

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Peter O’Keefe, Roger Townsend, Olly Bramley, Lynn Drury, Graham Foot, Suzanne Findley (from 7.35pm), Andrew Adams (from 7.35pm).
In attendance: HCClr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 3
Apologies: Cllr Nick Greenwood.

533 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Peter O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Wandless – payment at 542.1 (below), Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI).

534 MINUTES of the meeting of 5th March 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

535 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

535.1 524.1 Village Clock The bat surveys are scheduled for 21st May and 18th June 2025.

535.2 524.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) DCllr Horrill is continuing to liaise with the builder in respect of the car park and other unfinished work.

535.3 524.3 The Dove Inn and Half Moon, Assets of Community Value It is understood that there are sufficient investors in place to move forward with a review of contracts for the Half Moon. Work is being undertaken at The Dove and it should open by Easter. Off agenda.

535.4 524.4 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation The devolution consultation <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation> closes on 13th April. The mayoral election will take place in May 2026.

All parties involved in the local government re-organisation met with Government about the submission to be made by September this year. A request for an extension to the submission date was turned down and boundary changes were discouraged. Work on the submission will continue through the summer.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

536 REPORTS

536.1 HCClr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which notes the retirements of two senior HCC officers and the decision to no longer proceed with the development of three new nursing homes.

HCClr Porter advised that both the County Council and City Council have items on their websites giving information on devolution and local government re-organisation.

HCClr Porter has asked this week for an update on the yellow line consultations for Micheldever and East Stratton.

In respect of the land near Coxford Farm, HCClr Porter noted that the Enforcement Officer has advised that the site has improved since last year. HCClr Porter will arrange for a conversation between the Chairman and the Enforcement Officer. The Chairman noted that he would like clarification on what was actually allowed in the planning permission for the site.

Poor pot hole repairs were discussed and HCClr Porter suggested writing to the County Leader to raise concerns. She further advised that average speed cameras can be installed by parishes but the Police will not act on the results.

Cllr Bramley drew attention to the tree stump on Winchester Road, Micheldever (on HCC land) and asked HCClr Porter to assist in requesting that action be taken to remove or make safe.

536.2 DCllr Godfrey noted that the Carousel Park appeal conditions had to be agreed within eleven months of the decision. No agreement has been reached on the management plan or nutrients within this deadline and an application refused letter has therefore been issued by WCC. This has been appealed by the agent for the land owners and the appeal has gone to the Planning Inspector. It will be an appeal in writing rather than in person

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and may therefore be completed more quickly with less means for a decision to be delayed but it could still take a few months.

WCllr Godfrey noted that a number of WCC Small Grants have been awarded and it is expected that more will be available in this year.

537 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

537.1 There were no questions from the public.

The meeting resumed

538 CORRESPONDENCE received by the Clerk in the past month:

Micheldever Fete Committee	Request to use the LRPF for the fete 5 th July 2025.	Agreed and insurance details requested.
Community Engagement Ranger	Andrew Dawson will attend the May meeting.	Noted.
Winchester Rapid Relief Team	Offer to assist with litter pick and refreshments.	Noted.

539 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

539.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
666 Barn Cottage, Church Street, Micheldever.	Rebuild the existing chimney (listed building).	No comment.
667 2 Stable Cottages, Church Barns, East Stratton.	Liriodendron tulipifera to crown reduce.	No comment.
668 Pine Hill, Winchester Road, Micheldever.	Birch to canopy lift to 3m. Sycamore sapling to fell.	No comment.
669 Elm Trees, Hawthorn Close, Micheldever.	Demolition and replacement of existing side and rear extensions, conversion of roof space to habitable accommodation.	No comment.

539.2 The comments on 666 to 669 were **agreed**.

539.3 528.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close WCC are currently reviewing the financial viability of small development projects.

It was noted that the land at Barron Close was gifted for affordable housing in the Parish and, when WCC is disbanded, ownership should be transferred to the Parish.

539.4 528.4 Winchester Local Plan The independent inspection of the Plan commences this month.

WCCllr Horrill will send details of the House of Lords consultation on New Town proposals. A Planning Committee meeting will be called to consider the Parish Council response to the Micheldever Station New Town proposals.

539.5 528.5 Carousel Park See 525.2 above.

539.6 528.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency It was **agreed** that Cllr O'Keefe should continue to circulate relevant information to all councillors.

540 PARISH SERVICES

540.1 529.1 Highways Matters Cllr Bramley advised that the Lengthsman has cut back the growth in the ditch behind the pavilion and will try digging out on his next visit if dry. A resident has repaired the bench at the river without charge but the concrete is deteriorating and the whole bench will need replacing. Add to agenda for May.

540.2 529.2 Network Rail No new reports received this month.

540.3 529.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives Speed stickers have been added to the back plates. See 536.1 above re average speed cameras.

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541 SPORTS & RECREATION

541.1 530.1 Warren Field & Play Area The Annual Inspection report is awaited.

541.2 530.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The Annual Inspection report is awaited.

Cllr Bramley has contacted the ROW Volunteers about the landscaping of the bin area and they are still willing to assist but have noted that a mechanical digger would be needed to clear the area. The

possibility

of applying for a WCC Small Grant (up to £1000) was discussed. The ROW Volunteers will be asked whether they would be prepared to draft a proposal, with costs, that could be used to make a Small Grant application.

542 FINANCE

542.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
WCC	Play area annual inspections	135.84	22.64	113.20
David Wandless	SID stickers	61.26	10.18	51.08
Business Stream	Allotments water	22.49	0.00	22.49
HMRC	4 th Qtr PAYE	544.67	0.00	544.67
Jocelyn Jenkins	March expenses	71.65	0.00	71.65
Jocelyn Jenkins	March salary	950.74	0.00	950.74
DD NEST	March pension contributions	220.57	0.00	220.57
DD PWLB	Loan repayment – Warren Centre	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO’s Report

542.2 531.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 28th February 2025.

Cash held: £48,656.55 Reserves: Earmarked: £39,968. General: £8689.

542.3 531.3 Bank Accounts BACs payments are now being made. Closure of the RBS accounts to be added to the May agenda.

542.4 531.4 Risk Management See 538 above re the fete.

Emergency Plan The Emergency Plan will be launched in May and added to the website.

542.5 531.5 2024/25 End of Year and Audit The Council has been selected for a 5% review which will require some additional information being made available for the audits.

543 OTHER COMMITTEES

543.1 532.1 Northbrook Hall ‘Play-in-a-Week’ starts next week. ‘A Wisp of Scotch Mist’ will be performed by the drama group this summer. Damp and energy surveys of the hall are to be undertaken.

543.2 532.2 The Warren Centre The pitch improvement application is being re-started. The Warren Centre are supporting the Micheldever Railway 200 event on 10th May.

543.3 532.3 East Stratton Village Hall The AGM is on 14th April.

543.4 532.4 Allotments Renewals are continuing.

543.5 532.5 Media and Broadband No report.

543.6 532.6 Monthly Dever item Devolution, pot hole reporting.

543.7 Other Council matters

543.7.1 532.7.2 Parish Assembly The Dever Society and City Councillors are confirmed to attend and speak.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Parish Assembly: 7.30pm Wednesday 16th April 2025 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Next ordinary meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 7th May 2025 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman’s signature Date