

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Peter O’Keefe, Roger Townsend, Lynn Drury, Nick Greenwood, Suzy Findley (from 8.15pm).
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill, HCCllr Jackie Porter.
Public: 19
Apologies: Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Andrew Adams, Cllr Graham Foot.

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

468 MINUTES of the meeting of 4th September were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

469 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

- 469.1 458.1 Village Clock Two further bat survey quotes have been sought to compare with the EPR quote.
- 469.2 458.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Completion of the development is now scheduled for the end of October. The broken kerbs and rubbish around the flats have been reported to WCC. WCC are no longer seeking to use the LRPF car park during the retro-fit work being undertaken at Southbrook Cottages.
- 469.3 458.3 The Dove Inn The Dove Inn has now ceased trading and Mark Maitland (WCC) will be asked why the sale appears to be being dealt with differently from The Half Moon, when both are listed as Assets of Community Value.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

470 REPORTS

470.1 Public A group of East Stratton residents attended the meeting to express their opposition to the proposal for double yellow lines in the village. HCCllr Porter advised that she has had discussions with HCC officers after concerns were passed to her about access problems at Stratton Close and that an informal consultation is now to take place, covering East Stratton and the Crease in Micheldever. This will be sent to residents in the affected areas to ask for their opinions. After the informal consultation, and once an agreement has been reached, the legal process can begin. HCCllr Porter noted that HCC are obliged to keep roads open for emergency vehicle access. The consultation, once available, will be added to the Parish Council website.
A resident of Stratton Close asked how many complaints had been received and noted that, in his opinion, the real issue is not parking on the white lines but the hedges which are obscuring sightlines.
HCCllr Porter advised that HCC had said that a number of complaints had been received. She advised the resident to note the hedges in their response to the consultation.
A resident of East Stratton, noted that a significant number of residents are deeply concerned and that the real issue is a shortage of community parking. He would like residents to be allowed to suggest alternatives (such as the hedge cutting previously mentioned) rather than HCC taking action. A discussion ensued on including residents at an earlier stage to look at the whole issue rather than just at a proposal made by HCC.
A further resident of Stratton Close noted that it is not clear that there is a major issue or that vehicles are being blocked, accidents caused or ambulances being unable to gain access. A further request was made to know how many complaints have been received.
The Chairman noted the concerns and views of residents and asked that they respond to the survey and use this to express their opposition.
An East Stratton resident requested that white lines and the slow marking on the corner in the village be re-painted. HCCllr Porter took note of this request.
WCCllr Horrill noted that no parking complaints had been received by WCC but that she can investigate the ownership of the hedge.
The Chairman asked that all residents cut back their hedges as is regularly requested in the Parish newsletter. A resident noted that they have experienced problems with sightlines and are concerned that Highways have said that these are not an issue.

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A resident asked whether the results of the consultation will be published. HCCllr Porter confirmed that they will be and that she understands that each response receives a reply.
A resident asked whether, for clarity, the consultations for East Stratton and Micheldever should be split. HCCllr Porter confirmed that she will seek to do this.

- 470.2 HCllr Porter advised that she will send a written report after the HCC meeting tomorrow when budget cuts will be confirmed.
- 470.3 DCllr Godfrey noted that the City Councillors have had a briefing on the proposed changes to the WCC Air Quality Strategy and that a consultation on the strategy is open until 29th October. The Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation runs until 13th October. A Strategic Planning Team event at the Victoria Hall in Sutton Scotney was well attended. All comments on the Regulation 19 are passed to the Planning Inspector. The City Council adopted a new Code of Conduct, using the Local Government Association template, last week and it is hoped that parish councils will adopt the same version. WCC have appointed Gareth John as the new Legal Director. He will be taken on a tour of the ward by the three city councillors, to understand the potential legal issues, including licensed premises and Carousel Park. WCCllr Godfrey attended the community meeting in respect of The Dove Inn and noted that the points raised relate equally to The Half Moon. A community interest is not expected to come forward currently in Micheldever Station.
- 470.4 DCllr Horrill noted that in accordance with the appeal decision, two submissions have to be made by the Carousel Park residents by 8th October but that to date nothing has been received. WCC have been in contact with the agent. It was agreed today that if nothing is received by 8th October, legal advice will be taken in respect of the next steps available to WCC. It is hoped to have received this advice by the time of the next Micheldever Parish Council meeting on 6th November. Simon Maggs (WCC New Homes Team) has advised that the review of possible tenures for the proposed new affordable properties in Micheldever is not yet complete but should be available for the 6th November meeting.

The meeting resumed

471 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

National Highways	M3 junction 9 ‘early works’ to commence on 11 th October and will include compound construction, vegetation management and safety improvements to the A272 Spitfire Link.	Noted.
WCC Community Grants	Small Grants (up to £1000), Project Grants and Greener Faster Grants are currently available.	Noted.
Lithium-Ion Batteries	Update on the Government Product Safety and Metrology Bill which has been brought forward and covers most of the points in the Lithium-Ion Safety Bill.	Noted.

472 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>472.1 New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
649 Barn Cottage, Church Street, Micheldever.	Installation of an EV charger on the garage (listed building).	No comment.
650 Yew Tree Cottage, East Stratton.	Indian bean to reduce limb over garage and remove limb over lawn.	No comment.
651 The Limes, Church Street, Micheldever.	2 lime trees to re-pollard.	No comment.

472.2 The comments on 649 to 651 were **agreed**.

472.3 462.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close See 470.4 above re tenures for the proposed new properties.

472.4 462.4 Winchester Local Plan The Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation ends on 13th October.

472.5 462.5 Carousel Park See 470.4 above.

472.6 462.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Councillor O’Keefe noted that September 2024 has been the wettest September since 1659.

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473 PARISH SERVICES

473.1 463.1 Highways Matters Two quotes have been obtained for the removal of the bus shelter at the LRPF and restoration of the surface. £1050(net) from Richard Dawe and £425 (net) from AVA. It was **agreed** to accept the quote from AVA.

473.2 463.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

473.3 463.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives There does not appear to have been any further action by residents towards setting up a Speedwatch group in Micheldever Station.

474 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 474.1 464.1 Warren Field & Play Area No new issues have been reported this month.
 474.2 464.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area AVA have advised that they could install bird deterrent strips to the top of the swing units at a cost of £65 per unit. The spiked strips and cable ties can be purchased for around £35 and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should purchase these for councillors to install.

475 FINANCE

475.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net	
2909	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S O/space	90.00	0.00	90.00
2910	B usiness Stream	Water (allotments & pavilion)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2911	CAB Winchester District	Grant	400.00	0.00	400.00
2912	Dever Printing	Magazine and newsletter	778.88	0.00	778.88
2913	Grass & Grounds Ltd	August grass cutting LRPF	356.40	59.40	297.00
2914	HMRC	2 nd Qtr PAYE	527.73	0.00	527.73
2915	Jocelyn Jenkins	September expenses	118.46	7.81	110.65
2916	Jocelyn Jenkins	September salary	942.31	0.00	942.31
2917	BDO LLP	External audit fee	378.00	63.00	315.00
	DD NEST	September pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66
	DD PWLB	Loan repayment	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO's Report

- 475.2 465.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st August 2024.
 Cash held: £44,771.62 Reserves: Earmarked: £38,855. General: £5,910.
 475.3 465.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust is ongoing.
 475.4 465.4 Risk Management A fixed asset review has begun.
Emergency Plan Carried forward to the November meeting.
 475.5 465.5 Annual Return 2023/24 The audit has now concluded. Full details are available on the website. Off agenda.

476 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 476.1 466.1 Northbrook Hall Pantomime rehearsals have started.
 476.2 466.2 The Warren Centre The dog signs have been installed.
 476.3 466.3 East Stratton Village Hall It was noted that the car park has to be available for those booking the hall and cannot therefore always be available to residents. It is kept locked due to the risk of traveller incursions and fly tipping.
 476.4 466.4 Allotments Renewals are underway and allotment holders have been asked to express their preference in respect of a gate or fencing at the entrance from Southbrook Cottages.
 476.5 466.5 Media and Broadband The new website and emails will be available soon.
 476.6 466.6 Monthly Dever item Dove and Half Moon, reporting hedges which have not been cut.
 476.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 6th November at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date