

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen, Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Simon Freeland,
Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Graham Foot.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: None.
Apologies: Cllr Olly Bramley, DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Sarah Cavell.

698 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Foot declared an interest in respect of planning application 706 (see below).

699 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st July 2026 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

700 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

700.1 689.1 Village Clock The quote, from the HCC approved contractor, for running electricity to the clock tower is

considerably higher than expected at £1770. This is apparently because a scaffolding tower is needed to access trunking. A second quote is therefore needed and the school have been asked to contact HCC about details for further approved contractors. The Clerk will also contact Butler & King directly to ask if they are an HCC approved contractor.

700.2 689.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Winchester City Council have replied to the letter sent in respect of their unauthorised use of the LRPF car park. They have apologised and noted that staff must, in future, seek permission to use the car park or make alternative arrangements. Off agenda.

700.3 689.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation See 701.1 and 701.2 below.

700.4 689.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant Following the letter sent to WCC requesting a risk assessment of the water discharged to the ditches beyond the water treatment plant (WTP), Darren Lewis, WCC Head of Engineering and Transport, has responded. Darren states that there is no specific risk assessment for this outfall. He advises that the installation was constructed in accordance with the standards applicable at the time and discharges treated effluent rather than raw sewage. In addition, the effluent passes through a substantial reed bed, which provides a high level of tertiary treatment before discharge. He notes that the primary parameters monitored are ammonia, suspended solids, and Biological

Oxygen Demand (BOD). These are indicators of environmental performance rather than substances that

present a direct risk to human health. Similarly, nitrates and phosphates are not harmful to human health at the levels associated with treated effluent but can have environmental impacts. The pathogens typically associated with health risks, such as *E. coli* and *Salmonella*, are generally concerns related to untreated

or raw sewage rather than properly treated effluent. If there were any significant risks associated with the discharge, the Environment Agency would be expected to raise concerns, as this falls squarely within

their regulatory remit. To date, they have not identified any issues.

reed The response from Darren was discussed, with concern expressed over the reference to a 'substantial bed' and the fact that during a very dry summer, water is running in the ditch beyond the WTP and

behind Barron Close. The ditches before the WTP are dry.

water DCllr Godfrey will contact Darren to ensure that the reed bed is re-planted and, after confirming the in the ditch is from the WTP, will also raise this issue with Darren.

700.5 New Vacancy on the Council No candidates for co-option attended the meeting. The vacancy will continue to be advertised.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

701 REPORTS

701.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to the Traffic Regulation Order

which has led to the new line painting in Micheldever. She also noted the plans for the closure of Andover Road

(Winchester) and the associated works which will be considered at the Decision Day on Friday.

In respect of Local Government Reorganisation, HCCllr Porter noted that the new unitary authority area

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includes boundary changes and that this is leading to issues for planning, in relation to new Local Plan work. The Government have been asked to provide advice on how to deal with this but no response has yet been received. This could, in theory, lead to developers stating that there is no plan in progress but it is hoped that documentation of the requests to Government for guidance will prevent this situation arising.

There is also no clear plan as yet for schools following the reorganisation.

Cllr Freeland noted that the meeting, in respect of the Carousel Park planning application, which was proposed

by HCCllr Porter at the July meeting did not take place and expressed his disappointment about this. HCCllr Porter apologised and stated that she would find out why no meeting was arranged.

690.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that formal confirmation of LGR plans has still not been received from Government. The preference, within the new unitary authority, is to have the same boundaries as the current county divisions. Arrangements for retaining the city status and mayoralty of Winchester are also not yet confirmed.

Changes to the planning process (from the National Planning Policy Framework) come into effect in the next few months. These include fewer cases being dealt with by planning committees.

The planning application for Carousel Park (26/00056/FUL) was approved on 7th August 2026. This permission

gives a basis for normalisation of the site and addresses some of the issues raised by the Parish Council. All the

necessary changes on the site must be made by 7th August 2027.

The City Council cabinet are seeking to put the Silver Hill plans in place and to sell off the old leisure centre site. New homes are to be developed on the St Peter's car park site.

702 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

The meeting resumed

703 CORRESPONDENCE

Hampshire Assoc. of Local Councils	HALC AGM, Saturday 17 th October 2026	Noted
HCC	at Voco Winchester Hotel. Traffic Order in respect of new parking restrictions on Church Street, Micheldever.	Noted

704 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>704.1 New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
704 11 New Road, Micheldever Stn.	Tree works in accordance with survey.	Objection.
705 2 The Post House, Dever Close, Micheldever.	14 solar panels to front roof & 4 to rear.	No comment.
706 Brunel Close, Micheldever Stn.	Replacement of control cabinet.	No comment.
707 115 Duke Street, Micheldever.	Replacement of kitchen flooring. External ventilation grille to western elevation.	No comment.

The comment on 704 to 707 were **agreed**.

704.2 693.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close Cllr Helen has asked DCllr Horrill to send copies of the most recent WCC plans as a

builder

has expressed an interest in the project. Cllr Freeland will accompany Cllr Helen to any meeting

arranged.

704.3 693.3 Local Plans, New Towns & Popham Information obtained by the Dever Society from the Environment Agency, in respect of water supply and sewerage issues was discussed. Both will present constraints to developers until significant improvements are made.

704.4 693.4 Carousel Park See 690.2 above.

704.5 693.5 Climate Change & Environment Volunteers are still monitoring the water in the village. Winchester Green

Week is taking place from 19th – 27th September. A screening of the National Emergency Briefing

(titled

The People's Emergency Briefing) is taking place at the planetarium but tickets are already sold out.

Cllr

O'Keefe advised that he has applied for permission to hold a screening in Micheldever.

705 PARISH SERVICES

705.1 694.1 Highways It was **agreed** to ask Craig Townsend to cut the LRPF ditches before the Lengthsman visit in

October and to then ask the Lengthsman to cut and clear any areas that could not be cut with the machinery.

It was noted that vegetation at Borough Arch (on both sides) is starting to obscure the height restriction signage. The Clerk will report to HCC together with the vegetation on the corner of Duke Street and Winchester Road.

705.2 694.2 Network Rail No new issues have been reported this month.

705.3 694.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives Speedwatch training has been undertaken by volunteers in Micheldever Station but Police permission has not yet been given to use the proposed sites. Cllr Wandless will contact the Police.

706 SPORTS & RECREATION

706.1 695.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Annual Inspection Report has identified a number of minor issues. Cllrs Foot and Wandless have reviewed these and made some adjustments and repairs. The Chairman will approach resident, John Brandon, to see if he can assist with the remaining repairs.

706.2 695.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The Annual Inspection Report has identified minor and more significant repairs needed. Cllrs Foot and Wandless have assessed these and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should seek

two quotes for the repairs needed to the multiplay unit but that help would be requested from John Brandon for the other repairs.

707 FINANCE

707.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S open space	90.00	0.00	90.00
Grass & Grounds Ltd	June & July grass cutting LRPF	767.28	127.88	639.40
WCC	Dog bins (April – June)	130.00	0.00	130.00
WCC	Annual play area inspections	140.40	23.40	117.00
CAB Winchester District	Grant	500.00	0.00	500.00
Peter Bradley	Replacement bolt for noticeboard	10.00	0.00	10.00
BDO LLP	External audit fee	378.00	63.00	315.00
Jocelyn Jenkins	July & August expenses	191.94	10.42	181.52
Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	996.02	0.00	996.02
NEST	August pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72

RFO's Report

707.2 696.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st July 2026.

Cash held: £84,885.98 Reserves: Earmarked: £74,383. General: £10,503.

707.3 696.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing

707.4 696.4 Risk One of the trees on Andover Road may have died. The Clerk will ask for two tree surgeons to assess

and quote for any necessary safety work.

Emergency Plan Carried forward to the October meeting.

707.5 696.8 SSE Arrears billing The last payment made to SSE was for the period to 31/10/24. Backdating has now been applied and, to end the dispute, a payment of £905.08 is due for the period from October 2024 to

31st

August 2026. It was **agreed** to make this payment and to then apply for disconnection of the electricity supply.

707.6 New 2025/2026 Annual Governance & Accountability Return The external audit has been completed with no matters for concern raised. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and audit certificate have been added to the website.

708 OTHER COMMITTEES

708.1 697.1 Northbrook Hall The Summer Shorts production was well received and the BBQ was also a successful event. Pantomime auditions will be taking place and the Winchester Musical Operatic Society are to hold

a concert at the hall in March 2027.

708.2 697.2 The Warren Centre Cllr Townsend will obtain a quote to reduce the rabbits.

708.3 697.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

708.4 697.4 Allotments An inspection has taken place and renewals will commence at the end of the month.

708.5 697.5 Media and Broadband No report.

708.6 697.6 Monthly Dever item Update on Carousal Park.

708.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th October 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature

Date