

**MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at Northbrook Hall, Duke Street, Micheldever.**  
**at 7.35pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Councillors present: Cllr David Wandless (Chair to 7.45pm), Cllr Lynn Drury, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr Olive Bramley, Cllr Peter O’Keefe, Cllr Andrew Adams, Cllr William Helen (from 7.45pm and Chair from 7.45pm).  
In attendance: DCllr Stephen Godfrey, DCllr Caroline Horrill (from 7.45pm).  
Public: 1  
Apologies: Cllr Suzanne Findley, Cllr Nick Greenwood, HCllr Jackie Porter.

**621 CODE OF CONDUCT** Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Townsend – Payment to Craig Townsend.

**622 MINUTES** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

**623 MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes

623.1 612.1 Village Clock The report on the results of the bat surveys and DNA testing of droppings is awaited.

623.2 612.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) See 625.2 (below).

623.3 612.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation Following consultation with all councillors, the response to the Government consultation will be submitted. The response is in favour of option 2 which groups the Winchester District with Test Valley and East Hants, rather than with Basingstoke.

623.4 612.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant A site meeting is being held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January with representatives from WCC, the Parish Council and Martin Miles.

It was **agreed** to make a grant of £100 to Martin to enable ongoing testing of water quality around Micheldever.

**624 CORRESPONDENCE**

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| HCC Highways | Proposed extinguishment of Highway Rights on land adjoining Ramblers, Hawthorn Close. | Noted and no objection.  |
| Resident     | Damaged footbridge to LRPF (opposite Holly House).                                    | Cllr Helen has sleepers available. <b>Agreed</b> to ask Andy White to repair (up to £150 max). |

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

**625 REPORTS**

625.1 DCllr Stephen Godfrey advised that food waste caddies will be delivered to residents this month and that collections will start next month.

Council tenants in the ward are being approached about ways to reduce energy use.

Speed checks have taken place on Winchester Hill in Sutton Scotney.

The consultation on the Main Modifications to the WCC Local Plan ends on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The Local Government Reorganisation consultation ends on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

DCllr Godfrey attended the Basingstoke and Deane event at the Warren Centre last night and noted his disappointment at the lack of detail but also noted that it appears that the proposed allocation at Popham will remain in the Plan to the Regulation 19 stage. DCllr Godfrey considers that the detail on infrastructure is insufficient and would therefore not be deliverable.

625.2 DCllr Caroline Horrill advised that residents and Parish Councils must continue to lodge objections and comments to the Basingstoke consultation. She has asked to see the WCC comment and, if this is not considered strong enough, the city councillors for the ward will submit a separate comment.

Uncertainty still exists on mayoral elections. The Government has said 2028 but councils want this moved to 2027 and for all the funding to be delivered. It is still not known if county and city elections will take place this year.

DCllr Horrill will forward details of the consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

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DCllr Horrill has submitted Councillor Helen’s comments on the Southbrook Cottages development and is awaiting a response from the WCC officer.

DCllr Horrill has requested a meeting with the WCC New Homes Team in respect of the land at Barron Close but this has not happened and she will therefore raise a question at the full council meeting next week about assets such as these and how they will be dealt with.

**626 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

626.1 A resident attended the meeting to raise three matters.

The first of these related to Church repairs and is not a matter for the Parish Council but the Parochial Church Council.

The second related to teenagers in the Parish with nowhere to go. It was noted that the Parish Council have previously made grants to the Micheldever Youth Club. Councillor O’Keefe advised that he had attended a meeting today with Youth Options. It is hoped to re-start the Youth Club in the Summer but there are funding challenges as three staff are needed in order for it to operate. DCllr Horrill noted that a WCC Small Grant may be possible to assist the re-opening of the Youth Club.

Thirdly, the resident asked if the LRPF pavilion could be more focused around the Worthies Football Club. The Chairman noted that Micheldever Football Club, which was run by residents, previously looked after pitch maintenance and built the pavilion.

***The meeting resumed***

**626 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**

|                                 |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <u>626.1 New Applications</u>   | <u>Detail</u>                                   | <u>Draft comments</u>   |
| 690 Pemberton Lodge, Northbrook | Revision to application (single storey annexe). | A condition that the annexe remains ancillary to the main dwelling to be requested. |

The comment on 690 was **agreed**.

Councillor Helen noted that he has made an Agricultural Buildings Notice of Intent and displayed the appropriate notice at his property. This is not a planning application that requires review by the Parish Council.

626.2 616.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close See 625.2 (above).

626.3 616.3 Winchester Local Plan A consultation on the main modifications is open until 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan A response to the Regulation 18 consultation is being prepared.

626.4 616.4 Carousel Park A decision on the latest planning application is awaited. DCllr Horrill noted that she has requested an update and that it is known that the Police are attending weekly.

626.5 616.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O’Keefe noted that last year was the warmest on record.

**627 PARISH SERVICES**

627.1 617.1 Highways A resident has asked that a letter be sent to Winchester Housing Trust to ask them to clear the path at Dever Close.

The Lengthsman has been asked to trim around road signs and clean them.

627.2 617.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

627.3 617.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives No report.

**628 SPORTS & RECREATION**

628.1 618.1 Warren Field & Play Area The annual play inspection has been booked.

628.2 618.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The annual play inspection has been booked. See 624 above re repairs.

Bin area Half of the grant from WCC has been received for the landscaping of the bin area and the first invoice from the contractor is included in payments (as below).

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**629 FINANCE**

629.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

|                          |   | Total   | VAT    | Net     |
|--------------------------|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Dever Printing           | Free Dever, newsletter & contact sheet            | 972.05  | 25.24  | 946.81  |
| Arbor Call Ltd           | Willow at Northbrook                              | 2160.00 | 360.00 | 1800.00 |
| Craig Townsend           | Hedge cutting                                     | 540.00  | 90.00  | 450.00  |
| Sophie Nevin Garden Des. | 1 <sup>st</sup> half re LRPF bin area landscaping | 1500.00 | 0.00   | 1500.00 |
| HMRC                     | Qtr 3 PAYE  | 796.98  | 0.00   | 796.98  |
| Jocelyn Jenkins          | December expenses                                 | 79.65   | 1.34   | 78.31   |
| Jocelyn Jenkins          | December salary                                   | 996.02  | 0.00   | 996.02  |

**RFO's Report**

619.2 608.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Cash held: £78,490.70 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,550. General: £31,941.

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 Batteries have been installed ready for the solar panels. The hall now has a website and on-line booking.

620.2 609.2 The Warren Centre The roof repairs are now complete.

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 Emergency Plan and last month for hedge trimming.

620.7 Other Council matters None.

***The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm***

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

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