

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Graham Foot, Roger Townsend, Olive Bramley, Charlotte Cobb, Neil Hornby (from 7.35pm), Peter O'Keefe (from 7.40pm), Andrew Adams (from 7.40pm).  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins  
Public: 3  
Apologies: Cllr Anne Freeland, DCllr Caroline Horrill.

**930 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Townsend – LRPF car park item 938.3 (Pecuniary Interest).

**931 MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were **agreed** and signed.

**932 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

932.1 921.1 Village Clock A service has been booked with The Cumbria Clock Company. The date of the service is to be advised soon.

932.2 New Community Hub Project The Finance Committee met in January to discuss the request for a grant or loan from the Parish Council and agreed upon the following resolution: 'That the Parish Council should offer the Micheldever Community Enterprise (MCE) a loan of £3000 and that either repayments to commence in three years time or to be converted into an equity in whatever building is erected to house the shop.' The draft resolution was **agreed** by the full Council.

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

**933 REPORTS**

922.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted consultations currently underway on the Home to School Transport Policy and the Hampshire Library Service. It was further noted that fly tipping incidents are rising and residents are urged to continue to report these via WCC. HCC have a car-share scheme, Hants Carshare, which residents can join for free by registering with their email address or Facebook account. The more people who join and submit journeys, the greater the chances of a lift share match. The County budget, to be approved in mid February, is a 'holding revenue budget' but massive cuts are planned again for the following year.

HCCllr Porter has met with residents, to find out their requirements, following the replacement of the 95/96 bus service. A bookable taxi share is now being considered as an alternative

922.3 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted the proposed scheme for new council houses at Southbrook Cottages. He also advised that the flooding by Bilberry Lane has been reported. The drain under the road needs clearing and a deflector fitted to control the flow. Minutes of the Community Meeting held in November have been received by the City Councillors today. DCllr Horrill will check the minutes and follow up the issues to be dealt with. The Carousel Park review has commenced following the conclusion of the Inquiry which has provided clarity on what is and is not permitted on the site. The City Council will develop, over the next year, a strategy for dealing with the whole site. The options open to the Council have been discussed and a proposed plan will be presented to the Parish Council in due course to ensure that this will meet local needs. An additional allocation of funds has been bid for from next year's City Council budget to enable the plan to be implemented.

**934 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

923.1 A resident noted the issues in the Parish with fly tipping which was also considered at 935 below.

*The meeting resumed*

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

Jeff Wearing, resident there	A request for clarification on whether there have been any successful fly tipping prosecutions	HCCllr Porter noted that have not but that one case is
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	since 2016 and what is being done to deter further incidents.	ongoing at present. She will trace records of how often WCC have responded to local reports. Noted.
Dever Society	The AGM is to be held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm at the Warren Centre and all councillors invited to attend.	Noted.
Micheldever Station 180th Anniversary Celebration HALC	Request for £200 grant towards children's prizes etc Annual conference 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.	Grant of £200 <b>agreed</b> . Noted.

### 936 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

936.1	<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comment</u>
	454 Village shop, Micheldever	Reduce floor space of shop and convert store into a 1 bed apartment.	<b>Object</b> and ask to be considered by Planning Committee as plans risk making shop unviable.
	455 Meadowside, Northbrook	Rendering (from existing red brick to sand and cement painted white).	<b>Object</b> not in keeping with the original design for the age of property.
	456 88 The Crease, Micheldever	Yew to crown reduce.	<b>No comment.</b>
936.2	Councillors Helen and Townsend declared an interest in application 455 and did not participate in the vote on this decision. The draft comments on 454 to 456 were <b>agreed</b> .		
936.3	925.3 <u>Affordable Housing &amp; Exception Sites</u> The Parish Council have been contacted by Derek Steele (Housing Project Manager, WCC) about the proposed redevelopment of the garage court at Southbrook Cottages. The plans are at an early stage but a Passivhaus (energy efficient) development is being considered and a meeting with the Parish Council has been proposed to discuss the site and answer questions about Passivhaus. It was <b>agreed</b> that the Planning Committee should seek to have a meeting with WCC but strong concerns were raised about parking at Southbrook Cottages. There are already parking issues on the site and the removal of the garages and addition of further properties would, it seems, only add to this.		
936.4	925.4 <u>Village Design Statement</u> A further response has been received from WCC on the VDS and some changes made to the appendix. Grants are still available from WCC towards the costs of producing and printing and the Clerk will obtain further information on this.		
936.5	925.5 <u>Winchester Local Plan 2036 &amp; Call for sites</u> A Brownfield Call for Sites has now been made. Responses must be submitted to WCC by midday on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020.		
936.6	925.6 <u>Carousel Park</u> See DCllr Godfrey's report at 922.3 (above).		

### 937 PARISH SERVICES

937.1	926.1 <u>Highways Matters</u> The bus shelter on Duke Street has been repaired. An update has been requested from Countryside Services about the BT box installed on Bridleway 10.		
937.2	926.2 <u>Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge</u> Due to the difficulty in obtaining any funding to install a pavement it was <b>agreed</b> to consider upgrading the permissive path 'through the wood'. The Clerk has spoken with the agent for the Estate, on whose land the path is, and he has advised that he would consider giving approval for the path being improved as long as he is provided with copies of the plans and that it is made clear that this remains a permissive path. The Clerk will contact HCC Countryside Services for advice on upgrading the path.		
937.3	926.3 <u>Network Rail</u> No issues have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council this month.		
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937.4	926.4 <u>Parking in Micheldever Station</u> The Clerk advised that she has spoken with the agent for the Estate to discuss the possibility of a small area of land being made available to provide additional parking. He noted his reluctance to approach this issue again due to SWR dealing very badly with the Estate's previous offer to lease some land for a car park. He noted that he had been unaware of SWR's intent to create a larger car park or of the letters sent to residents. He has agreed to consider entering into discussions over the possibility of leasing land to WCC for them to operate as a car park.		
937.5	926.5 <u>SLR &amp; Speed Surveys</u> Councillor Wandless, the Clerk and HCllr Porter met with Andy Smith, HCC Traffic Management, to consider the options which might be suitable to re-enforce the speed limit and		

improve safety on Overton Road (southbound). Andy has advised installing two gateway features with posts/bollards on the opposite side of the road where the verge is not wide enough for a gateway. The first gateway would be as motorists enter the 30mph and the second at the top of the rise beyond this. The gateway features would have to be funded by the Parish Council but HCC would re-paint the road markings, move signage as necessary and paint speed reminder roundels on the road. Approval in principle for the scheme was **agreed** at an estimated cost of around £6000 and HCC will be asked to commence with the design drawings and plans.

Cllr Wandless noted that new re-chargeable batteries may be needed for the SLR. It was **agreed** that these could be purchased if required.

937.6 926.6 Rights of Way information boards A small working group from the Rights of Way Volunteers are meeting this month to design the content for the boards.

937.7 926.8 Bench at Cowdown The new bench has now been installed. Off agenda.

937.8 926.9 Local bus services As noted at 922.1 (above), HCCllr Porter has been consulting with residents over the bus service they would like to have. She asked whether the Parish Council would consider providing financial support to the proposed bookable taxi service. It was **agreed** in principle that financial support could be made available to assist a scheme which better meets residents needs.

### 938 SPORTS & RECREATION

938.1 927.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Warren Centre have advised that they do not wish to quote for the grass cutting contract for 2020. The Clerk will seek alternative quotes.

938.2 927.2 LRPF Pavilion & play area It was noted that repairs to the horse remain outstanding due to the poor weather.

The Worthys Football Club have asked whether the Parish Council would assist in an application for FA funding for pitch improvements at the LRPF. This would involve a ten-year commitment and a considerable cost in the later years. It was **agreed** not to be involved in the application due to the long-term commitment involved.

Building survey quotes are being sought for the pavilion to establish its potential for redevelopment.

938.3 New LRPF Car park Cllr Townsend declared an interest and left the room prior to quotes for the car park being discussed. Only two quotes have been received and these are for very different specifications. It was **agreed** to ask Norman Goodyear to quote to the same specification as Landmax Ltd (Richard Dawe) and to chase the third quote. A decision on the quotes will be made at the March meeting.

### 939 FINANCE

939.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

			Total	VAT	Net
2437	WCC	Dog bins (Oct – Dec)	130.00	0.00	130.00
2438	JCM Glass & Glazing	Noticeboard repairs	438.00	73.00	365.00
2439	Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	84.09	3.29	80.80
2440	Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	781.68	0.00	781.68
2441	Nursery Agricultural Svcs	Base & fitting of bench at Cowdown	360.00	60.00	300.00
2442	Roger Townsend	Trees etc for LRPF & Warren Field	914.18	0.00	914.18
DD	NEST	December pension contributions	177.74	0.00	177.74

### RFO's Report

939.2 928.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Cash held: £83,395.30. Reserves: Earmarked: £66,144. General: £17,251.

939.3 928.3 Bank Accounts The application for the new Co-operative Bank account has been submitted.

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939.4 928.4 Risk Management & GDPR The risk assessment will be reviewed at the March meeting.

### 940 OTHER COMMITTEES

940.1 929.1 Northbrook Hall A dinner dance is to be held in March or April. It is planned to hold a Spring Clean event again this year.

940.2 929.2 The Warren Centre It was **agreed** to ask Craig Townsend to cut the hedges at the Warren Centre. (Cllr Townsend declared an interest and did not participate in making the decision).

940.3 929.3 East Stratton Village Hall A 10 year anniversary event is to be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

940.4 929.4 Allotments Three rentals remain outstanding. Final reminders will be sent before the plots are offered to the current tenant of Plot 16.

940.5 929.5 Media and Broadband No report.

940.6 929.6 Monthly Dever item A reminder to use the dog waste bins and not to leave bags on the LRPF. Thank you to the litter pickers in Micheldever Station. HCC car share scheme. Spring Clean event.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Chairman's signature .....