

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st July 2026

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen, Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Simon Freeland, Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Sarah Cavell (from 7.35pm), Cllr Nick Greenwood (from 7.35pm).

In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.

Public: None.

Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, DCllr Andrew Adams.

687 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Bramley – ESVH (NPI).

688 MINUTES of the meeting of 3rd June 2026 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

689 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

- 689.1 678.1 Village Clock The HCC approved electrician has been contacted and will be providing a quote to extend the electricity supply to the clock. It was **agreed** that the Clerk could approve a quote of up to £750 (net).
- 689.2 678.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Following two instances of WCC using the LRPF car park without notice or permission, it was **agreed** to write to WCC. It was noted that items from the Ascia compound remain in the car park and WCC will be reminded of the need to remove these.
- 689.3 678.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation See 690.1 and 690.2 below.
- 689.4 678.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant Three volunteers have been trained to carry out water testing. Martin has met the WCC officer at the water treatment plant. The plant serves 85 properties and the school. 44 of these are WCC properties. The licence for the plant is based on an old type of water treatment plant which discharges to water, plants now more usually discharge to land. It is possible that WCC may support a change to land discharge. The reed bed is just nettles and WCC accept that new reeds are needed but do not currently have a timescale for this. Water testing is continuing.
A discussion took place on whether signage is needed around the plant to warn residents not to enter the water. It was **agreed** to write to WCC and request that an urgent risk assessment is carried out. WCC would be responsible for adding signage, as deemed appropriate, following the risk assessment.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

690 REPORTS

- 690.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to the HCC Councillor Grant Scheme which is now only for community groups and EV charging funding for those unable to install EV charging on their own properties.
The HCC application for a Judicial Review of the Local Government Reorganisation process was discussed. HCCllr Porter noted that the detail had not been published but Cllr Freeland advised that this has to be made public and will provide the legal basis for this to HCCllr Porter and the Clerk.
- 690.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that the City Councillors received a LGR briefing this week which explained the different committees being formed and the officers' responsibilities. He noted that six of the nine councils who went through LGR in the last two years needed emergency financial help and that the merging of local plans will be a very difficult project.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grants are being proposed and funds can be bid for. These are for environment, resilience or community projects.
A number of waste collection problems have been reported recently and residents are encouraged to continue to report these.
The land at Barron Close was discussed. WCCllr Godfrey advised that for the Parish to take over the ownership of the land, he thought that it would be necessary to have a clear proposal to develop the site but that WCC do not think this is viable at present. Due to LGR there is currently a restriction on making decisions that would affect the new authority and no housing development plans will therefore be made beyond the current 5 year housing plan.

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691 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

The meeting resumed

Cllr Helen left the meeting for approximately five minutes whilst correspondence was considered and Cllr Wandless acted as Chairman in his absence.

692 CORRESPONDENCE

Winchester Citizens Advice	Grant request.	Grant of £500 agreed .
WCC Democratic Services	Councillors addresses no longer need to be published on WCC website.	Noted.
HCC Arboriculture Services	Details of services provided.	Noted. (See 696.4 below).
HCC Highways	Extinguishment of Highway confirmed for land at rear of Ramblers, Winchester Road.	Noted.
Micheldever Station resident	Support sought for multi-carrier parcel locker in Micheldever Station.	Noted that Warren Centre & railway group are liaising on this.
Councillor Drury	Letter of resignation.	Resignation accepted.

693 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

693.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
701 Norsebury Hse, Hunton Lane	Installation of external fire escape and internal alterations.	No comment.
702 North Barn, Sloe Lane, M'dever	Siting of mobile caravan structure to provide ancillary annexe accommodation.	Object – not believed to be covered by LDP rights and should be a full planning application.
703 Willow Tree Cttg, 34 E/Stratton	False cypress to fell.	No comment.
The comment on 701 to 703 were agreed .		
693.2 682.2 <u>Affordable Housing & Exception Sites</u>	<u>Barron Close</u> See 690.2 above.	
693.3 682.3 <u>Local Plans, New Towns & Popham</u>	Work has begun on the new WCC Local Plan.	
693.4 682.4 <u>Carousel Park</u>	It was noted that neighbour letters may not have been issued in respect of the latest planning application and HCCllr Porter will check this.	
	Following a discussion about the site, the most recent planning application and the Parish Council's objection to this, HCCllr Porter proposed that she arrange a meeting between planners and the Parish Council and this was agreed upon.	
693.5 682.5 <u>Climate Change & Environment</u>	Concern over the increasing number of hot days was discussed and it was agreed to consider adding 'cool hubs' to the emergency plan. (See 696.4 below).	

694 PARISH SERVICES

694.1 683.1 <u>Highways</u>	Cllr Bramley advised that she has been reviewing hedges and has visited some properties to advise householders of their responsibilities.
	WCCllr Adams is liaising with WCC over the delay in reviewing proposed dog bin locations.
694.2 683.2 <u>Network Rail</u>	No new issues have been reported this month.
694.3 683.3 <u>SID & Community Funded Initiatives</u>	The Speedwatch volunteers in Micheldever Station have begun their training.

695 SPORTS & RECREATION

695.1 684.1 <u>Warren Field & Play Area</u>	The Annual Inspection Report is awaited. No new issues have been identified this month.
695.2 684.2 <u>LRPF Pavilion & Play Area</u>	The Annual Inspection Report is awaited. Cllr Townsend will obtain a quote for dealing with the rabbits.

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696 FINANCE

696.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Dever Printing	July Dever & newsletter	906.91	18.88	880.03
Grass & Grounds Ltd	May grass cutting LRPF	383.64	63.94	319.70
The Dever Singers	Grant	200.00	0.00	200.00
EPR Ltd	Professional fees re bat report	951.60	158.60	793.00
HMRC	1st Qtr PAYE	796.98	0.00	796.98
Jocelyn Jenkins	June expenses	115.10	6.63	108.47
Jocelyn Jenkins	June salary	996.02	0.00	996.02

NEST	June pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72
<u>August payments approved in advance</u>				
Jocelyn Jenkins	July salary	996.02	0.00	996.02
NEST	July pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72
ICO	Data protection registration	47.00	0.00	47.00

RFO's Report

696.2 685.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st May 2026.

Cash held: £94,197.06 Reserves: Earmarked: £67,800. General: £19,822.

696.3 685.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing

696.4 685.4 Risk A visual inspection of trees will be undertaken this month.

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

696.5 685.8 SSE Arrears billing SSE have advised three options whilst the revised invoices are awaited, these are to clear the current balance, set up a payment plan or request de-energisation of the meter (there would be a cost involved in doing this). None of the options were considered appropriate in the circumstances and it was **agreed** to escalate the complaint to the Ombudsman.

697 OTHER COMMITTEES

697.1 686.1 Northbrook Hall Last week's meeting was postponed due to the hot weather. 'Summer Shorts' takes place at the end of the month and a barbecue on 14th August.

697.2 686.2 The Warren Centre The gate security numbers have been supplied to the Ambulance Service.

697.3 686.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.

697.4 686.4 Allotments All the plots are now allocated. Inspections will take place in September.

697.5 675.5 Media and Broadband No report.

697.6 675.6 Monthly Dever item Water testing, Carousel Park planning meeting with WCC, hot weather care for neighbours.

697.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date