

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Graham Foot, Peter O’Keefe, Suzanne Findley, Nick Greenwood. Olly Bramley, Andrew Adams.  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 2  
Apologies: Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Roger Townsend.

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

**435 MINUTES** of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meetings of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**436 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

436.1 425.1 Village Clock A quote for a preliminary bat survey was considered. The quote is for £729 net plus DNA testing of samples estimated at 3 x £70. The quote is provided by EPR, a company based in Micheldever Station, which had the lowest prices of those Cllr Bramley contacted. After some discussion, it was **agreed** to accept the quote.

436.2 425.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) The completion date has been further extended. DCllr Horrill suggested another site meeting to ensure that the additional work (as previously agreed) is completed before the builders leave the site.

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

**437 REPORTS**

437.1 HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which notes the change of Leader at HCC. She also noted that she had raised a question at a HCC council meeting about the choice between 20mph and 30mph speed limits in villages if enforcement is only available for 30mph limits.

Due to the General Election, the multi-agency meeting about Carousel Park has had to be postponed. HCCllr Porter has met with the school again to discuss parking but they do not seem prepared to make changes. The need for double yellow lines at the Crease was discussed and the Parish Council were asked to make a request via Jackie that HCC address this as a priority due to parking issues which are restricting access for emergency vehicles and other concerns.

437.2 DCllr Godfrey noted that only a small number of meetings took place before the latest election was called and that most business will now be delayed until after 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Progress is being made, by the agent for the Carousel Park residents, towards meeting the planning conditions and an agreement should be reached by the October deadline.

Rat infestations have been noted around Warren Field. The Clerk will contact the Estate as it is likely that the nests are in their wooded area on the edge of the field.

437.3 DCllr Horrill noted that whilst other decisions will be delayed by the election period, a time sensitive decision will be taken on the purchase of food waste vehicles.

**438 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sue Bell Thanked the Parish Council for the grant towards the Micheldever Station mural workshop to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The mural is to be started on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The Mayor of Winchester and railway representatives will be attending and Sue extended an invitation to the parish councillors.

*The meeting resumed*

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

WCC	Parish Liaison Briefing, Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June.	Details noted.
HALC	County Forum Launch, Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	Details noted.
HCC	Decisions based on Future Services Consultation delayed until the autumn due to election.	Noted.

Resident	Request that Footpath & Bridleway booklets be sold in village pubs again.	<b>Agreed</b> and will be made available from July.
WCC	Listing of The Dove as an Asset of Community has expired.	<b>Agreed</b> to re-apply.
Police	Hardcopies of Rural Crime Prevention booklet will not now be available.	Noted.
HCC Countryside	Contractors will no longer be engaged to assist with the cutting of rights of way. Issues should still be reported via HCC website.	Noted.
Ron Bailey	Support sought for Lord Foster's bill to improve the safety of lithium-ion batteries.	<b>Agreed</b> to support.
SWRailways	'Stakeholder live' session to be held virtually, 17 <sup>th</sup> June.	Noted.
Resident	Letter of apology for damage caused to bus shelter.	Noted.
Hants Forest Partnership	Schemes for tree and hedgerow planting are now open.	Noted.

#### 440 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- 440.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments  
 No new planning applications have been received since the April meeting.
- 440.2 429.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites  
Barron Close The City Councillors will request a letter from WCC outlining the different tenures which could be possible for new properties at Barron Close.
- 440.3 429.3 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan No further updates have been received.
- 440.4 429.4 Carousel Park See 437.1 and 437.2 above.
- 440.5 429.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency It was noted that today is World Environment Day and that 2024 has had the warmest spring since records began.

#### 441 PARISH SERVICES

- 441.1 430.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley noted that the Lengthsman has done a good job clearing the LRPF ditch. A flooding meeting was held with Iain Curry of BCM. Iain acknowledged that they have a health and safety issue in respect of deep water. He noted that the field will not be sown but that deep ditches will be dug in a herring-bone pattern.
- 441.2 430.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge HCC are seeking additional funding for the project.
- 441.3 430.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.
- 441.4 430.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives A reminder has been sent to PC Hayley Goodsell re the request for enforcement action on Overton Road. It was also agreed to try different settings on SID to see if this had any effect on driver behaviour. The Clerk will contact HCC Safer Roads Team to see whether it is possible to apply to reduce the size of the 20mph zone in Micheldever as the Police will not enforce the 20mph limit.

#### 442 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 442.1 431.1 Warren Field & Play Area The fitness trail items will be removed this month.
- 442.2 431.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area VitaPlay have carried out work on the dragonfly see-saw which was noted as having too much movement in the ground.  
 A further large electricity bill has been received in respect of the pavilion. SSE are investigating why the use is recorded as being so high. It was **agreed** to investigate solar panels for the pavilion.

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#### 443 FINANCE

443.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
2883	WCC Annual play inspections	131.88	21.98	109.90
2884	Grass & Grounds Ltd April grass cutting at LRPF	356.40	59.40	297.00
2885	AVA Recreation Ltd Jubilee bench	1197.60	199.60	998.00
2886	Jocelyn Jenkins May salary	942.31	0.00	942.31
2887	Jocelyn Jenkins May expenses	109.73	6.35	103.38
	DD NEST May pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66

#### RFO's Report

- 443.2 432.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.  
Cash held: £57,088.12 Reserves: Earmarked: £39,387. General: £17,701.
- 443.3 432.3 Bank Accounts It was **agreed** to do a trial BACs payment from the new Unity Trust Account to the RBS account.
- 443.4 432.4 Risk Management No new issues reported.  
Emergency Plan No update.
- 443.5 432.5 Annual Return 2023/24 The Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditor.
- 443.6 New NALC Model Financial Regulations The Model Regulations were reviewed. A draft will be prepared and circulated to all councillors before being considered for adoption at the July meeting.

#### **444 OTHER COMMITTEES**

- 444.1 433.1 Northbrook Hall A committee meeting is being held on Monday. Re-painting is being done.
- 444.2 433.2 The Warren Centre Still working on FA grant and still looking for new trustees.
- 444.3 433.3 East Stratton Village Hall A reminder will be sent about the hedge.
- 444.4 433.4 Allotments A decision on Plot 15 is to be considered at the July meeting.
- 444.5 433.5 Media and Broadband Cllr O’Keefe has applied for a .gov.uk domain name for the Parish Council.
- 444.6 433.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Parish Assembly report, Coronation bench, compound area.
- 444.7 Other Council matters None.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman’s signature ..... Date .....