

# MINUTES of the MICHELDEVER PARISH ASSEMBLY

Held at the Warren Centre, Micheldever Station

At 7.35pm on Wednesday 17th April 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs: William Helen (Chairman), Olive Bramley Peter O'Keefe, Andrew Adams, Charlotte Cobb, Graham Foot, David Wandless.

Other residents including: Sue Bell and Sheila Reed, with others present, making approximately 28 members of the public in total.

Hampshire County Councillor: Jackie Porter

District Cllrs: Stephen Godfrey, Caroline Horrill

Apologies: Cllr David James, Cllr Neil Hornby, Jill Lee, Hugh and Sue Sanders.

Minutes: Jocelyn Jenkins (PC Clerk).

**1 CHAIRMAN** William Helen, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair. He welcomed residents to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and support.

**2 MINUTES** The Minutes of the Parish Assembly of 18th April 2018 were **agreed** and signed.

### **3 PRESENTATION FROM KIM GOTTLIEB re Proposals for The Dove Inn, Micheldever Station**

Kim noted that he has been the freehold owner of The Dove Inn for approximately 15 years but that he no longer considers it to be financially viable as a pub. A full copy of his presentation and proposals will be available on the Parish Council website [www.micheldeverparish.org.uk](http://www.micheldeverparish.org.uk)

At the conclusion of the presentation Kim invited questions from the floor.

The Chairman thanked Kim for attending the meeting and making the presentation. He noted that this was done in order to keep the public informed of potential changes.

### **4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman began his report by noting that the Parish Council are seeking to support the community and maintain and improve parish facilities. He summarised the activities of the Parish Council over the last year as follows:

#### **East Stratton**

The Parish Council are investigating the possibility of an exception site for a small number of affordable homes.

Hedge and tree clearance has been undertaken on the open space next to the village hall but it has been necessary to remind neighbours of the need to maintain the fence line. The

fence between the car park and the open space needs some attention but also needs to be removable for events such as the fete.

### Carousel Park

The Inquiry re-opens on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The Chairman commented that the site has become a nightmare and particularly for those living nearby. He noted that it is not acceptable for a community to have to put up with this. The Parish Council continues to pursue issues but residents need to report all incidents of anti-social or criminal behaviour. It is only by reporting incidents that official action will be taken.

### **Micheldever**

Clearance work was undertaken at the allotments last year and unused plots dug over. Some new plots were created and most plots are now occupied.

The bench at the Crease was replaced with a work of real skill and craftsmanship. The benches at the War Memorial were also replaced.

The Parish Council are involved in active discussions with The Worthies Youth Football Club over the pitches at the Lord Rank Playing Field. Residents have been asked a number of times about ideas for potential uses of the pavilion. The Parish Council are keen to keep it but would like public views on how it could be used to better serve the community.

### Assets of Community Value

The Parish Council registered the Half Moon and Spread Eagle as an Asset of Community Value and a community bid has been submitted to the vendor.

### Affordable Housing

The next stage of the Barron Close development has been severely delayed. The Chairman noted that he was very disappointed with Winchester Housing Trust and their lack of drive in taking this forward. Winchester City Council are now taking over this project and will try to bring the plans forward.

### Winchester Local Plan 'call for sites'

The Estate have put forward some sites in Micheldever to the 'call for sites' which is undertaken as part of the Local Plan review process.

### Northbrook Hall

Parish Council support has been given for the removal of trees behind the hall and the committee have created a useable outside space incorporating additional land given by Mrs Cameron.

### **Micheldever Station**

Under the 'call for sites', the Estate have put forward a very large site in Micheldever Station. The AGM of the Dever Society is taking place on April 30<sup>th</sup>, please attend and support the Dever Society.

The new play area and fitness equipment, officially opened this evening, will hopefully serve the community for a long time to come and, by re-siting the equipment, will allow the Warren Centre to extend their car park.

### Parking in Micheldever Station

There are now issues on Andover Road with cars parked beyond the restricted areas. There is no incentive for commuters to use the car park in Winchester if they can park for free in Micheldever Station. The Chairman met in London with Railtrack, South Western Railways and Steve Brine. MP, two years ago. There is now a proposal for a small car park on New Road but this has to be balanced with the danger that additional parking will just attract more commuters to Micheldever Station.

Funding is being sought to extend the pavement on Andover Road to the railway bridge but there is currently a very challenging environment for achieving new infrastructure funding.

### **Other Matters**

#### Great British Spring Clean

An excellent activity and thanks to Councillor Charlotte Cobb and all the volunteers, together with Winchester City Council who provided equipment and removed the collected rubbish.

#### Village Design Statement

This is still a very active document for planning purposes but needs to be brought up to date and a revision with new pictures is being undertaken to produce an updated version.

#### General Data Protection Regulations

The Parish Council have moved to a new website [www.micheldeverparish.org.uk](http://www.micheldeverparish.org.uk) to meet the requirements of the new regulations and protect the privacy of residents and others.

#### Footpaths

The Sutton Scotney Estate have made deposits to Hampshire County Council which establish footpaths. If a path has been used by the public for a long period of time and evidence can be provided then an application can be made for it to be registered as a public footpath.

Information boards are to be installed in the Parish by the Rights of Way Volunteers Group to indicate the routes of footpaths and provide other information.

### **In Conclusion**

The Chairman thanked Liz and Mike who have volunteered to provide training on the new fitness equipment, Neil Soutar for the voluntary monthly maintenance at the War Memorial, the Rights of Way Volunteers, the Upper Dever Benifice for the spiritual support to the community, Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter, the three Winchester City Councillors, the Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

## **5 COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Shop site in Micheldever A resident asked what was happening with the site.

The Chairman noted that it is a private site. The planning conditions for the redevelopment were very clear but actions have been taken in contravention of the conditions.

Carousel Park A resident noted that many residents objected to the planning application for Carousel Park, in particular as it was a site of Special Scientific Interest, but Winchester City Council ignored this and granted planning permission. They asked why there was no action in law which a parish council can take against the planning authority.

The Chairman noted that Planning Enforcement have limited powers and even more limited staff.

Winchester City Councillor Caroline Horrill noted that the City Council are still pursuing action in respect of Carousel Park but have to go through the legal process and the defendants have a very skilled and well-funded barrister. However, Winchester City Council will continue to rigorously defend their case. Actions locally which are thought to originate from Carousel Park are taken very seriously and will be acted upon.

The Chairman reiterated the need to report all incidents.

A resident noted that they are in no doubt of the commitment and dedication of the Parish, City and County Councillors but that the employees of the City and County Councils need to be acting effectively.

Barron Close Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter asked whether Winchester Housing Trust have an option on the land at Barron Close.

The Chairman said that this was not the case but as Winchester Housing Trust manage the other properties the Parish Council had been keen for them to complete the development.

Winchester city Councillor Caroline Horrill noted that the City Council build their own affordable housing and have spoken with Winchester Housing Trust about the option of the City Council doing the building as Winchester Housing Trust do not have the capacity at the moment to take this project forward.

The Chairman asked if residents were still supportive of the Parish Council continuing to seek to provide affordable housing. This was **agreed** unanimously.

The Chairman further asked if residents would support the Parish Council in providing assistance to a village shop if the Council were requested to do so. This was **agreed** with one objection.

Planning process Winchester City Councillor Caroline Horrill explained that the Local Plan approved in 2013 establishes what is allowed in respect of development. The first step of the Local Plan review

is the SHELAA (or 'call for sites') which led to the proposal of the large site in Micheldever Station. It is thought that the number of additional houses required will be around 1000 and that not all the proposed sites will be needed as vastly more were proposed than are required.

## **6 PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman made two presentations:

Chris Compton was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a voucher for a photographic session with her cattle in recognition of over 20 years service to the Parish Council and community. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for all the support provided to him by Chris, particularly in her role as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

Chris noted that she is most proud of the path to the school which she was able to agree with Mrs Cameron and of the new trees at Warren Field.

John Botham served on the Parish Council for over 15 years and the Chairman noted the very professional service and great attention to detail which he provided, particularly as the Chair of the Planning Committee.

John noted how blessed all the residents are to live in such a wonderful community.

Hampshire County Councillor Jackie Porter noted that Micheldever has faced many challenges and thanked the Chairman for his brave leadership of the Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at about 9.50pm and cheese and wine followed.

1) *Chairman's signature at MPC meeting* ..... *Date* .....

2) *Chairman's signature at 2020 Parish Assembly* ..... *Date* .....