

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.45pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Peter O’Keefe, Roger Townsend, Olly Bramley, Graham Foot, Suzy Findley, Andrew Adams.
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 12
Apologies: Cllr Lynn Drury, HCllr Jackie Porter, WCllr Caroline Horrill.

477 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI) and cheque 2924 (476.1 below), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI).

478 MINUTES of the meeting of 2nd October were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

479 ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman opened the meeting by explaining that residents could speak at 8pm for up to 15 minutes. Other than this, the meetings are not public meetings although residents can attend to observe. He noted that all the parish councillors are unpaid volunteers and that they serve the whole parish. He expressed his concern that councillors were receiving abuse from members of the public. There are eleven parish council meetings each year plus the Parish Assembly, held in April, which is specifically aimed at engaging with residents. When matters, outside the scope of the Parish Council, are drawn to the attention of the Council or an individual councillor, these are referred to Hampshire County Council or Winchester City Council as appropriate. The Parish Council has only limited powers but is consulted (by WCC, the Planning Authority) on planning applications, looks after the play areas and other assets which it owns and seeks to support the village halls and Churches in the Parish. The Parish Council also liaise with the railway and other businesses in the Parish when concerns are raised.

480 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

480.1 469.1 Village Clock A bat survey is scheduled for March or April 2025.

480.2 469.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) The damaged kerbs have been reported to HCC. The Clerk will contact DCllr Horrill to request that she continues to pressure for the extension to the bin hardstanding and car park repairs which were promised by the developer.

480.3 469.3 The Dove Inn and Half Moon, Assets of Community Value It is thought that there will be no community bid made for the Dove Inn. The Parish Council, as an eligible community interest group, have submitted an expression of interest in the Half Moon and Spread Eagle, on behalf of a community enterprise group currently being established. This will trigger the full 6 month moratorium period which will run until 19th March 2025.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

481 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

481.1 Andy Bacon, East Stratton noted that the village were planning to have a Christmas tree and asked if Councillor Bramley would turn on the lights on 1st December.

481.2 Peter Bradley asked about the bat survey for the clock tower.

The Clerk explained that bat droppings had been found during a preliminary survey and that a full survey is now necessary before any work can be undertaken on the clock or interior of the tower.

481.3 An East Stratton resident noted issues with the ditch which she has reported to HCC. Councillor Bramley will visit to assess the issue before raising again with HCC.

481.4 An East Stratton resident noted worn line markings in the village and was advised to report these to HCC via their website.

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482 REPORTS

482.1 HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which draws attention to the NHS 10 year plan consultation, school transport, bus services and County Councillor grants.

482.2 DCllr Godfrey advised that the Government have announced that a new bill on devolution and local government

will be brought forward in the coming months. It appears that it will favour larger unitary authorities and fewer tiers of local government. The financial settlement with local authorities is likely to remain unchanged whilst this takes place.

A new City Council Code of Conduct has been agreed today and parish councils will now be encouraged to adopt the same version. The WCC Monitoring Officer will be in communication with parish councils.

DCllr Godfrey noted that he has reported the burnt out car in Micheldever Station and discussed it with the removal team.

The flats at Southbrook Cottages (Hobbs View) have now been handed over to WCC and will be occupied soon. A meeting was held this week about the proposed development at Waterloo Cottages. The project is proving to be very expensive and is not considered viable in its current form. It will therefore not currently be included in WCC's schedule. Steps will be taken to seek to reduce costs for the development and tenures also continue to be reviewed.

The agent for the Carousel Park land owners has submitted the two documents required by the Planning Inspector. The Management Plan is on the WCC website and shows the planned layout in line with the maximum number allowed on the site under the planning agreement (this is less than are currently on site). Once the plan is agreed by WCC this will be the baseline for compliance. A twelve-month implementation period has been requested by the owner. WCC have asked for a phased implementation plan so that progress can be seen and assessed. Agreement needs to be reached by February 2025.

Councillor O'Keefe noted the previous fire at Carousel Park due to electricity overload and asked how this could be prevented from occurring again.

DCllr Godfrey advised that this is not included in the plan.

In answer to a further question DCllr Godfrey confirmed that 53 residents of Carousel Park are registered for Council Tax.

The meeting resumed

483 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Winchester Villages Trust	The Parish Council have been asked to appoint a new trustee to represent Micheldever Parish.	To be included in the December newsletter.
HALC	County Forum 28 th November with speakers on risk and flood and water management.	Cllr Adams will seek to attend.
HCC	Proposed extinguishment of highway rights Coopers, Hawthorn Close, Micheldever.	No objections raised.
WCC	Parish Liaison Meeting, 21 st November.	Noted.
HCC	Hampshire Passenger Transport Forums, 26 th November and 4 th December (online events).	Noted.
HCC	Identifying Barriers to Walking & Cycling consultation open until 22 nd December.	To be included in the December newsletter.
HALC	Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting Consultation open until 19 th December.	To be included in the December newsletter.

484 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

484.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
652 The Barley House, Sloe Lane, Micheldever	Garden alterations to include resistance swimming pool, plant room and summerhouse.	No comment.
653 Sloe House, Sloe Lane, Micheldever.	Replacement two storey dwelling with loft accommodation including dormer windows, attached garage wing with loft above and outbuilding/garage.	No comment. (Comment by Historic Environment noted)

484.2 The comments on 652 to 653 were **agreed**.

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484.3 472.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close See 482.2 above.

484.4 472.4 Winchester Local Plan The independent inspection of the Plan is awaited.

484.5 472.5 Carousel Park See 482.2 above.

484.6 472.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O'Keefe noted the recent flooding in Spain which is, in part, a result of climate change. WCC have announced a retro-fit project for businesses and communities, with grants also available for those not on mains gas.

485 PARISH SERVICES

- 485.1 473.1 Highways Matters In respect of the HCC parking proposals for East Stratton, it was **agreed** to write to HCCllr Porter to note that the concerns of the Parish Council have not been taken into account and that it is not clear what residents will be asked in the consultation or whether the consultation will still take place.
 Cllr Bramley noted that she has had a further site meeting with Iain Curry (BCM) in respect of the flooding behind houses in Micheldever. Iain has been quoted £30,000 to carry out the work recommended to seek to reduce the flow of water from the fields but there is no certainty that this would work. Iain has agreed to a site meeting to see the affected houses and gardens.
 The Lengthsman has cleared the ditch behind the pavilion but has noted that there is 18 inches of silt which needs to be cleared. Councillor Bramley will ask the Lengthsman if this is something that he could provide a quote for.
 The damaged drain in Church Street has been reported and shows as ‘in progress’ on the HCC site, It was noted that it also needs to be cleared of silt.
 Damage has been reported to the noticeboard at the Warren Centre. Councillor Foot will visit to assess the damage.
- 485.2 473.3 Network Rail No new reports received this month.
- 485.3 473.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives Carried forward to the December meeting.

486 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 486.1 474.1 Warren Field & Play Area It was noted that the dog waste bags are being used.
- 486.2 474.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Councillor Foot will install the pigeon deterrent strip to the top of the swing units.

487 FINANCE

- 487.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net	
2918	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S O/space	60.00	0.00	60.00
2919	AVA Recreation Ltd	Removal of bus shelter LRPF	510.00	85.00	425.00
2920	Grass & Grounds Ltd	September grass cutting LRP	534.60	89.10	445.50
2921	Northbrook Hall Man.Cttee	2025 hall rental in advance	78.00	0.00	78.00
2922	Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	169.83	11.84	157.99
2923	Jocelyn Jenkins	October salary	942.31	0.00	942.31
2924	Peter O’Keefe	Dog bags and dispensers (Warren Field)	26.92	4.48	22.44
	DD NEST	October pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66

RFO’s Report

- 487.2 475.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30th September 2024.
 Cash held: £68,181.62 Reserves: Earmarked: £40,702. General: £27,480.
- 487.3 475.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust is ongoing.
- 487.4 475.4 Risk Management A fixed asset review has begun.
Emergency Plan Further volunteers are needed. A request will be made in the December newsletter.
- 487.5 New 2025/26 Budget and Precept A Finance Committee meeting to review the budget will be held on Tuesday 3rd December.

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488 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 488.1 476.1 Northbrook Hall Pantomime rehearsals have started.
- 488.2 476.2 The Warren Centre Quotes are being sought to restore the floor and a grant request may be made to the Parish Council.
- 488.3 476.3 East Stratton Village Hall The parking policy has been shared with residents. Some decorating is to be undertaken.
- 488.4 476.4 Allotments Renewals are ongoing. Following the repeated vandalism tenants were asked their preference for the entrance at Southbrook Cottages. Ten responses were received, representing sixteen plots. Six of the responses were in support of a fence and a group of tenants have volunteered to install a fence without charge to the Parish Council. It was **agreed** to accept this offer.
- 488.5 476.5 Media and Broadband It was noted that website traffic was much higher last week.
- 488.6 476.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Winchester Villages Trust, remote meeting consultation, emergency plan.
- 488.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 4th December at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date