

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st October 2025

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen (Chairman), Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Peter O’Keefe, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Olive Bramley, Cllr Suzanne Findley.
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 4
Apologies: HCllr Jackie Porter, Cllr Andrew Adams.

588 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Graham Foot – 596.1 below (NPI).

589 MINUTES of the meeting of 3rd September 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

590 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

- 590.1 579.1 Village Clock The report on the results of the bat surveys and DNA testing of droppings is awaited.
- 590.2 579.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill advised that she has a meeting with the WCC New Homes Team in two weeks’ time and will report back to the next meeting.
- 590.3 579.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation Submissions (as consulted upon) were made to the Minister last Friday. WCC prefer option 2 (WCC, East Hants and Test Valley). A public consultation is now expected to commence in November.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

591 REPORTS

- 591.1 HCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the HCC submission in respect of the Local Government Reorganisation and that she had objected to this proposal.
HCllr Porter also noted the proposed development of 3 million square feet of commercial space between the A303 and the A33 (a Basingstoke planning application).
- 591.2 DCllr Godfrey noted that Micheldever was not included in the first 12 sites selected by Government for new town developments but advised that Basingstoke and Deane are continuing to push for housing at Popham and for the Popham Business Park. Both of these would require significant infrastructure and would need Government investment.
The Carousel Park planning application (see 684 below) was validated last week. The application seeks to enable the permitted use from the Inspectors decision in the enforcement appeal finding (April 2024) which allowed for 96 homes. The application seeks to have the bund on only one side of the site to enable a larger area for use by residents.
- 591.3 DCllr Horrill advised that the Inspector has given their first view on the WCC local plan and her suggested modifications are being worked on. The Inspector’s initial view is that the plan is sound.
The Chairman asked how builders can be pressured to build on sites already given planning permission.
DCllr Horrill noted that from May 2026 there will be a regional mayor who will have a strategic planning role over a much larger area than the current districts.
The original contractor for the refurbishment work at Southbrook Cottages has been let go and a new contractor will now complete the work. (Probably commencing in the new year).

592 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

- 592.1 Sarah Cavell attended the meeting to propose that Plot 15 at the allotments (immediately adjacent to the Hobbs View flats) become a community plot with raised beds etc
The proposal was **agreed**. Sarah to sign the tenancy for the plot but no charge to be made.

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- 592.2 Sue Bell advised that a children’s fun day is to be held in Micheldever Station on Monday 27th October with a pets theme. A grant of up to £100, to cover costs, was requested. This was **agreed**.
- 592.3 Nigel Cutler attended the meeting to ask how a site could be put forward for future development.
DCllr Horrill advised that this would be via the next SHELAA (call for sites) which will be made by WCC in

The meeting resumed

593 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Warren Centre	Grant request towards the cost of undertaking repairs to the roof on the original part of the centre.	It was agreed to make a grant of £2000.
WCC Sustainable travel	Support is available to encourage sustainable travel in parishes.	Cllr O’Keefe will act as liaison with the WCC officer.

594 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

<u>594.1 New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
682 88 The Crease, Duke Street, Micheldever.	Replace windows in kitchen and re-wire property (listed building).	No comment.
683 Pemberton Lodge, Northbrook, Micheldever.	Single storey attached annexe with glazed link.	Object (as previously - annexe disproportionately large).
684 Carousel Park, Basingstoke Rd,	Variation of Condition 4 (site development scheme) of planning permission granted at appeal (2024).	A meeting of the Planning Committee to be held to consider the application.

The comments on 682 to 684 were **agreed**.

594.2 583.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close WCC have responded to the Parish Council’s request to take over the ownership of the remaining land at Barron Close, stating that assets that have development potential will be passed to the new unitary authority. DCllr Horrill will speak further with WCC about this response.

594.3 583.3 Winchester Local Plan The Inspector’s report is awaited. (See also 591.3 above).

594.4 583.4 Carousel Park See planning application 684 above.

594.5 583.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O’Keefe attended the recent Leading Action on the Climate Emergency event.

595 PARISH SERVICES

595.1 584.1 Highways Matters The Lengthsman is due in the Parish tomorrow and has been asked to sand and oil the wooden benches.
 HCllr Porter has advised that the parking consultations for Micheldever and East Stratton will be sent to residents this month.

595.2 584.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

595.3 584.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives A second/spare battery charger was discussed and a quote will be obtained.

595.4 584.4 Duke Street bus shelter Repairs have been completed on the bus shelter. Off agenda.

596 SPORTS & RECREATION

596.1 585.1 Warren Field & Play Area Andy White has quoted £500 to remove the old fitness trail at Warren Field and to restore and seed the ground. A quote of £700 had previously been accepted from Richard Dawe but he has been unable to carry out the work. It was **agreed** to accept the quote from Anndy White. (Cllr Foot declared an interest and did not participate in the vote).

596.2 585.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The ROW Volunteers have applied for a WCC Small Grant towards the landscaping of the area near the bins.

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597 FINANCE

597.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
BDO LLP	External audit	378.00	63.00	315.00
Peter O’Keefe	Toilet handle for pavilion	17.99	2.99	15.00
Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting (August)	370.66	61.78	308.88
CAB Winchester District	Grant	500.00	0.00	500.00
Mark D’Agostino	Bus shelter repair	339.25	0.00	339.25
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting (E/S Open Space)	90.00	0.00	90.00
HMRC	2 nd Qtr PAYE	850.16	0.00	850.16

Jocelyn Jenkins	September expenses	71.65	0.00	71.65
Jocelyn Jenkins	September salary	1141.58	0.00	1141.58
Business Stream	Pavilion water	23.31	0.00	23.31
NEST	September pension contributions	263.43	0.00	263.43
PWLB	Loan repayment	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO's Report

- 597.2 586.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st August 2025.
Cash held: £64,044.28 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,668. General: £17,376.
- 597.3 586.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing.
- 597.4 586.4 Risk Management
Emergency Plan A meeting is to be held.
- 597.5 586.5 Annual Return 2024/25 The external audit has been completed and the audited papers are on the website.
Off agenda.
- 597.6 New Budget 2026/27 The Finance Committee will meet this month to set the draft budget.

598 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 598.1 587.1 Northbrook Hall A comedy evening is being held on 24th October. A grant has been obtained for treating the damp issues at the hall.
- 598.2 587.2 The Warren Centre More trustees are needed. Decision awaited on the future use of the pavilion room.
- 598.3 587.3 East Stratton Village Hall It was noted that the lights in the car park may need to be adjusted.
- 598.4 587.4 Allotments Renewals take place this month.
- 598.5 587.5 Media and Broadband No report.
- 598.6 587.6 Monthly Dever item Fireworks and thatched roofs, dog walkers to take care to be visible, hedge cutting.
- 598.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 5th November 2025 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date