the removal of covenants on shared equity properties in Dever Close but the exception site and Section 106 agreement over-rides this. The letters to residents from Winchester Housing Trust will therefore be withdrawn and the homes will remain with WHT and available for those with a local connection in perpetuity.

Five properties have changed hands in recent years and were all offered to those with a local connection first before following the established cascade. They were not previously offered directly to those on the waiting list

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(bidding was required) but this will now take place.

Properties owned by WCC are subject to slightly different rules including Right to Buy and Right to Exchange.

This might be changed through application to the Secretary of State and WCC are now looking at doing this.

A Winchester Housing Trust board meeting is taking place next week and they will then contact residents to

rescind the offer made last month via email.

DCllr Godfrey noted that he is trying to make residents aware of the Popham Airfield proposal which is included in the Basingstoke and Deane Regulation 18 (Local Plan) and that it is very important that residents comment on the proposals. The closing date for comments is 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

393.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted that the Hampshire Together hospital consultation (which runs until 17<sup>th</sup> March) includes three options including new sites around Junction 7 of the M3, upgrading of the Basingstoke site and enhancements at Winchester. It represents a very important investment in primary health care. DCllr Horrill will share the executive summary provided to city councillors about the proposals.

**394 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

394.1 A resident from Andover Road, Micheldever Station attended the meeting to draw attention to the speeding on Andover Road.

It was noted that Speedwatch had previously sought volunteers from Micheldever Station and could be extended if volunteers came forward. Details of the scheme are on the Micheldever Village website.

394.2 Sue Bell attended the meeting to raise the following points:

1. Fly tipping – congratulations on the enforcement actions of WCC which are bringing positive results.
2. Pavement – Sue confirmed that she has agreed with HCC for part of her garden to be used to extend the pavement to the railway bridge in Micheldever Station.
3. In respect of the planning application by Forest Hollidays, Sue noted that she supports the Parish Council in pushing for a safe walking route from the site to Micheldever Station.
4. Popham Airfield – the facilities and bio-diversity of the site are much used and appreciated by residents. A perimeter walk on the airfield has been organised for April and it was agreed that notices could go on the Parish boards. Numbers are limited to 40 for the walk.
5. A Micheldever Station community event is being planned for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July re the Ellis journey and will be bigger and better than previously, with vehicles starting from Micheldever Station.

***The meeting resumed***

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

HALC	Annual Conference, Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March.	Details to be circulated to all.
Worthys Football Club	Grant request re pitch aeration.	Declined.
Resident.	Water running from fields to the Crease.	Noted that farmer is aware and investigating.
Resident	A33 hedges and footpaths.	Noted that reports should be made on-line to HCC. ROWers will also look at the footpaths.
Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer (DNO)	Introduction email from PC Hayley Goodsell	Meeting dates and latest SID data to be sent to Hayley.

**396 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
630 Dunley, Vicarage Lane, Woodmancott.	Demolition of link between bungalow and annex. Extension to newly created dwelling.	<b>Support</b> – need for small rural properties.
631 Warren House, Micheldever Station.	Electric car charger to wall of rear courtyard.	<b>No comment.</b>
632 2 King Aelfred Cottages, Micheldever.	Chairman’s initials ..... Date ..... Willow to re-pollard to previous pruning points.	<b>No comment.</b>
633 Northbrook House, Micheldever.	Repair and renovation of existing out-building.	<b>No comment.</b>

396.2 The comments on 630 to 633 were **agreed**.

396.3 385.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites See 393.2 above.

Barron Close An update on the consultation responses is awaited.

396.4 385.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultations As noted at 393.2 above, Popham

Airfield has been included in the Basingstoke and Deane Regulation 18 (Local Plan). It was **agreed** that Cllr Adams would liaise with the Dever Society and call a Planning Committee meeting as necessary. It was further **agreed** that a flyer would be produced, paid for by the Parish Council, and delivered to all homes in the Parish.

The City Councillors, with HCllr Porter, will send a combined response.

396.5 385.5 Carousel Park A resident has contacted Cllr Bramley with a series of questions relating to Carousel Park. Cllr Bramley will seek permission from the resident to share the email with DCllr Horrill and the Clerk, who will try between them to answer all the questions raised.

396.6 385.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency It was agreed that the FRESK training was effective and well presented. One attendee is interested in becoming a facilitator for the training.

### 397 PARISH SERVICES

397.1 386.1 Highways Matter Cllr Bramley was made aware of additional potholes and damaged signs to report on the HCC website.

397.2 386.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge As noted by the resident (at 394.2 above) a portion of land is to be made available to HCC for the pavement extension to the railway bridge.

397.3 386.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

397.4 386.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The latest SID data will be sent to PC Hayley Goodsell to support a request for speed enforcement to be carried out in the Parish.

397.5 386.6 LRPF Bin Area As noted at 392.2 above, the specification for the extension of the hardstanding will be forwarded to the contractor for the Southbrook development.

### 398 SPORTS & RECREATION

398.1 387.1 Warren Field & Play Area A quote is awaited from the Warren Centre for the 2024 grass cutting.

The hall committee have been approached with a suggestion that further fencing be added to close gaps around Warren Field. It was not felt by the councillors that this was appropriate or necessary.

398.2 387.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Grass and Grounds have advised a 5.5% increase to grass cutting charges for 2024. It was **agreed** to extend the contract for a further year.

An emergency repair was required to the post supporting the pavilion roof following an act of vandalism.

### 399 FINANCE

399.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net	
2851	Business Stream	Pavilion water	51.96	0.00	51.96
2852	WCC	Dog bins (Oct – Dec)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2853	M C D’Agostino	Emergency pavilion repair	62.00	0.00	62.00
2854	Olive Bramley	Noticeboard expenses	103.95	0.00	103.95
2855	Peter O’Keefe	Website expenses	208.80	34.80	174.00
2856	HMRC	Qtr 3 PAYE	729.76	0.00	729.76
2857	Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	164.17	7.65	156.52
2858	Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	940.15	0.00	940.15
	DD NEST	January pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66
2859	Micheldever Parish Council	Opening deposit for new Unity Trust account	500.00	0.00	500.00

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### RFO’s Report

399.2 388.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Cash held: £44,158.15 Reserves: Earmarked: £29,968. General: £14,190.

399.3 388.3 Bank Accounts An application to Unity Trust Bank has been accepted and supporting documentation and a deposit cheque are now required to be sent.

399.4 388.4 Risk Management No new issues were raised.

Emergency Plan A meeting is to be held this month.

### 400 OTHER COMMITTEES

400.1 389.1 Northbrook Hall The pantomime was very successful and a good review was received from the National Operatic and Drama Association.

400.2 389.2 The Warren Centre Planning is underway for a summer fete/community event.

400.3 389.3 East Stratton Village Hall Cllr Bramley has the cheque for the gates to the Open Space as the work has

not been fully completed.

400.4 389.4 Allotments The allocation of vacant plots can now commence.

400.5 389.5 Media and Broadband A review of website providers is continuing.

400.6 389.6 Monthly Dever item Popham Garden Village proposal, hospital consultation, damage to LRPF pavilion.

400.7 Other Council matters

400.7.1 Parking at the Crease Cllr Drury updated councillors on the meeting held with HCCllr Porter, Sarah Lees (HCC School Transport) and the school coach co-ordinator (see also 393.1 above). Actions from the meeting were as follows:

- School coach co-ordinator to review whether there is space for under 5's to stop whole families coming by car as under 5's unable to use the coach.
- HCC Parking Enforcement to be asked to visit.
- Safety Officer to visit the school and speak with the children.
- Work to continue with the school and governors to address options for staff parking.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

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