

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.**  
**at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Councillors present: William Helen (Chairman), David Wandless, Roger Townsend, Nick Greenwood, Olly Bramley, Lynn Drury, Graham Foot, Suzanne Findley (until 8.30pm)  
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill.  
Public: 2  
Apologies: HCCllr Jackie Porter, Cllr Peter O’Keefe, Cllr Andrew Adams.

**555 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr William Helen – ESVH (NPI) and payment at 564.1 below, Cllr Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Nick Greenwood – ESVH (NPI).

**556 MINUTES** of the Annual Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and the ordinary meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**557 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

557.1 546.1 Village Clock The first bat survey took place in May, the second survey is due this month.

557.2 546.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) WCCllr Horrill noted that she has spoken with the WCC New Home Team who have said that they have no outstanding contractual work with the builder. WCCllr Horrill will therefore try contacting the builder directly.

557.3 546.4 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation The Government have turned down a request from the Hampshire authorities for an extension to the deadline date for the submission of their devolution plan. HCC are now using a different consultant (from that used by the district authorities) to look at the data. There is no agreement at present. A consultation with residents will need to take place in July/August before the September submission date. If no agreement is reached locally, the Government will step in to force an agreement.

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

**558 REPORTS**

547.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the transfer of landline phones to digital, HCC budget cuts, and a request that potholes continue to be reported online to HCC,

547.2 DCllr Godfrey noted that the Local Plan inspection concludes this week. The report is expected in late August or

September. It is still hoped that the Plan can be adopted before the end of the year.

The WCC Small Grants Scheme has reopened and has been extended to grants of up to £2000.

Bids for Rural England Prosperity Fund grants (for rural businesses) can be made until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

No further news has yet been received on the Carousel Park written appeal.

In response to a question in Parliament, it was confirmed that an allocation of funds has been made for land around junction 7 (M3) for the new hospital.

547.3 DCllr Horrill A new senior director has been appointed at WCC (replacing Dawn Adey). A review of the WCC Enforcement Policy is being undertaken. Plans are coming forward for Station Approach and Bushfield Camp but local government reorganisation may delay any commencement on these projects.

DCllr Horrill wrote to the City Council portfolio holder (Jackie Porter) following the Dever Society AGM to ask what action the City Council is taking in respect of the new town proposal. No reply has yet been received.

**559 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No questions were raised by the public.

*The meeting resumed*

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

HCC County Forum	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm – 8.30pm.	Noted.
WCC Parish Liaison	Briefing on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm-5pm.	Noted.

Action Hampshire Introduction to Rural Affordable Housing event  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm-7.30pm (on-line). Noted  
 Resident Request for a dog bin in Northbrook. Cllr Bramley will look for a suitable site before a request is made to WCC.

**561 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

561.1 New Applications Detail Draft comments

No new planning applications were received in the past month.

561.2 550.3 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close A letter has been sent to the Legal Director at WCC to confirm the ownership of the remaining land at Barron Close.

561.3 550.4 Winchester Local Plan See 547.2 above.

561.4 550.5 Carousel Park The new written appeal is awaited.

561.5 550.6 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No report.

**562 PARISH SERVICES**

562.1 551.1 Highways Matters No further update has been received on the parking consultations in Micheldever and East Stratton.

Councillor Bramley reported that the sewage treatment plant in Micheldever is discharging water which is not clear. DCllr Godfrey advised that the discharge has been tested and meets the minimum requirement but is not necessarily good for the river. Councillor Bramley noted that her main concern is for children using the adjacent play area who may enter the stream. Dave Ingram, WCC Environmental Officer has been advised. It was noted that the waste from Barron Close, and now Hobbs View, go to this plant and concern was expressed about whether there is adequate capacity.

562.2 551.2 Network Rail It was noted that there has been activity on the railway but no new reports of issues have been received this month.

562.3 551.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives An additional mounting plate may be required.

562.4 New Duke Street bus shelter The roof of the shelter has been damaged and tiles removed to prevent them falling on road users. Councillors will visit to view the shelter prior to a further discussion at the July meeting.

**563 SPORTS & RECREATION**

563.1 552.1 Warren Field & Play Area Removal of the old fitness equipment is awaited.

563.2 552.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area It was noted that the pigeon deterrent strip on the swings is proving effective. A Micheldever resident has undertaken quite extensive repairs on the rocking horse at the play area. It was **agreed** to make a gift of £100 to the resident to thank them (S137 LGA 1972).

**564 FINANCE**

564.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Test Valley Brass	Grant re MStn railway event	240.00	40.00	400.00
Zurich Municipal	25/26 insurance	1340.32	0.00	1340.32
Colin Thatcher	Grass cutting E/S open space	120.00	0.00	120.00
William Helen	Parts for rocking horse repair	7.47	1.16	6.31
John Brandon	Rocking horse repair costs and gift	232.24	22.04	210.20
Grass & Grounds Ltd	LRPF grass cutting April	370.66	61.78	308.88
Jocelyn Jenkins	May expenses	102.02	0.00	102.02
Jocelyn Jenkins	May salary	950.74	0.00	950.74
DD NEST	May pension contributions	220.57	0.00	220.57

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**RFO's Report**

564.2 553.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Cash held: £76,296.70 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,649. General: £29,648.

564.3 553.3 Bank Accounts Closure of the RBS account carried forward to the July meeting.

564.4 553.4 Risk Management No new risks identified this month.

Emergency Plan No report.

564.5 553.5 Annual Return 2024/25 The return is ready for submission to the external auditor.

**565 OTHER COMMITTEES**

565.1 554.1 Northbrook Hall No report.

565.2 554.2 The Warren Centre No report.

565.3 554.3 East Stratton Village Hall Decorating is being undertaken next week.

565.4 554.4 Allotments Hedge letter to be sent to The Old Cottage (hedge restricting access to allotments).

565.5 554.5 Media and Broadband It was **agreed** to adopt the draft IT policy.

565.6 554.6 Monthly Dever item/newsletter Parish Assembly reports.

565.7 Other Council matters None.

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm*

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.

Chairman's signature ..... Date .....