

# **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.**

**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

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

**412 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI) and payment (see 421.1 below), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Roger Townsend – payment (see 421.1 below).

**413 MINUTES** of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**414 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

414.1 403.1 Village Clock A quote of £2768 (net) has been received to clean bird waste from the tower. However, HCC Ecology Team have now advised that records show that the school is a roost for at least two species of bats. Councillor Bramley offered to arrange an informal bat survey of the tower to assist in deciding how to proceed and this was **agreed**.

414.2 403.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill will arrange a further site meeting between the developer and Parish Council to check on the progress of the matters raised at the previous meeting.

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

## **415 REPORTS**

415.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which emphasised the need to report all flooding and highway issues to HCC via their website. [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com) can also be used for simpler issues including fly-tipping and abandoned road signs.

Flooding, particularly on Duke Street in Micheldever, was discussed and HCCllr Porter will arrange for the flooding team at HCC to visit. It was noted that a pipe in the ditch near the sewage works may be adding to the drainage issues.

HCCllr Porter confirmed that parking enforcement outside the school is being organised.

415.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill noted that elections take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and that the councillors are therefore currently in purdah.

A combined response has been made by the ward councillors to the Basingstoke and Deane proposal for Popham Airfield.

The City Council budget has been set with a below 3% increase to Council Tax.

The Sir John Moore consultation continues with another open day due to take place in May. A northern park and ride is earmarked for the site.

No decisions or announcements are currently being made on major projects due to the elections.

DCllr Horrill wrote to the school governors about parking but has not received a response.

DCllr Horrill noted that the board of Winchester Housing Trust meets at the end of April to consider their approach in respect of the letter previously sent to their residents about purchasing the entirety of their homes.

The covenant preventing this has been removed and any steps to prevent 100% purchase would be reliant on the S106 agreement which could be challenged.

DCllr Horrill confirmed that the removal of the covenant was carried out by WCC without any reference to the Ward Councillors or Parish Council. The Ward Councillors have made it very clear to WCC, at the highest level, how unacceptable this is. DCllr Horrill was asked if the covenant could be re-instated but it cannot.

Any progress on the additional Barron Close properties has been put on hold pending the decision of the WHT board.

The Chairman, having expressed his own extreme concerns and outrage over the removal of the covenant, thanked DCllr Horrill for finding out the facts and attending the meeting to provide the update.

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415.3 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that he had asked a question about the removal of the covenant at a full council meeting last month. The Cabinet Member confirmed that they had not been made aware but that no money was received by WCC. DCllr Godfrey observed that this makes it even less clear why WCC allowed the removal of the covenant.

A decision on the Carousel Park appeal is expected in the next few weeks.

#### 416 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 416.1 A resident noted the letter on rural crime, from Hugh Oliver-Bellasis, which has been circulated to councillors. Hugh was unable to attend the meeting this evening but will attend the Parish Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> April. At a recent meeting on rural crime, the 101 system was discussed and it was noted that improvements have been made to the reporting system. The resident also drew attention to the DISC system which allows the Police to co-ordinate a rapid response when a suspicious vehicle report matches with information they hold.

#### *The meeting resumed*

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

Station Adoption Group	Grant request for £500 towards the £3000 cost of the community artwork at railway station.	Grant <b>agreed</b> for £500.
D-Day event committee	Grant request for up to £200 to cover any expenses incurred in organising the D-Day Commemoration Event on Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June.	Grant <b>agreed</b> up to £200.
WCC	CNAP/GEDS Partners Forum, 11 <sup>th</sup> June, to bring together key stakeholders to tackle climate & ecological emergencies and to aid the transition to a greener economy.	Cllr O'Keefe will seek to attend.

#### 418 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- 418.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments  
638 Bramble Cttg, 41 East Stratton Replacement of windows (update to those approved in 23/02385/HOU). **No comment.**  
639 Bramley Cttg, Duke St, M'dever Yew tree to reduce canopy height and spread. **No comment.**
- 418.2 The comments on 638 and 639 were **agreed**.
- 418.3 407.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites  
Barron Close See 415.2 and 415.3 above.
- 418.4 407.4 Winchester Local Plan & HCC Minerals and Waste Plan No further updates have been received.
- 418.5 407.5 Carousel Park See 415.3 above.
- 418.6 407.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No new report.

#### 419 PARISH SERVICES

- 419.1 408.1 Highways Matter Cllr Bramley advised that the Lengthsman dug out grips and vegetation from the LRPF ditch on his most recent visit. He will be asked to carry out further ditch clearance work at the LRPF on future visits.  
BT damaged a water pipe on Duke Street which has been reported but not yet repaired and they have not repaired the surface around their cover.  
The hedge at The Old School House in Micheldever Station has not been cut far enough back and is bowed and causing a hazard. A letter will be sent to the occupants.
- 419.2 408.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge HCClllr Porter reported that she has met with railway representatives to discuss possible funding towards the project.
- 419.3 408.3 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.
- 419.4 408.4 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The latest SID data from Micheldever Station has been forwarded to PC Hayley Goodsell with a further request for enforcement action to be taken.
- 419.5 408.6 LRPF Bin Area See 414.2 above re further site meeting.

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#### 420 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 420.1 409.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Annual Inspection report is awaited. A revised grass cutting quote from the Warren Centre has been accepted.
- 420.2 409.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The Annual Inspection report is awaited.

#### 421 FINANCE

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

		Total	VAT	Net
2867 Craig Townsend	Hedge cutting	72.00	12.00	60.00

2868 Olive Bramley	Jubilee montage framing (from Jubilee funds)	664.94	110.82	554.12
2869 HALC	Training	117.60	19.60	98.00
2870 Jocelyn Jenkins	March expenses	71.65	0.00	71.65
2871 Jocelyn Jenkins	March salary	940.15	0.00	940.15
DD NEST	March pension contributions	212.66	0.00	212.66
DD PWLB	Loan repayment	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

**RFO's Report**

- 421.2 410.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
Cash held: £36,072.06 Reserves: Earmarked: £29,975. General: £6,097.
- 421.3 410.3 Bank Accounts The Unity Trust accounts are now open and on-line access is being set up for signatories.
- 421.4 410.4 Risk Management No new issues reported.  
Emergency Plan A further meeting is to be held this month.

**422 OTHER COMMITTEES**

- 422.1 411.1 Northbrook Hall The 'Play in a Week' is taking place at the moment with a show on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. A Murder is Announced is being performed in the first week in July. A clear-up is taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> April and a committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- 422.2 411.2 The Warren Centre The grass cutting contract has been agreed and the FA grant request is on-going. Ellis Journey event on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June.
- 422.3 411.3 East Stratton Village Hall The AGM has taken place and the committee remains unchanged. It was noted that the trees on the Open Space need to be reduced in height and spread. The hedge also requires significant work after the nesting season and a letter will be sent.
- 422.4 411.4 Allotments Allocations of vacant plots are on-going.
- 422.5 411.5 Media and Broadband Cllr O'Keefe is reviewing websites which can support the .gov domain and linked councillor emails.
- 422.6 411.6 Monthly Dever item Note re bird nesting and hedges plus cutting after this.
- 422.7 Other Council matters
  - 422.7.1 411.7.1 Parish Assembly, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Stuart Mills, project manager for Winchester Climate Action Network (WeCAN), is confirmed as the guest speaker and will be talking about how a community like Micheldever could take practical steps to reduce its carbon impact.
  - 422.7.2 School football Residents of Barron Close have raised concerns over the school playing football on the land at Barron Close, which residents pay to maintain, and which is close to their parked cars. It was **agreed** that a letter should be sent to the Headmaster noting that the LRPF is always available for use by the school and that the Parish Council have provided the decked path to provide a safe route.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm***

**Parish Assembly:** 7.30pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.  
**Next ordinary meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever. The meeting will follow immediately after the Annual Meeting at approximately 7.45pm.

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