

MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th February 2026

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 Andrew Adams, Cllr Peter O’Keefe (from 7.35pm).
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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Apologies: DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Nick Greenwood.

632 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Helen – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Olly Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Andrew Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr O’Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI).

633 MINUTES of the meeting of 7th January 2026 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

634 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

634.1 623.1 Village Clock The report on the results of the bat surveys and DNA testing of droppings is awaited. It was **agreed** to hold payment of the latest bat survey invoice until the report is received.

634.2 623.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) It is understood that DCllr Horrill has not yet received an update following the report submitted on the issues arising from the development.

634.3 623.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation The outcome of the Government consultation is awaited.

634.4 623.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant A site meeting was held on 16th January, with representatives from WCC, the Parish Council and Martin Miles (who has been undertaking the independent water testing). Assurances were given by WCC that, within six weeks, there should be re-growth of the reeds. If, however, these are contaminated by nettles then new reed plugs will be planted. The pipe has been reinstated in the correct position and it was noted that residents should ring the emergency number on the gate if they notice a foul smell. Permission was given for Martin to undertake testing at the site and he is pursuing this, particularly as there are still discrepancies between his readings and those of WCC. It was noted that the WCC team mentioned that a better solution would be to filter through what would have been the wetland area.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

635 REPORTS

635.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew particular attention to the need to continue reporting potholes (on the HCC website) and to advise her if the anticipated date for repair is not reasonably prompt.

HCC have been awarded Holiday Activities Fund monies for the next three years.

Dangerous trees adjacent to the highway should be reported to HCC (via their website). Current weather conditions are making many trees unstable and a potential risk.

HCCllr Porter is chasing for the results of the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) consultations in Micheldever and East Stratton to be made public.

635.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey City Council elections (for one third of the seats) will take place on May 7th.

Food waste collections started this week in the Parish and DCllr Godfrey would appreciate any feedback.

The City Council draft budget was published this week. It proposes a council tax increase of just under 3% which is still one of the lowest rates in Hampshire.

The M3 was closed last weekend and will be closed again on the weekend of 14th/15th February. This weekend (7th/8th) the A34/A33 junction is closed.

A consultation is taking place on proposals for the River Park site in Winchester.

DCllr Godfrey noted that the junction of Mill Place and Overton Road is attracting dangerous parking. HCCllr Porter advised that she has reported the faded line markings. The County Council are now responsible for parking enforcement and will be asked to visit.

Chairman’s initials Date

636 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

636.1 A resident attended the meeting to express concerns about speeding, particularly on Overton Road in Micheldever Station.

Cllr Wandless advised that the Parish Council had provided funding to the Micheldever Speedwatch group for

the purchase of equipment and, as they are no longer operating, he is now trying to recover the equipment. He provided Speedwatch leaflets to the resident for distribution to any residents who might consider forming a Speedwatch group in Micheldever Station.

Cllr Wandless also noted that further Police speed enforcement has been requested and that they have been asked if they can park more discreetly. (See also 639.3 below).

The meeting resumed

637 CORRESPONDENCE

Action Hampshire Housing Team WCC	‘Roots and Roofs’ affordable housing online event 25 th February 2026.	Noted.
	Consultation on City Council’s Taxi & Private Hire Policy (closes 19/2/26).	Noted.
WCC	Parish election to take place for Micheldever Parish on 7 th May 2026. Notice to be published on 25 th March and nominations can be made from 26 th March.	Noted

638 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

638.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
691 West Stratton Manor, West Stratton.	Erection of single storey pool house.	No comment.

The comment on 691 was **agreed**.

638.2 627.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites

Barron Close WCC have stated that no decision will be taken on the transfer of assets until the result of the Local Government Reorganisation is known.

638.3 627.3 Winchester Local Plan The final plan is awaited.

Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan The results of the Regulation 18 consultation are awaited.

638.4 627.4 Carousel Park A decision on the latest planning application is awaited. It was noted that the Planning Officer has forwarded the Parish Council response (to the planning application) to the agent for the applicant to ask for their responses to the points made.

638.5 627.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency Cllr O’Keefe drew attention to the ‘My Home Made Better’ website which may be of value to residents.

639 PARISH SERVICES

639.1 628.1 Highways Cllr Bramley has been in contact with Andrew Turner (WCC) again about the additional dog bins requested for Northbrook and East Stratton.

A number of complaints have been received about overgrown hedges and the Clerk will send letters to the properties.

639.2 628.2 Network Rail No new reports have been received this month.

639.3 628.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives Following submission by Cllr Wandless of the data from the SIDs in Micheldever Station, the Police have agreed to hold a site meeting with representatives of the Parish Council.

640 SPORTS & RECREATION

640.1 629.1 Warren Field & Play Area The grass cutting contract will be considered at the March meeting.

640.2 629.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area Due to adverse weather the volunteer day to assist with the landscaping at the LRPF has been moved to 16th March.

Outdoor shelters were considered as a possible facility for teenagers and will be further explored. The Lengthsman will be asked to carry out the repair of the small footbridge on March 20th.

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641 FINANCE

641.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
The Warren Centre	Grass cutting (Aug-Oct)	1120.00	0.00	1120.00
Mrs Olive Bramley	Mileage (March’25 – Feb’26)	48.60	0.00	48.60
Sophie Nevin Garden Des.	Balance re LRPF bin area landscaping	1555.00	0.00	1555.00
EPR Ltd	Bat emergence survey	601.20	100.20	501.00
WCC	Dog bins (Oct-Dec’25)	130.00	0.00	130.00
Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	106.64	0.00	106.64
Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	996.02	0.00	996.02

RFO's Report

641.2 630.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 31st December 2025.

Cash held: £76,544.80 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,555. General: £29,990.

641.3 630.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing. It was noted that the monthly fee on the Unity Trust account is increasing to £7/month but this is still comparable to the amount previously spent on stamps.

641.4 630.4 Risk Management No new issues were raised.

Emergency Plan The plan is complete although further volunteers are still being sought.

642 OTHER COMMITTEES

642.1 631.1 Northbrook Hall The Frankie Foot extension is being insulated and replacement or secondary glazing is being considered.

642.2 631.2 The Warren Centre Options are being considered to replace the storage heaters in the main hall.

642.3 631.3 East Stratton Village Hall No current concerns.

642.4 631.4 Allotments Two plots have not renewed and may be available. Final reminder to be sent by post.

642.5 631.5 Media and Broadband Changes are being made to the website to accommodate the new requirements for the display of policies, financial documents etc

642.6 631.6 Monthly Dever item Cllr Drury will provide an item about the sewage treatment plant.

Facilities/equipment for older children and election.

642.7 Other Council matters None.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 4th March 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date