

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.40pm on Wednesday 5th November 2025

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

599 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI).

600 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st October 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

601 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

601.1 590.1 Village Clock The report on the results of the bat surveys and DNA testing of droppings is awaited.

601.2 590.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill reported that she received a document today about the Southbrook development but noted that it does not reflect the issues which arose and that the District Councillors were not consulted. DCllr Horrill will speak at the WCC meeting next week when the report is to be considered.

601.3 590.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation DCllr Horrill noted that Surrey has decided to split into two unitary authorities and the Government is to give £500 million (in respect of debts), despite having previously said that no money would be provided.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

602 REPORTS

602.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the Community Governance Review taking place in Winchester and the TRO in respect of Winchester Avenue and Andover Road in Winchester which goes live on 7th November. A decision is not expected on this TRO until July or August 2026, and Andover Road would not be closed until 2029 after junction 9 of the M3 is completed. HCCllr Porter also drew attention to the consultation on the School Transport Policy and noted that the Lengthsman Scheme is to continue to 2028.

602.2 DCllr Horrill noted that Micheldever Station was not selected as a new town in the current tranche but that continued vigilance is needed. A consultation on the Basingstoke and Deane proposal for ‘Popham Garden Village’ is to be held in the Parish.

In respect of the Winchester Local Plan, the Inspector has written to officers and changes will be made. One of these is to the phasing of brown field and green field sites, which may lead to some green field sites being developed sooner.

In respect of the Carousel Park planning application, DCllr Horrill noted that there is general cross party agreement that the bunds must be retained.

A rough sleeper review was undertaken in Winchester last week and five rough sleepers were identified.

It is still not known whether county and city elections will take place in May 2026.

Under the Community Governance Review being undertaken by Winchester, wards in the City would be parished and there appears to be general agreement for this but it is complicated by proposed boundary changes. The first round of consultation is now open.

603 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

603.1 A resident attended the meeting to ask about provision for teenagers in the Parish.

It was noted that the Parish Council had previously provided grant support to Micheldever Youth Club and that the consultation on the future of the LRPF pavilion will be included in the December newsletter which is sent, free of charge, to all homes in the Parish.

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The meeting resumed

604 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

CAB Winchester District Letter thanking the Parish for the grant made.

WCC	Local Councils Conference 27 th November.	Clerk to attend.
HALC	Prevention of Sexual Harassment training is now available.	Noted.
WCC Electoral Services	Parish election to take place on 7 th May 2026.	Noted.
Police & Crime Comm.	Details and criteria re funding a yellow fixed speed camera.	Details discussed but criteria not currently met.

605 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

605.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
685 Rosemary Cttg, 55 Church St,	Remove dogwood at rear of garden.	No comment.
686 East Stratton Hse, East Stratton	Various tree works.	No comment.
687 Sweet Briar Cttg, 32 E/Stratton	Wooden framed and clad garden room with wooden shingle roof & velux to rear.	No comment.

The comments on 685 to 687 were **agreed**.

605.2 594.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close DCllr Horrill confirmed that the remaining piece of land at Barron Close is not on the WCC housing list and she will raise this with WCC Legal Services.

605.3 594.3 Winchester Local Plan The Inspector's report is awaited. (See also 602.2 above).

605.4 594.4 Carousel Park The Parish Council have sent a comment objecting to the current planning application. (See also 602.2 above).

605.5 594.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No report.

606 PARISH SERVICES

606.1 595.1 Highways Matters The Lengthsman has treated the wooden benches in the Parish and carried out clearance around road signs.

Requests for additional dog waste bins in Northbrook and East Stratton will be pursued.

606.2 595.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

606.3 595.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives An additional charger for the SID devices has been quoted for at £64.50. It was decided not to proceed with the purchase at this time.

The most recent data for Overton Road is particularly concerning and shows 50-60 cars each month exceeding 60mph (in a 30mph). The data has been sent to the Police with a request for further enforcement action to be taken.

607 SPORTS & RECREATION

607.1 596.1 Warren Field & Play Area The old fitness trail has now been removed and the ground restored.

607.2 596.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The consultation on the future of the LRPF pavilion will be circulated again in the December newsletter.

The WCC Small Grant application for the bin area has had to be re-submitted in the name of the Parish Council rather than the ROW Volunteers. A decision on the grant is awaited.

608 FINANCE

608.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Nigel Pratt	ROW expenses (from funds held)	20.71	3.45	17.26
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting (E/S Open Space)	30.00	0.00	30.00
Andy White	W.Field fitness trail removal & ground restoration	500.00	0.00	500.00
WCC	Dog bins (July-Sept)	130.00	0.00	130.00
Northbrook Hall	2026 hall rental	112.50	0.00	112.50
The Roofcare Company	Balance re Warren Hall roof	5992.59	998.76	4993.83

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Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting (September)	370.66	61.78	308.88
Jocelyn Jenkins	Micheldever Stn books for donation to school	84.55	0.00	84.55
Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	139.48	6.66	132.82
Jocelyn Jenkins	October salary	996.02	0.00	996.02
NEST	October pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72

RFO's Report

608.2 597.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30th September 2025.

Cash held: £89,935.79 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,559. General: £43,377.

608.3 597.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing.

608.4 597.4 Risk Management Work is due to take place this month on the willow tree at Northbrook.

Emergency Plan The plan has been finalised and will be submitted to the Emergency Planning and Resilience Team at HCC. The councillors commended Cllr Adams on his work on this project.

608.5 597.6 Budget 2026/27 Cllr Drury, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the draft budget to the council. It is proposed to increase the annual precept to £70,000 for 2026/27, an increase of 9%. This is lower than last year's increase of 12%. Ongoing increases in the cost of materials and repairs, uncertainty over the transfer of additional responsibilities under Local Government Reorganisation and the need to accumulate funds towards future play area costs and the potential replacement of the pavilion were all considered in the setting of the budget. It was **agreed** to accept the proposed budget for 2026/27. Off agenda.

609 OTHER COMMITTEES

609.1 598.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

609.2 598.2 The Warren Centre The trustees are progressing with a commercial lease for the Garden Room.

609.3 598.3 East Stratton Village Hall The kitchen is to be inspected following a request to use it commercially. The committee have asked if vehicles could, very occasionally, park on the open space adjacent to the hall car park and this was **agreed**.

609.4 598.4 Allotments Renewals are underway.

609.5 598.5 Media and Broadband No report.

609.6 598.6 Monthly Dever item/Newsletter Carousel Park planning application and update, pavilion consultation, water treatment plant, Popham consultation.

609.7 Other Council matters

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd December 2025 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date