

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen (Chairman), Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Peter O’Keefe, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Andrew Adams.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 3
Apologies: Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Suzy Findley, DCllr Caroline Horrill.

577 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI).

578 MINUTES of the meeting of 2nd July 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

579 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

579.1 568.1 Village Clock The bat surveys have been completed and samples sent for DNA testing. The report is awaited.

579.2 568.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill has made representations to WCC about the work not completed by the builders and a further response is awaited.

579.3 568.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation WCC held a further briefing event for parishes on 2nd September. The proposals of WCC and the 11 other districts are now on the WCC website and need to be submitted to Government by 26th September. The Government will then hold a consultation between November 2025 and January 2026. A decision to implement is due in March 2026. A shadow authority will be elected in April 2027 and the new authority will formally commence in April 2028.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

580 REPORTS

580.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which notes the amount of County Council time being taken up with Local Government Reorganisation. It also advises of the end of the taxi dial a ride service and notes that HCC has a role in the planning function but that there appear to be weaknesses in the system in respect of traffic schemes.

580.2 DCllr Godfrey advised that residents should now have received a letter about food waste collection which will be phased in with Micheldever collections commencing in February. The City Council are also working to reduce the amount of food waste.

The agenda for Basingstoke and Deane’s meeting tomorrow night now includes an increased allocation (4200) for Popham. If this is still included after the meeting, there will be a consultation. Some consultation with WCC has now taken place and the WCC responses will be published when the consultation commences.

The latest Carousel Park appeal has been refused. The decision of the Planning Inspector (in 2024) required that a plan be accepted within 11 months. As this has not been achieved, planning reverts to the original 2002 agreement. Enforcement would now be against the 2002 planning unless a new planning application is made to reach an acceptable proposal. HCCllr Porter advised that a proposal has now been received and is being checked by the WCC legal team to see if it is valid.

The Southbrook Cottages retro-fit project has encountered problems with the current contractor and is many months behind schedule but estimated to be finished before Christmas.

581 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

581.1 A resident noted that he had attended the meeting to hear the latest update about Popham.

The meeting resumed

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582 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

HALC	AGM and Annual Conference, Wednesday 22 nd Oct’25.	Noted.
Winchester District	Grant request.	It was agreed to
Citizens Advice Bureau		make a grant of £500.

Post Office	Consultation open on future of post offices (closes 6/10/25). Respond on-line or via email to postofficeconsultation@businessandtrade.gov.uk	Noted .
HALC	New training course on Digital and Data Compliance.	Clerk to attend.
Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign	The Product Safety and Metrology Act has now been passed and details regarding battery safety will be included in the regulations which are to follow shortly.	Noted.
Micheldever Stn resident	Attention drawn to overgrown hedges and trees obstructing pedestrian access.	Noted and advice on reporting given.

583 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

583.1	<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
678	88 The Crease, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Replace loft hatch with another located above first floor landing.	No comment.
679	Micheldever Cttg, Rook Lane, Micheldever.	Replacement of garage with garden building (listed building).	No comment.
680	Micheldever Cttg, Rook Lane, Micheldever.	Replacement extension (listed building).	No comment.
681	Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Installation of solar panels on south facing roof.	Support.

The comments on 678 to 681 were **agreed**.

583.2 572.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close The remaining land at Barron Close was discussed and it was **agreed** to resolve to apply to take over ownership of this land from WCC as part of the Local Government Re-organisation. Any other areas of land in the Parish currently owned by WCC will also be considered.

583.3 572.3 Winchester Local Plan The Inspector's report is awaited.

583.4 572.4 Carousel Park See 580.2 above.

583.5 572.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O'Keefe is attending an event tomorrow. Winchester Green Week commences on 20th September.

584 PARISH SERVICES

584.1 573.1 Highways Matters HCCllr Porter advised that HCC have put forward £282,000 in their 2026/27 plan towards the extension of the pavement in Micheldever Station.

No further update has been received on the parking consultations for Micheldever and East Stratton.

584.2 573.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

584.3 573.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives A further backing plate has now been received.

584.4 573.4 Duke Street bus shelter Repairs are to be carried out this month.

585 SPORTS & RECREATION

585.1 574.1 Warren Field & Play Area A further quote will be sought for the removal of the old fitness trail and restoration of the ground.

585.2 574.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The pigeon deterrent strip on the swings has been vandalised. Cllrs Wandless and Foot will see if any spare strip can be added more securely.

The future of the pavilion was discussed. It was **agreed** to add this as an agenda item for October and to ask for residents views via the Dever.

The Rights of Way Volunteers are obtaining quotes for the landscaping of the bin area and will be applying for a WCC Small Grant.

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586 FINANCE

586.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Dever Printing	Newsletter & contact sheet	704.49	0.00	704.49
The Warren Centre	Grass cutting at W.Field (April-July)	1280.00	0.00	1280.00
WCC	Dog bins (April-June)	130.00	0.00	130.00
Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting (June & July)	741.32	123.56	617.76
Craig Townsend	Cutting LRPF ditch	165.00	27.50	137.50

EPR Ltd	Second bat survey	316.80	52.80	264.00
Olive Bramley	Danish oil & sandpaper for benches	70.66	11.78	58.88
Stocksigns Ltd	Backing plate and clips for SID	133.14	22.19	110.95
Peter O'Keefe	Website costs (March-August)	62.40	10.40	52.00
Andy White	Ditch clearance at LRPF	950.00	0.00	950.00
NEST	August pension contributions	220.57	0.00	220.57
Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	173.87	5.68	168.19
Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	970.42	0.00	970.42

RFO's Report

586.2 575.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st July 2025.

Cash held: £64,274.21 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,663. General: £17,611.

586.3 575.3 Bank Accounts Direct debits are now being transferred to the Unity Trust Account. The option of retaining the RBS account for reserves was discussed as this account pays a competitive rate of interest.

586.4 575.4 Risk Management Following emergency work earlier in the year on the willow at Northbrook, two quotes have now been obtained to pollard the tree. Arbor-Call and One Two Tree have both quoted £1800.00 (net). It was **agreed** to accept the quote from Arbor-Call who carried out the previous emergency work.

Emergency Plan The plan is proceeding.

586.5 575.5 Annual Return 2024/25 The return has been submitted to the external auditor.

586.6 New Local Government Pay Agreement 2025 It was **agreed** to accept the pay agreement.

587 OTHER COMMITTEES

587.1 576.1 Northbrook Hall The damp is to be dealt with. A comedy evening is being held in October and the panto will be in December.

587.2 576.2 The Warren Centre Work is being done to the roof. A committee meeting was held last night to consider the pavilion room.

587.3 576.3 East Stratton Village Hall The re-decoration is now complete.

587.4 576.4 Allotments All the allotments are now taken.

587.5 576.5 Media and Broadband Ducting is being installed but, as yet, no fibre.

587.6 576.6 Monthly Dever item Residents to be asked for their views on the future of the LRPF pavilion.

587.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st October 2025 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date