

# MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

Councillors present: Cllr William Helen (Chairman), Cllr David Wandless, Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Olive Bramley, Cllr Suzanne Findley, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Andrew Adams.  
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 1  
Apologies: None.

**610 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr O'Keefe – reimbursement of costs as at 619.1 below.

**611 MINUTES** of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**612 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

612.1 601.1 Village Clock The report on the results of the bat surveys and DNA testing of droppings is awaited.

612.2 601.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) The WCC report on the development was discussed. DCllr Horrill spoke when the report was presented at the WCC cabinet meeting and noted her criticism of the report and the fact that the Parish Council and district councillors were not consulted. DCllr Horrill will liaise with the Chairman to prepare a response to the report noting the matters which have been omitted from it.

612.3 601.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation The Government consultation runs until 11<sup>th</sup> January and is open to councillors and residents.

612.4 New Micheldever Water Treatment Plant DCllr Godfrey advised that he has consulted with city council officers who have noted that the reed bed has been cut back and will re-grow in the Spring. They have stated that the reed bed is working as it should and that readings taken at the time of the maintenance are below the most stringent EA limits. The City Council therefore consider that the treatment plant is working adequately.

DCllr Godfrey has asked if a city council officer could meet with Mr Miles and the Chairman requested that a site meeting be arranged with representatives from the City Council and Parish Council. Cllr Drury noted the need to understand the difference in the information being provided by the City Council and the tests undertaken by Mr Miles, to ensure the watercourse is protected and is safe for residents.

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

## 613 REPORTS

613.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which notes that the HCC budget consultation runs

until 7<sup>th</sup> December. Attention is also drawn to M3 junction 9 works and County Councillor grants which are available (up to £1000) for local projects.

Cllr Bramley noted that the sign at the Crease which advises of the bridge at Borough Arch is not being noticed by lorry drivers who, if they continue to the bridge, then have to reverse back.

613.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey Draft financial settlement figures have been advised by Government but will not be finalised until Christmas. The support grant will lead to an increase in WCC income for the next two years (up to LGR).

Consultations are running for Local Government Reorganisation (to 11<sup>th</sup> January), Winchester parishing (to 22<sup>nd</sup> December), WCC Local Plan Main Modifications (to 16<sup>th</sup> January) and Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (to 23<sup>rd</sup> January).

613.3 DCllr Caroline Horrill DCllr Horrill has spoken with the WCC Head of Legal about the land at Barron Close. The site is not on the agenda for development by WCC in their plans to 2032. WCC are not currently dispersing assets to parishes. DCllr Horrill is attending a meeting next week when the issue will be raised again and is looking at options of how the land could be developed, or protected for future development and not sold. DCllr Horrill is also attending a meeting next week about new towns and will report to the January meeting. It was further noted that WCC can make no financial decisions for amounts greater than £100,000 after September 2026.

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## 614 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

614.1 A resident attended the meeting to draw attention to the speed limits on the A33 which he considers to be excessive and dangerous, particularly in view of the increase expected in traffic due to new development.

HCCllr Porter will request Police speed enforcement action.  
The risk of fireworks in villages with thatched roofs was also noted.

**The meeting resumed**

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

CAB Winchester District	Money Skills Project – volunteer advisor available to speak to local groups.	Details noted.
Northbrook Hall	Grant request towards tree work.	Grant of £300 <b>agreed</b> .

**616 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

616.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
688 Northbrook Hall, Duke St,	Crab apple to reduce to 4.5m.	<b>No comment.</b>
689 Bramble Cottage, 41 E/Stratton	Norwegian maple to reduce by 4ft all around.	<b>No comment.</b>

The comments on 688 to 689 were **agreed**.

616.2 605.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites  
Barron Close See 613.3 above.

616.3 605.3 Winchester Local Plan A consultation on the main modifications is open until 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

616.4 605.4 Carousel Park A decision on the latest planning application is awaited.

616.5 605.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No report.

**617 PARISH SERVICES**

617.1 606.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley has reported the sign missing from the bridge at Weston Colley and faded line markings at the crossroads in Micheldever Station. The Clerk will send a reminder about the dog bin requests for East Stratton and Northbrook.

617.2 606.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

617.3 606.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives Cllr Wandless will download the data from the Micheldever device.

**618 SPORTS & RECREATION**

618.1 607.1 Warren Field & Play Area No new issues have been identified.

618.2 607.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area A further request for opinions on the pavilion has been included in the December newsletter.

A grant of £2250 has been awarded by WCC for the landscaping of the area by the community recycling bins. The total cost is £3000 and it was **agreed** that the Parish Council would pay the balance of £750. In order to receive the grant the work needs to be undertaken before the end of February 2026. Both quotes are for the same figure and it was therefore **agreed** to progress with the contractor who could meet this deadline.

**619 FINANCE**

619.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
East Stratton PCC	Structural grant 2025/26	400.00	0.00	400.00
East Stratton PCC	Churchyard grant 2025/26	350.00	0.00	350.00
St James' PCC	Structural grant 2025/26	400.00	0.00	400.00
St James' PCC	Churchyard grant 2025/26	300.00	0.00	300.00
Micheldever PCC	Structural grant 2025/26	400.00	0.00	400.00
Micheldever PCC	Churchyard grant 2025/26	300.00	0.00	300.00
Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting (Oct & Nov)	741.31	123.55	617.76
HALC	Digital & Data Comp. training (Clerk)	64.20	10.70	53.50
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Peter O'Keefe	Dog bags for Warren Field	13.99	2.33	11.66
Jocelyn Jenkins	November expenses	118.45	7.80	110.65
Jocelyn Jenkins	November salary	996.02	0.00	996.02
NEST	November pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72

**RFO's Report**

619.2 608.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Cash held: £82,995.81 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,563. General: £36,433.

- 619.3 608.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing.
- 619.4 608.4 Risk Management Work on the willow tree at Northbrook has now been completed. No new risks identified.
- Emergency Plan The plan is complete although further volunteers are still being sought.

**620 OTHER COMMITTEES**

- 620.1 609.1 Northbrook Hall A grant has been received towards the solar panels.
- 620.2 609.2 The Warren Centre The trustees are progressing with a commercial lease for the Garden Room. A small amount of remedial work is required to the roof. A new judo class for children has started and may be extended for adults.
- 620.3 609.3 East Stratton Village Hall No report.
- 620.4 609.4 Allotments Renewals are nearly complete.
- 620.5 609.5 Media and Broadband No report.
- 620.6 609.6 Monthly Dever item Popham exhibition on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, fireworks, description of parish and role of councillors.
- 620.7 Other Council matters None.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

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