

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually (using Zoom)

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Councillors present: David Wandless (Elected Chairman until 7.40pm), Andrew Adams, Graham Foot, Olive Bramley, Neil Hornby, Peter O’Keefe, Roger Townsend, Charlotte Cobb, William Helen (from 7.40pm and Chairman from 7.40pm).  
In attendance: HCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins  
Public: 1  
Apologies: Cllr Anne Freeland.

**977 RECORDING** It was **agreed** that the meeting could be recorded and the recording retained for up to seven days to assist, if necessary, in the preparation of the minutes.

**978 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall (NPI) and Micheldever PCC (NPI), Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr O’Keefe – St James’ PCC (NPI).

**979 MINUTES** of the (virtual) Ordinary Parish Council meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and the (virtual) Extraordinary meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were **agreed**.

**980 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

980.1 966.1 Village Clock A service has been booked with the Cumbria Clock Company.

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

## 981 REPORTS

981.1 HCllr Jackie Porter supplied a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to the ‘It’s OK’ helpline which will continue until March 2021. The helpline operates from 9.30am – 4.30pm 5 days a week and can offer assistance to anyone concerned about their own situation or that of a neighbour or friend. Help includes prescriptions, Meals on Wheels, dementia concerns, family hunger and tackling anxiety with practical support for those going out for the first time after lockdown. Call 0333 370 4000.

HCllr Porter noted the flash flooding which occurred last week and urged residents to report blocked drains or road cleaning requirements.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September there will be a six month trial of a new 95 bus route on Mondays and Thursdays for East Stratton and Micheldever.

Hampshire County Council have made two planning applications. One at Christmas Hill (on the old motocross site) for the importation and storage of road planings (20/01188/HCS) and for the development of an inert waste facility between the A272 and the A34 (20/01765/HCS).

There are currently two Government consultations on changes to the planning system:

‘Planning for the Future’ – deadline 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and

‘Changes to the Current Planning System’ – deadline 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

In respect of the gig racing which took place on the A33 in August, HCllr Porter noted that the Police had two weeks notice but decided to manage the situation rather than close it down. A meeting has been promised between the Police and local residents. HCllr Porter has spoken with the Community Safety Partnership Group to press for the meeting. The Police are looking for an alternative site where the racing could take place. A request could potentially be made next year for the A33 to be closed.

The Chairman noted that there were untaxed vehicles at the event but that no enforcement action was taken.

HCllr Porter agreed that this was not acceptable and also noted that there were over thirty attendees, in contravention of the Coronavirus regulations.

Cllr Bramley noted the extreme distress being caused to close neighbours and the need for this to be prioritised.

981.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that DCllr Cunningham was not in attendance as he has been just as busy as previous Mayors despite most events now being held virtually.

River Park re-opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September with a new operator now in place. There will be a short delay in the opening of the new leisure centre but this is still scheduled for Spring 2021.

The revised City Council budget is being considered and an £8 million deficit is still being forecast. A further

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£3.8 million pledge has been received from the Government and the £4 million gap will be met by delaying some capital projects. The use of the Guildhall will be severely cut back and a number of the staff made redundant.

As part of the Local Plan process a public meeting was held at the end of July which considered the strategic options for providing additional homes and four options were agreed upon. One of these options was to consider land where a new town could be created. The Strategic Options paper was not published due to the Government consultations on planning reforms which are taking place. DCllr Godfrey noted that he is unhappy as he feels that the City Council's passive approach is not going to be effective in protecting the countryside and rural villages.

Cllr Bramley drew attention to the issue of rubbish and rats at 15 Southbrook Cottages.

DCllr Godfrey will ensure that this has been properly reported.

Cllr Bramley also noted that residents of East Stratton are unhappy that cars from the Northbrook Arms are parking through the village even when the pub car park is not full.

DCllr Godfrey commented that it would be difficult for traffic enforcement to act when there are no parking restrictions in the village and residents have been clear that they do not want yellow lines painted.

Cllr Hornby noted that the landlord is keen to engage with councillors to discuss possible options and DCllr Godfrey will discuss the issues with planning officers.

981.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill DCllr Horrill referred to the meeting held between the Parish Council and city council officers to discuss the allocation of affordable properties in the parish. She noted that it has become clear to officers preparing a list that there are many different S106 agreements in place and that as more affordable properties are developed some continuity needs to be developed. It was also noted that the Parish, via the Clerk, should be advised whenever a property becomes available in the Parish but this is not happening.

In respect of the proposed development at Southbrook Cottages, she noted that planning officers did not appear to have fully taken into account the concerns already raised by district and parish councillors, such as the parking, before the public consultation and therefore appeared to not be sufficiently prepared when the same points were made by the public.

Cllr Helen noted that one bedroom properties may not be what is really needed but little notice has been taken of this.

DCllr Horrill stated that she understands why the City Council are promoting a Passiv House scheme but observed that this may not be the right scheme for this parish.

Cllr Hornby noted his concern with the speed with which the City Council were trying to move this project forward.

DCllr Horrill agreed that she feels that it is moving too fast as the community have not yet accepted the proposals or seen responses to the concerns that they have raised.

Cllr Hornby noted that the Parish Council would be likely to object to the application and to ask that it go before the Planning Committee.

## 982 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions were received from the public.

### *The meeting resumed*

## 983 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Citizens Advice	Grant request.	It was <b>agreed</b> to make a grant of £300 in October.
Hants Assoc.of Local Councils	The AGM is to take place (virtually) on Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.	Noted.
M.Station Heritage Group Community First	Invitation to book launch, 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept. A telephone befriending service has been set up.	Cllr Adams will represent the PC. Cllr O'Keefe will add to the Dever.
WCC re Greening Campaign	This is a community led sustainability program in seven phases.	Cllr O'Keefe will explore the detail and report as appropriate.

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## 984 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

984.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
472 Manor Fm Hse, Sloe Ln, M'dever	Crown reduce yew by 30%	<b>No comment.</b>
473 Westbrook Fm Bungalow, N'brook	Removal of agricultural occupancy condition.	<b>Object – inadequate advertising to local farmers.</b>
474 Micheldever Primary School	Crown lift two yew trees.	<b>No comment.</b>
475 Micheldever Store, Church Street	To remove conditions 1, 2 & 5 of application 19/02716/FUL	<b>Decision delegated to Planning Committee.</b>

- 984.2 The draft comments on 472 to 475 were **agreed**.
- 984.3 970.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites Helen Farnham (WCC New Homes Project Manager) has noted, in respect of the potential sites at Barron Close, that the sewerage treatment plant investigations have been completed and that she is hoping to carry out a public consultation shortly.  
It was **agreed** to request a meeting with Helen about the Barron Close sites.
- 984.4 970.4 Village Design Statement The completed VDS (with pictures) is almost ready for submission and just requires proof reading and a couple more pictures and maps.  
Cllr O’Keefe noted that he would like to liaise with the printers when we reach that stage.
- 984.5 970.5 Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (See also 981.2 above). A briefing for Parish Councils on the proposed changes to the planning process is to be held (virtually) on 21<sup>st</sup> September.  
Concern was raised over the additional sites added to the SHELAA and it was noted that it may be necessary, if the planning reforms are accepted, to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place for the future.
- 984.6 970.6 Carousel Park A revised tender has been issued as no responses were received to the original tender. This has delayed the briefing to the Parish Council on the enforcement plan. Additional funding has now been requested to make the tender more attractive.  
DCllr Horrill noted that a more regular system for updating the Parish Council and residents should be introduced.

## 985 PARISH SERVICES

- 985.1 971.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley reported that the Lengthsman has visited but it is not clear whether much of the work on his list has been completed. Cllr Bramley will contact the Itchen Valley Clerk to advise her.  
A second quote is being sought for the repair of the wall at the War Memorial.
- 985.2 971.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge A site meeting is to be held with HCC Countryside Services to explore the possibility of upgrading the woodland path.
- 985.3 971.3 Network Rail There have been further issues with rubbish left by contractors and residents are urged to continue to report issues to Network Rail via their website.
- 985.4 971.4 Parking in Micheldever Station It was noted that despite there being parking spaces available on Overton Road cars are still parking along the verge on Andover Road.
- 985.5 971.5 SLR & Speed Surveys Designs for the gateways on Overton Road are awaited. The Clerk will send a reminder to HCC.
- 985.6 971.6 Rights of Way information boards The design of the boards is currently being finalised.
- 985.7 971.7 Local bus services See 981.1 above.
- 985.8 971.8 A303 Flooding HCCllr Porter noted that the work is scheduled for this Autumn but that no date has yet been set. She will chase this with Stuart Jarvis (HCC) and report back to the Parish Council.

## 986 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 986.1 972.1 Warren Field & Play Area The height barrier is now in place and it was **agreed** that the gates can be left open as long as the height barrier is in place.  
Cllr O’Keefe noted that the steel posts for the height barrier prevent the gate from being able to be hooked open and the posts therefore need to be repositioned. For now the gate can be tied to the metal posts.  
Cllr Wandless presented a report on the security of the field and it was **agreed** that the full recommendations should be issued in the form of a tender and quotes sought.
- 986.2 972.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area It was noted that the gate at the play area will not close as the post is broken.

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## 987 FINANCE

### 987.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

		Total	VAT	Net	
2480	East Stratton PCC	Structural Grant 2020/21	400.00	0.00	400.00
2481	East Stratton PCC	Churchyard Grant 2020/21	350.00	0.00	350.00
2482	St James’ PCC	Structural Grant 2020/21	400.00	0.00	400.00
2483	St James’ PCC	Churchyard Grant 2020/21	300.00	0.00	300.00
2484	Micheldever PCC	Structural Grant 2020/21	400.00	0.00	400.00
2485	Micheldever PCC	Churchyard Grant 2020/21	300.00	0.00	300.00
2486	WCC	Dog bins (April – September)	260.00	0.00	260.00
2487	Business Stream	LRPF & allotments water	271.16	0.00	271.16
2488	Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting – East Stratton	30.00	0.00	30.00
2489	Craig Townsend	LRPF ditch cutting	104.40	17.40	87.00
2490	Victim Support	Grant	300.00	0.00	300.00
2491	Grass & Grounds Ltd	June & July grass cutting	1037.40	172.90	864.50
2492	Andrew Adams	Zoom subscription (June, July, Aug)	43.17	7.20	35.97

2493	David Wandless	Barrier from JB Corrie for Warren Field	1134.97	189.16	945.81
2494	Sean Clarke	Grass cutting at Warren Field	120.00	0.00	120.00
2495	Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	790.44	0.00	790.44
2496	Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	130.41	5.08	125.33
	DD NEST	August pension contributions	177.74	0.00	177.74

### **RFO's Report**

987.2 973.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

Cash held: £72,873.63. Reserves: Earmarked: £63,612. General: £9260.

987.3 973.3 Bank Accounts An application has been made to the Co-Operative Bank.

987.4 973.4 Risk Management & Covid Response Cllr Adams reported that the support mechanisms are still in place if needed but that most needs appear to have been met by the statutory response from the County and City Councils. The additional new helpline numbers will be included in the October edition of the Dever.

987.5 973.5 Annual Return 2019/20 A response is awaited from the external auditor.

### **988 OTHER COMMITTEES**

988.1 974.1 Northbrook Hall The hall has re-opened but users must supply their own risk assessment as well as complying with the hall's assessment.

988.2 974.2 The Warren Centre Craig Townsend will be asked to cut the hedge. There are vacancies on the hall committee and the Field Room has been let for a longer term by a local company.

988.3 974.3 East Stratton Village Hall The pre-school is continuing to use the hall and a couple of private functions have also taken place.

988.4 974.4 Allotments Tenancy renewals are due at the end of September.

988.5 974.5 Media and Broadband No report.

988.6 974.6 Monthly Dever item A reminder about Autumn hedge cutting will be included.

988.7 Other Council matters Cllr Bramley gave her apologies in advance for the October meeting.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm***

**Next meeting:** This is scheduled for 7.30pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Northbrook Hall but it is likely that this will be a virtual meeting and full details will be provided with the agenda and on the website.

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