

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen, Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Sarah Cavell.
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Andrew Adams.
Public: 2
Apologies: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Simon Freeland, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Graham Foot.

676 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Bramley – ESVH (NPI) and grant request from the Dever Singers (see 681 below).

677 MINUTES of the meeting of 6th May 2026 and the Annual Meeting of 11th May 2026 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

678 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

678.1 667.1 Village Clock In order to automate the clock it will be necessary to run the electricity cabling further up the clock tower and install two double sockets. Councillor Bramley will liaise with the school.

678.2 667.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Godfrey has raised the issue of the unauthorised skip in the LRPF car park and is awaiting a response from the WCC officer.

678.3 667.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation See 679.1 and 679.2 below.

678.4 667.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant A meeting of water testing volunteers is being held tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

679 REPORTS

679.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted that HCC will be challenging the Government on the Local Government Reorganisation decision and thanked residents and parishes for their objections to the proposed Popham Logistics Park.

679.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that he has been elected as the Winchester Deputy Mayor for the current year. The Mayor's secretary can be contacted to request that the Mayor or Deputy Mayor attend events.

The District councillors for the ward have been given committee appointments. Stephen and Andrew are on the Ordinance and Governance Committee and Stephen is also a deputy on Licensing and the Kings Barton Forum. Caroline is on the Scrutiny and Housing committees.

The affordable housing at Kings Barton has been taken over by the City Council as council houses. There are 300 at present but will be 800 in total once completed.

A consultation is open on the new parishes for the centre of Winchester and Kings Barton.

Local Government Reorganisation work continues with planning and preparation for the changes. The final decision is expected in August.

679.3 DCllr Andrew Adams noted that he is the new City Councillor following the elections in May.

Andrew noted that the City Council have submitted a comment on the proposed Popham Logistics Park.

The process for Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Plans is changing. No new VDS documents will be accepted as supporting documents by WCC and existing VDS will have gradually less influence.

A presentation on the M3 Junction 9 works was made at the South Wonston Parish Assembly and Andrew will forward the slides for circulation to the parish councillors.

680 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

680.1 A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about hedges and vegetation encroaching on the highway, affecting sightlines for drivers and obstructing pedestrians.

The Clerk will write to occupiers and report to HCC as appropriate.

The meeting resumed

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681 CORRESPONDENCE

The Dever Singers
WCC

Grant request towards costs.
Parish Liaison meeting 25th June.

It was **agreed** to make a grant of £200.
The Clerk will attend.

WCC	Community Buildings Forum 25 th June. Details to be sent to Cllrs O’Keefe, Greenwood and Adams.
HALC	LGR Summit 11 th June. Details noted.
HCC	Passenger Transport Forums 9 th & 11 th June. Cllr Cavell will attend.
WCC	District Small Grant Scheme (up to £700) for community groups and Greener Faster Scheme are open. Details will be included in the Dever.

682 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

682.1	<u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
700	Baileys End, 42-43 East Stratton	External wall insulation & rendered finish.	No comment.

The comment on 700 was **agreed**.

682.2 671.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close No further update has been received in respect of the land ownership.

682.3 671.3 Local Plans, New Towns & Popham A detailed objection has been made to the Popham Logistics Park application.

682.4 671.4 Carousel Park A decision is awaited on the latest planning application.

682.5 671.5 Climate Change & Environment The Church are conducting a wildlife survey for Green Week.

683 PARISH SERVICES

683.1 672.1 Highways In respect of the East Stratton consultation on parking restrictions, it was **agreed** to respond to HCCllr Porter that whilst the Parish Council felt the quantity of yellow lines included in the consultation to be excessive, it remains the case that there is a serious safety issue at Stratton Close and this needs to be addressed. It should be further noted that the Parish Council are very concerned at the time and money spent on a consultation which made such excessive proposals.

There has still been no response from Andrew Turner (WCC) about the additional dog bin requests.

DCllr Adams will pursue.

It was noted that seventy-four holes were marked on Overton Road but that only a few of these have been filled.

683.2 672.2 Network Rail No new issues have been reported this month.

683.3 672.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The Micheldever Station Speedwatch volunteers have received invitations for training.

684 SPORTS & RECREATION

684.1 673.1 Warren Field & Play Area The issue with holes made by rabbits on the field was discussed but Cllr Townsend advised that nothing can now be done until October or November. He will obtain quotes.

684.2 673.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The school children have been weeding the new landscaped area this week. CCTV was discussed and it was **agreed** to trial CCTV signs/stickers at the pavilion.

685 FINANCE

685.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Saje UPVC Ltd	Northbrook Hall new windows	1845.75	414.50	1431.25
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S open space (April & May)	120.00	0.00	120.00
East Stratton Village Hall	Hall hire (April’25-March’26)	162.00	0.00	162.00
Grass & Grounds Ltd	March & April grass cutting LRPF	575.46	95.91	479.55

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Zurich	26/27 Insurance		1384.98	0.00	1384.98
Jocelyn Jenkins	May salary		996.02	0.00	996.02
Jocelyn Jenkins	May expenses		105.80	0.00	105.80
NEST	May pension contributions		227.72	0.00	227.72

RFO’s Report

685.2 674.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30th April 2026.

Cash held: £96,777.99 Reserves: Earmarked: £67,800. General: £22,407.

685.3 674.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing

685.4 674.4 Risk No new areas of risk were identified.

Emergency Plan Cllr O’Keefe and the Clerk will review and update the plan as necessary.

685.5 674.8 SSE Arrears billing Revised invoices following the back-billing claim have still not been received. A further communication regarding the excessive delay and daily rate has been sent.

686 OTHER COMMITTEES

686.1 675.1 Northbrook Hall The variety group have moved their sheds to provide space to fit the new windows.

686.2 675.2 The Warren Centre Cllr Wandless volunteered to assist with the pitch grant application.

686.3 675.3 East Stratton Village Hall The lights are being changed to LEDs.

686.4 675.4 Allotments One more plot has been allocated and there is further interest in the remaining plots.

686.5 675.5 Media and Broadband A committee meeting will be held soon. Land lines in the Parish are to be digitised.

686.6 675.6 Monthly Dever item Parish assembly report, walkers and runners in road, hedges.

686.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st July 2026 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Chairman’s signature Date