

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), Graham Foot, Peter O’Keefe, Olly Bramley, Roger Townsend, Andy Adams,
Lynn Drury, Suzanne Findley, Nick Greenwood.
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 4
Apologies: Cllr David Wandless, HCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill.

401 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), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Graham Foot – planning application 637 (as below).

402 MINUTES of the meeting of 7th February 2024 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

403 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

403.1 392.1 Village Clock Two companies were contacted for quotes to clean the interior of the clock tower. Despite reminders, only Cimex UK have responded. Cllr Bramley supplied photographs of the interior of the tower and Cimex have confirmed that they could undertake this work. A quote is awaited.

403.2 392.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Alan Statham, Ascias Site Manager, has been asked to liaise directly with Andrew Turner (WCC) over the bin hardstanding area at the LRPF. The anticipated completion date for the development is now 13th May 2024.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

404 REPORTS

404.1 HCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which explained the 4.99% increase to Council Tax and the struggles of Children’s Services with the increased cost of school transport. Jackie urged affected residents to report flooding and road issues via the HCC website.

404.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey advised that his time in the past month has been taken up with raising awareness of the Popham Airfield proposal. Assistance has been received by DCllr Godfrey from Jackie Porter in her WWC role as Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan. Councillor Porter confirmed that Basingstoke and Deane did not consult with WCC over the proposal or land allocation. The response by WCC to Basingstoke & Deane makes it clear that they have no intention of allocating land and also noted the lack of sustainability for development in the countryside. It is hoped that the robust WCC response will be effective. Basingstoke and Deane are planning to publish the Regulation 19 in 6 months but the volume of responses received may delay this. DCllr Godfrey emphasised the need to remain able to respond promptly if the Regulation 19, when published, still contains the Popham proposal.

In respect of Dever Close, DCllr Godfrey advised that conversations are continuing with WCC officers about the release of the covenants on the sale of the properties. Winchester Housing Trust are still considering their position and have not communicated with residents despite the City Councillors urging them to do so.

Fires in and around Carousel Park have been reported to Environmental Health. A clear log of dates, times and reports made is really important to enable enforcement action.

405 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Allotment holder	Request for the Parish Council to remove a tree branch which is obstructing their plot.	A letter will be sent to the owner of the property from which the branch has fallen.
Resident of Duke St.	Concern raised re the erosion of the earth Bank on the south side of Duke Street.	Advise to report to HCC and to encourage other affected residents to also do this.

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406 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

406.1 A resident of Micheldever Station attended the meeting with a petition from residents concerned about the danger of there being no pavement to the railway bridge.

It was noted that the Parish Council have been pressing for a pavement for many years. This led to a feasibility

study being undertaken and a report being published in 2022. Extra land is required to allow for the pavement and an agreement has now been reached with the affected resident. The resident was asked to submit the petition to Karen Wright, HCC Project Manager for the scheme.

The meeting resumed

407 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
634 16 Dever Close, Micheldever.	Sycamore to reduce by 1.5-2m.	No comment.
635 Offices at Cowdown Farm, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Engraved, curved aluminium box sign with 3D logo and internal illumination.	Object to illumination.
636 Lilliput Cottage, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Rebuild and extend garage – 1m width-ways and up to 2m in length.	No comment.
637 25 Brunel Close, Micheldever Station.	Loft conversion with rear facing dormer and rear single storey extension to replace existing conservatory.	No comment.

407.2 The comments on 634 to 637 were **agreed**. Cllr Foot left the room during the discussion on 637.

407.3 396.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites See 404.2 above.

Barron Close An update on the consultation responses is awaited.

407.4 396.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan No further updates have been received.

407.5 396.5 Carousel Park See 404.2 above re fires at Carousel Park.

407.6 396.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency See 411.7.1 below.

408 PARISH SERVICES

408.1 397.1 Highways Matter Cllr Bramley reported that the broken manhole cover on the A33 has been fixed and the sign at Weston bridge has been reported to HCC.

The Lengthsman will be asked to clear grips and behind the LRPF pavilion on his next visit.

408.2 397.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge See 406.1 above.

408.3 397.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

408.4 397.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The new Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer, PC Hayley Goodsell, has been advised of the concerns over speeding in the Parish and, in particular, on Overton Road and Andover Road in Micheldever Station.

408.5 397.6 LRPF Bin Area See 403.2 above.

409 SPORTS & RECREATION

409.1 398.1 Warren Field & Play Area A quote of £2,400 has been received from the Warren Centre for the 2024 grass cutting. This is an increase of 9.5% from the 2023 price. The contract at the LRPF has increased by 5.5% and it was **agreed** to ask the Warren Centre if they could revise their quote to match this increase.

409.2 398.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Wear on the bottom rung of the net to the tower will be monitored.

410 FINANCE

410.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
2860 Saje UPVC Ltd	LRPF Storeroom doors	1303.20	217.20	1086.00
2861 The Warren Centre	2023 grass cutting	2190.00	0.00	2190.00
2862 Olive Bramley	Jubilee montage costs (from Jubilee funds)	78.00	0.00	78.00
2863 SSE Energy Solutions	LRPF electricity (estimated invoice)	499.33	23.78	475.55
2864 Jocelyn Jenkins	February expenses	86.55	2.49	84.06
2865 Jocelyn Jenkins	February salary	940.15	0.00	940.15
DD NEST	February pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66

Chairman's initials Date

RFO's Report

410.2 399.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st January 2024.

Cash held: £38,635.23 Reserves: Earmarked: £29,975. General: £8,660.

410.3 399.3 Bank Accounts An application has been made to Unity Trust Bank.

410.4 399.4 Risk Management No new issues were identified.

Emergency Plan HCC have issued a revised Emergency Plan template which the Clerk will forward to Cllr Adams.

411 OTHER COMMITTEES

411.1 400.1 Northbrook Hall A committee meeting is being held on 21st March. Play in a Week is happening again at Easter.

411.2 400.2 The Warren Centre Event being planned for 6th/7th June to coincide with the Ellis Journey event.

411.3 400.3 East Stratton Village Hall The gates to the Open Space are now finished.

411.4 400.4 Allotments Allocation of the vacant plots is continuing.

411.5 400.5 Media and Broadband Councillor O’Keefe drew attention to the Krystal website which he is reviewing and thinks would be a suitable alternative for the Parish Council. Updated guidance from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) is that all councils now adopt a .gov.uk website domain and linked councillor emails. It was **agreed** to take steps to move towards compliance with this advice.

411.6 400.6 Monthly Dever item Reporting of flooding and highways issues. Promote Parish Assembly.

411.7 Other Council matters

411.7.1 Parish Assembly, Wednesday 17th April 2024

if It was **agreed** to ask Stuart Mills, project manager for Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN), he would be the guest speaker at the Parish Assembly. Cllr Helen volunteered to arrange the catering for the evening.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd April at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Parish Assembly: 7.30pm Wednesday 17th April at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman’s signature Date