

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.40pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

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

**423 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI).

**424 MINUTES** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 and the Parish Assembly of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**425 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

425.1 414.1 Village Clock A preliminary, informal bat survey is to be carried out to assist in deciding how to proceed.

425.2 414.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill and the Chairman held a site meeting with the developer and it was agreed that the developer would re-surface all of the car park and repair the hole created for the electricity cable, create an enlarged hardstanding area for the bins and install a footpath from the bridge to the play area. The Clerk will contact the Site Manager to request that residents be canvassed on whether they would prefer the compound area to remain as additional parking or be cleared and re-seeded.

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

## 426 REPORTS

426.1 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that district elections take place tomorrow and that there has been less City Council activity due to the elections.

The Carousel Park appeal decision has now been published and allows for the site to become a Gypsy and Traveller site. The City Council have been advised that there are no grounds to appeal the decision.

The appellants are required by the ruling to submit a proposal within 6 months, and for this to be agreed with the City Council, or the City Council has the power to either clear the site or impose a plan.

The board of Winchester Housing Trust have met and decided not to move forward with the sale of their share of the Dever Close properties. In light of this DCllr Godfrey noted that the Parish Council position on the Waterloo Cottages development could now be re-considered,

The Chairman asked for clarification on whether, if the proposed new properties were 100% owned by WCC, they could then potentially be purchased.

DCllr Godfrey confirmed that the ‘Right to Buy’ would normally apply but that there are different options available, such as ‘reduced cost for sale’ or an application could be made to the Secretary of State for an exception to Right to Buy, which can be granted for isolated rural areas.

The Parish councillors agreed that they would like to explore the tenures available and DCllr Godfrey agreed to research this for the June meeting.

## 427 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

*The meeting resumed*

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

HALC	Schedule of training courses available.	It was <b>agreed</b> that Cllr Drury should attend the Finance for Councillors course.
Hants Police	Rural Crime Prevention booklets.	It was <b>agreed</b> to request one for each hall.
WCC	Mayor’s Sunday Service, 19 <sup>th</sup> May.	Cllr Bramley will represent the Parish.

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## 429 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

429.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments

No new planning applications have been received since the April meeting.

429.2 418.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close See 426.1 above.

429.3 418.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan No further updates have been received.

429.4 418.5 Carousel Park See 426.1 above.

429.5 418.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Earth Day took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and an aim for

a 60% reduction in plastics by 2040 was set.

### **430 PARISH SERVICES**

430.1 419.1 Highways Matters The damage to the bus shelter at the LRPF was noted.

430.2 419.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge A response is awaited from HCC.

430.3 419.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

430.4 419.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives PC Hayley Goodsell has confirmed that she has requested speed enforcement action for Micheldever Station.

430.5 419.5 LRPF Bin Area See 425.2 above.

### **431 SPORTS & RECREATION**

431.1 420.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Annual Inspection has noted the somersault bars and the Clerk will remind Richard Dawe that a quote was previously accepted for the removal of these.

431.2 420.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The Annual Inspection has noted that the Dragonfly see-saw is loose (in the ground), the Clerk will contact VitaPlay who installed the equipment.

### **432 FINANCE**

432.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
2872 Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting ESVH	60.00	0.00	60.00
2973 Fair Account	Internal audit fee	400.00	0.00	400.00
2974 WCC	Dog bins (Jan, Feb, March)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2975 HALC	Affiliation fees 24/25 & NALC Levy	510.00	0.00	510.00
2976 Business Stream	LRPF pavilion water	2.03	0.00	2.03
2977 Zurich	24/25 insurance	1297.78	0.00	1297.78
2978 Sian Storey	Micheldever Station mural (grant)	500.00	0.00	500.00
2979 Sarah Hunt	Parish Assembly catering	70.00	0.00	70.00
2980 East Stratton Village Hall	23/24 hall rental	108.00	0.00	108.00
2881 Jocelyn Jenkins	April expenses	144.06	9.30	134.76
2882 Jocelyn Jenkins	April salary	942.31	0.00	942.31
DD NEST	April pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66

### **RFO's Report**

432.2 421.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Cash held: £31,144.87 Reserves: Earmarked: £29,934. General: £1,211.

432.3 421.3 Bank Accounts It was **agreed** to make one BACs payment from the new Unity Trust account in June.

432.4 421.4 Risk Management No new issues reported.

Emergency Plan A meeting is to be held this month.

432.5 New Annual Return 2023/24- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement It was **agreed** to accept the Annual Governance statement and this was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

432.6 New Annual Return 2023/24 – Section 2 Accounting Statements It was **agreed** to accept the Accounting Statements and these were signed by the Chairman.

432.7 New BDO Conflict of Interest Form The form was signed confirming that none of the councillors had a conflict of interest with BDO, the external auditors.

Chairman's initials ..... Date .....

### **433 OTHER COMMITTEES**

433.1 422.1 Northbrook Hall A 'Spring Clean' of the interior and outside areas has taken place.

433.2 422.2 The Warren Centre More committee members are being sought.

433.3 422.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

433.4 422.4 Allotments Plot 15, which is now over-shadowed by the new flats was discussed and will be considered again in June.

433.5 422.5 Media and Broadband No report.

433.6 422.6 Monthly Dever item School parking and speed enforcement request.

433.7 Other Council matters

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature ..... Date .....