

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

Councillors present: Cllr David Wandless (Chair of the meeting), Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Suzy Findley, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Peter O’Keefe, Cllr Nick Greenland, Cllr Andrew Adams (from 7.35pm).  
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
Public: None.  
Apologies: Cllr William Helen, Cllr Graham Foot, DCllr Caroline Horrill, HCCllr Jackie Porter.

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

**567 MINUTES** of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**568 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

568.1 557.1 Village Clock The first bat emergence survey has taken place and the second is due this month.

568.2 557.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill is continuing to liaise with the builders over unfinished work at the LRPF.

568.3 557.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation HCC are holding a virtual briefing for all town and parish councillors on 15<sup>th</sup> July and an in-person briefing (one representative per council) on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

568.4 New Assets of Community Value The listing for the Half Moon has now expired and the community group are considering whether they wish to have this renewed. It was **agreed** to accept the decision of the community group on whether to apply to re-register. Off agenda,

*The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public*

**569 REPORTS**

569.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the appointment of Gary Westbrook as the new Chief Executive of HCC. The report also provided an update on local government reorganisation in Hampshire and the different possible scenarios being put forward for public consultations.

569.2 DCllr Godfrey noted that WCC have begun their consultation on local government reorganisation and that this includes different ideas put forward by different authorities. The County Council are expected to publish their alternative option this month and to launch their own consultation on this option.  
In respect of Carousel Park, the Planning Inspectorate are looking for a suitable inspector to review the appeal and have not yet appointed one. Once the post is filled a decision should follow fairly quickly. It was noted that the bund is currently outside the perimeter of the site area considered in the previous ruling.

**570 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions were raised by the public.

*The meeting resumed*

**571 CORRESPONDENCE** received by the Clerk in the past month:

Micheldever Stn. Resident	Installation of fibre cable on Andover Road and repairs to pavement not in keeping with existing pavement surface. The resident has made a report to HCC.	Noted.
City Fibre	Land ownership query re ‘unregistered’ land near A33.	Identified and the Clerk will reply to City Fibre.

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**572 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

572.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
673 1 Stable Ctgs, Church Barns, Church Bank Rd, East Stratton	Single storey extension, internal reconfiguration, replacement roof lights	<b>No comment.</b>

and shortening of dormer.

674 Beechwood Cttg, London Road, Micheldever. Demolition of existing garages & out-buildings & erection of car barn & store. **No comment.**

572.2 561.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close WCC Director of Legal has advised that the remaining land adjacent to Waterloo Cottages is registered to WCC but that there is no indication of a Deed of Covenant restricting building on the site to affordable housing. The matter will be further researched and reviewed at the September meeting.

572.3 561.3 Winchester Local Plan The Inspector's report is awaited.

572.4 561.4 Carousel Park The new written appeal is awaited. See 569.2 above.

572.5 561.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No report.

**573 PARISH SERVICES**

573.1 562.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley advised that the grass cutting contractor is not able to cut the area behind the Joyce Keenan bench with the mower. The Clerk will ask if the area can be strimmed.

Cllr Bramley and residents met with Iain Curry (BCM) about the flooding from fields which affects some properties in Micheldever. Residents made suggestions and Iain is to check on these and then respond.

The Lengthsman is due to visit in August and it was **agreed** that he would be asked to oil the wooden benches, clear weeds from the LRPF play area and clear the ditch behind the pavilion.

573.2 562.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

573.3 562.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives It was **agreed** to order a further backing plate.

573.4 562.4 Duke Street bus shelter It was **agreed** to accept a quote of £300 from Mark D'Agastino to repair the bus shelter roof. Mark cannot carry out the work until September but will be asked to immediately check and make sure that the roof is left in as safe a state as possible until repairs are undertaken.

**574 SPORTS & RECREATION**

574.1 563.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Clerk will contact Richard Dawe again about the removal of the old fitness trail and filling/re-seeding of the area.

574.2 563.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area A quote for a digger to clear the area by the bins is awaited.

**575 FINANCE**

575.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting May	370.66	61.78	308.88
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S open space	60.00	0.00	60.00
EPR Ltd	First emergence bat survey	1482.53	247.09	1235.44
Business Stream	Allotment water	124.27	0.00	124.27
Business Stream	Pavilion water	336.30	0.00	336.30
HMRC	Qtr 1 PAYE	753.99	0.00	753.99
Jocelyn Jenkins	June expenses	114.99	7.22	107.77
Jocelyn Jenkins	June salary	1009.98	0.00	1009.98
DD NEST	June pension contributions	220.57	0.00	220.57
<u>Approved in advance</u>				
Jocelyn Jenkins	July salary	970.42	0.00	970.42
DD NEST	July pension contributions	220.57	0.00	220.57
DD ICO	Data protection registration fee	47.00	0.00	47.00

**RFO's Report**

575.2 564.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Cash held: £72,697.30 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,653. General: £26,044.

575.3 564.3 Bank Accounts Action is being taken to enable closure of the RBS account.

575.4 564.4 Risk Management Trees were discussed and it was **agreed** to get two quotes to complete the necessary work on the willow tree at Northbrook.

Emergency Plan Contact details are being added and the plan will go live in September.

575.5 564.5 Annual Return 2024/25 The return has been submitted to the external auditor.

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**576 OTHER COMMITTEES**

576.1 565.1 Northbrook Hall Last week's play was very successful. Damp issues still need to be dealt with and grants are being looked at for solar panels and a battery. There is to be a comedy night in October and auditions are being held in September for the pantomime to be held in December.

The youth club are no longer meeting at Northbrook Hall.

576.2 565.2 The Warren Centre The pre-school is closing and options are being considered for the future use of this space.

576.3 565.3 East Stratton Village Hall The decorating is complete.

576.4 565.4 Allotments one plot remains to be allocated.

576.5 565.5 Media and Broadband No report.

576.6 565.6 Monthly Dever item Tree safety.

576.7 Other Council matters None.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at East Stratton Village Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

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