

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually (using Zoom)

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd March 2021

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

045 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Helen – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Bramley – East Stratton Village Hall (NPI), Cllr Cobb – Northbrook Hall (NPI).

046 MINUTES of the (virtual) Ordinary Parish Council meeting of 3rd February 2021 were **agreed**.

047 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

047.1 036.1 Village Shop See 048.3 below.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

048 REPORTS

048.1 HCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) but was unable to attend the meeting. Her report noted HCC and WCC ongoing consultations and those which will commence after the May elections.

048.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that a lot of work has been undertaken on the City Council budget for next year. A 10% - 30% reduction in income has been estimated and Council Tax is to be increased but considerable uncertainty remains and work will be necessary to encourage visitors to come to Winchester.

The Local Plan consultation continues until 12th April and responses are being encouraged. DCllr Godfrey emphasised that it is very important that residents respond so that new development is allocated as they wish. He also noted that the site meeting held in Micheldever on Monday raised some useful points and focused attention on the key issues and the importance of hastening the provision of additional affordable housing to meet the needs of residents.

The Small Grants panel meet again next week. Last month Small Grants were awarded to the Micheldever Community Enterprise Society and the Gratton Trust in Sutton Scotney.

048.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill confirmed that she has been in contact with Network Rail following complaints by residents about further litter and verge damage. She has received an apology and confirmation that, during future track laying works, vehicles will be parked at the Micheldever yard.

Cllr Helen noted that there was rubbish at Weston Arch again this morning. DCllr Horrill will inform her contact at Network Rail.

DCllr Horrill noted that she felt that the site meeting in Micheldever on Monday was very effective. Nine houses, wetland management and improved road access are planned for the Barron Close site and Andrew Palmer is keen for WCC to progress this scheme. He is clear now that it is houses which are wanted on the site. At Southbrook Cottages it was noted that the additional parking for current residents would be installed before any work commenced on the flat development. Further parking spaces for the flats are still being sought. The District Councillors have been very clear that they will not support the planning application for the flats until the parking is resolved.

The area behind Waterloo Cottages was viewed as a potential site for a village shop and all possibilities were explored and discussed. This site is not the preference of the Micheldever Community Enterprise Society but it is a possibility and developing the whole site would help support the high cost of the access road.

Cllr Wandless noted that a new access road would not necessarily be needed for the proposed shop site as it can already be accessed.

Cllr Helen noted that potential shop sites throughout the whole Parish should be considered and not just in Micheldever. He observed that a shop in Micheldever Station might attract more passing trade and therefore be

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financially more viable but confirmed that he does consider that the old stable block by Waterloo Cottages would make a good shop site.

Cllr Hornby asked what level of confidence do we have in the viability of a shop and have MCES produced any evidence of what they consider would be sustainable.

Cllr Helen noted his concern that the plans outlined to him verbally seem to be for quite a large operation and that he is not sure that this will be viable in the long term.

049 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

The meeting resumed

050 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Highways England	M3 Junction 9 improvements scheme consultation delayed until after May elections.	Noted.
High Streets of Winchester	Public debate, 'How can local shops survive?' March 18 th 2021 at 6pm	Noted.
WCC	WCC Biodiversity Action Plan launched.	Noted.
M.Station resident	Advisory that the railway land accessed via New Road has been advertised for rent and as being suitable for open storage or industrial warehousing.	The Parish Council feel that this is outside their remit and recommend that residents consult WCC Planning Dept and consider taking legal advice.

051 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

- 051.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments
499 6 The Clock Hse, Basingstoke Rd To install new wooden gates. **Object – insufficient information & would prefer to see like for like replacement.**
- 500 Stables Cttg, Sloe Lane, M'dever Oak to reduce height, spread and crown lift, **No comment**
- 051.2 The draft comment on 499 to 500 were **agreed.**
- 051.3 040.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites See 048.2 and 048.3 above. In addition, DCllr Horrill noted that the planning application for Southbrook Cottages is imminent but that the planning process will take a year or so.
- 051.4 040.4 Village Design Statement Cllr O'Keefe noted that he is very grateful to Roger Bramley who has worked on the maps for the VDS. Cllr Bramley will liaise with Peter Cresswell to request permission for Cllr O'Keefe to take a photograph of Borough Farm.
- 051.5 040.5 Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites As noted at 048.2 above, the WCC Strategic Issues & Priorities Consultation, which forms part of the Local Plan process, runs until 12th April 2021. Responses to the consultation will determine the City Council's development strategy to 2038. Cllr Hornby will provide a draft response to the consultation, on behalf of the Parish Council, which will be considered at the next meeting on 7th April. Parish councillors can also submit a response on their own behalf and residents are to be encouraged to respond. Not all of the questions need to be answered in order to submit a response and it was noted that residents may wish to consider question 6 in particular as it seeks the preferences of respondents on how new home building is allocated across the District. There are four options which respondents are asked to rank in order of preference and one of these is for a new settlement such as that proposed for Micheldever Station. DCllr Horrill emphasised that residents need to make it very clear, through their responses to the consultation, if they do not wish to see a new town at Micheldever Station. She also noted that a green belt option for the south of the District is being proposed but, if this were to be accepted, this would require more homes to be built in other areas. The consultation is relevant to the allocation of both homes and businesses.
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- 051.6 040.6 Carousel Park A date is awaited for a multi-agency meeting about the site and DCllr Horrill will remind HCCllr Porter of the urgent need for this meeting.
- 051.7 040.7 Community Greening Campaign Cllr O'Keefe has submitted the application for the Parish Council to join the scheme and attended virtual meetings on 23rd February and 2nd March. In order for the scheme to operate it will require volunteers from the community and a request will be made through April's Dever.

052 PARISH SERVICES

- 052.1 041.1 Highways Matters Craig Townsend will be asked to clear the hedge and grass overgrowth on Andover

Road in June.

- 052.2 041.2 Pavement Micheldever Station to railway bridge It was noted that the protected fungi is on a cut piece of log and could be moved. HCC Specialist Environmental Services are due to visit to record the fungi.
- 052.3 041.3 Network Rail See 048.3 above.
- 052.4 041.4 SLR & Community Funded Initiatives Initial designs for the gates on Overton Road have been received and circulated to councillors. No alterations were thought necessary to the proposed designs.
- 052.5 041.5 A303 Flooding The date for the installation of the pump has not yet been confirmed.
- 052.6 041.6 Community Payback & A33 Footpath The Clerk will seek an update from HCCllr Porter on the request to HCC for footpath clearance to be undertaken.

053 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 053.1 042.1 Warren Field & Play Area The security fencing and related works are almost complete. Cllrs Wandless and Foot have carried out work to secure the loose manhole cover adjacent to the Warren Centre.
- 053.2 042.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The FA have proposed extending the football season until the end of June and the Worthies have requested permission to continue using the pitch. This was **agreed** to other than on June 26th when the fete is due to take place.
- The Sport & Recreation Committee and Finance Committee will meet this month to agree a budget for the improvements to the LRPF play area.

054 FINANCE

- 054.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**:

			Total	VAT	Net
2536	Craig Townsend	Hedge and tree cutting	120.00	20.00	100.00
2537	Andrew Adams	Zoom (February)	14.39	2.40	11.99
2538	HCC	ROW Information boards	5752.80	958.80	4794.00
2539	Dever Printing	Laminating footpath notices	3.50	0.00	3.50
2540	Jocelyn Jenkins	February expenses	89.38	9.91	79.47
2541	Jocelyn Jenkins	February salary	806.69	0.00	806.69
DD	NEST	February pension contributions	198.51	0.00	198.51

RFO's Report

- 054.2 043.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report 31st January 2021.
Cash held: £79,910.07. Reserves: Earmarked: £63,612. General: £16,296.
- 054.3 043.3 Bank Accounts Triodos Bank have currently placed a hold on new account applications but RBS have now confirmed that accounts which were unable to switch before the deadline can remain with them.
- 054.4 043.4 Risk Management & Covid Response The updated Risk Management Report and Covid-19 Risk Assessment were **agreed** and will be sent to the Chairman for signing.

055 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 055.1 044.1 Northbrook Hall The hall remains closed.
- 055.2 044.2 The Warren Centre Cllr Adams thanked Cllrs Wandless and Foot for carrying out the repair to the loose manhole cover. A meeting is to be held to discuss the proposals for the car park.
- 055.3 044.3 East Stratton Village Hall The fence between the car park and the open space needs replacing as the posts are rotten.
- 055.4 044.4 Allotments The Clerk advised that there had been an issue with a disputed boundary this month but it appears to have been resolved.
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- 055.5 044.5 Media and Broadband As noted in HCCllr Porter's report the HCC gigabit scheme being carried out in conjunction with BDUK and Openreach is not going well and most of the County's £1m top-up fund remains unspent. HCC will be scrutinising the process to seek to understand why it is failing.
- 055.6 044.6 Monthly Dever item Request for volunteers for a Village Greening committee and Local Plan. The Clerk will ask Adrian Fox, who is leading the Local Plan development for WCC, to provide a newsletter item for the Dever. The Chairman will provide an item about the village shop.
- 055.7 Other Council matters The Micheldever Station centenary celebrations will now be held in May 2022 (2 years late) and the grant previously agreed will be requested again at this time.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Next meeting: This is scheduled for 7.30pm Wednesday 7th April 2021. It will be a virtual meeting and full details will be provided with the agenda and on the website.

Chairman's signature