

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MICHELDEVER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st April 2026

Councillors present: Cllr David Wandless (Chairman of the meeting), Cllr Olly Bramley, Cllr Roger Townsend, Cllr Nick Greenwood, Cllr Peter O'Keefe, Cllr Suzanne Findley, Cllr Andrew Adams.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, DCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: 5
Apologies: Cllr Lynn Drury, DCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Graham Foot, Cllr William Helen.

654 CODE OF CONDUCT Cllr Bramley – ESVH (NPI), Cllr O'Keefe – Northbrook Hall (NPI), Cllr Greenwood – ESVH (NPI), Cllr Adams – Warren Centre (NPI), Cllr Townsend – payment to Craig Townsend (see 663.1 below).

655 MINUTES of the meeting of 4th March 2026 were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman.

656 MATTERS ARISING from the minutes

656.1 645.1 Village Clock Carried forward to the May meeting.

656.2 645.2 Southbrook Development (Hobbs View) Cllr Townsend met DCllr Horrill at the LRPF car park and showed her the items left by the builders.

656.3 645.3 Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation See reports below at 657.1 and 657.2.

656.4 645.4 Micheldever Water Treatment Plant Martin Miles provided an update to the Council on water testing which commenced on 16th March. It is hoped to acquire funding for a comprehensive water testing kit which could be used by community volunteers to carry out regular water monitoring.

The meeting adjourned for reports and questions from the public

657 REPORTS

657.1 HCCllr Jackie Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted that the unitary councils have been announced. The unitaries have a vesting date of April 2028. Mid Hants (into which Micheldever falls) is East Hants, Winchester, Test Valley (part) and New Forest (part). Following the elections in May, the County Councillors will serve for two years to April 2028. Changes have been made to staffing at HCC to deal with the changeover.

Work on TRO's (Traffic Regulation Orders) has slowed whilst a series of orders have been prepared for Kings Barton and the decisions locally have not yet been announced.

HCCllr Porter noted in respect of the Popham Logistics Park planning application, that Basingstoke and Deane have noted that they already have sufficient logistics and there is currently no further need.

657.2 DCllr Stephen Godfrey noted that he was somewhat surprised that the Local Government reorganisation is going ahead but is pleased, particularly for Micheldever, that it will not be linked with Basingstoke. Some City Council responses may be limited during the period of change to the new unitary authority.

The revised Winchester Local Plan was adopted in March and has been approved by the full council. This runs to 2040 and provides control over development. This puts the area in a better position than those without a plan. There is currently a 6.2 year land supply (a minimum of a 5 year supply is required). The results of the recent SHELAA are awaited and a further call for sites will take place later in the year.

DCllr Godfrey noted the issues Basingstoke and Deane have with South East Water and noted this area may have the same issue with Southern Water.

City Council elections are taking place on May 7th this year (for one of the three seats in the Ward) but elections will probably not be held next year.

The notice issued in respect of the sale of the Dove Inn has been amended to show that it is only a very small piece of land which is being sold and not the pub buildings.

The issue of the worn yellow lines at Mill Place was noted and HCCllr Porter is pursuing this with HCC.

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658 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

658.1 A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns about the Popham Logistics Park planning application. The plans are for 3 million square feet of warehouses and this would give rise to 32,000 additional traffic movements per day. The resident asked if the Parish Council would be liaising with other parish councils. It was noted that West Farm makes up half the land mass of Popham parish.

Cllr Adams (Chair of Planning) noted that the planning application had not yet been verified which would allow time for liaison with other parishes and for a planning meeting to be held.

A further concern raised was that West Farm is on chalk lands that feed the Dever river (5km downhill from West Farm) and that concreting over this area would affect the flow to the Dever and then the Test.

658.2 A resident supported the comments made above and noted that they are very concerned about the access onto the A33, as it is already difficult to merge on to and would become more dangerous with additional traffic.

658.3 A resident noted that the A33 footpath is very poorly maintained.

The meeting resumed

659 CORRESPONDENCE

WCC	Amended Asset of Community Value notice showing the small area of land being sold. (As per 657.2 above).	Noted.
Resident	Letter thanking the Parish Council for repairing the small pedestrian bridge at the LRPF.	Noted.
Allotment holders	Concerns raised again about dogs of leads at the allotments.	A reminder to residents has been put in the April Dever.
Resident	A further request from a Dever Close resident to advise Winchester Housing Trust if the Council would give consent for solar panels.	It was agreed to inform WHT that consent was given for panels on any of the Dever Close properties.
Warren Centre	The Centre asked if the Council would submit a pitch grant application to the FA on their behalf.	It was agreed to make the submission but to further discuss grants with the Centre as this would require a long term commitment.
Worthys Football	The Club have received quotes for pitch maintenance and have asked the Council if they would pay for mole treatment.	It was agreed to pay up to £200 for mole treatment at the LRPF.
Northbrook Hall	A request for grant support towards the new windows in the Frankie Foot extension and the delayed tree work.	It was agreed to pay the tree invoice and £650 towards the windows.

660 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

660.1 <u>New Applications</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Draft comments</u>
694 Sloe House, Sloe Lane, M ² dever.	10m x 12m steel framed workshop with 4m ridge height 2m from boundary.	Lawful development – concerns on size and appearance will be raised with Planning Officer.
695 Carousel Park, Basingstoke Rd,	Continued use of land for gypsy & traveller pitches, together with erection of an earth bund.	Planning meeting to be held.
696 Haig House, Church Street, Micheldever.	To pollard sweet chestnut annually to previous prune points.	No comment.

The comments on 694 to 696 were **agreed**.

660.2 649.2 Affordable Housing & Exception Sites
Barron Close No further update has been received.

660.3 649.3 Winchester Local Plan The Plan has now been adopted.
Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan Following the Regulation 18 consultation, the capacity and resilience of the borough's water supply system was brought into question and will now need to be fully investigated before a new timetable for the Local Plan can be agreed.

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660.4 649.4 Carousel Park The implications of planning application 695 (as above) were discussed and a planning meeting will be held to develop a detailed comment on the application.

660.5 649.5 Community Greening Campaign & Climate Emergency No report.

661 PARISH SERVICES

661.1 650.1 Highways Complaints have been received from residents about weeds and the Lengthsman will be asked to clear these on his next visit.
The possibility of installing a CCTV camera at the LRPF was discussed and the Clerk was asked to explore the legal issues around this.

- 661.2 650.2 Network Rail No new issues have been reported this month.
- 661.3 650.3 SID & Community Funded Initiatives The Police have carried out further speed enforcement on Overton Road. A new Speedwatch group is being established in Micheldever Station and will become active once training has taken place.

662 SPORTS & RECREATION

- 662.1 651.1 Warren Field & Play Area See 659 above re pitch grant application. The annual inspection report is awaited.
- 662.2 651.2 LRPF Pavilion & Play Area The majority of the landscaping work has been completed. A further volunteer day is planned to plant the remaining shrubs and spread mulch. Bulbs will be added to the area in the autumn.
No further responses have been received to the pavilion consultation. Residents will be asked to comment at the Parish Assembly.
The footbridge near Holly House has been repaired by the Lengthsman.
The annual inspection report is awaited.

663 FINANCE

- 663.1 Accounts for payment were **agreed**.

		Total	VAT	Net
Craig Townsend	Hedge cutting	180.00	30.00	150.00
HMRC	Qtr 4 PAYE	792.38	0.00	792.38
NEST	March pension contributions	227.72	0.00	227.72
Jocelyn Jenkins	March expenses	112.87	6.87	106.00
Jocelyn Jenkins	March salary	977.70	0.00	977.70
PWLB	Loan repayment	2443.43	0.00	2443.43

RFO's Report

- 663.2 652.2 Balances & Bank reconciliation Balances report at 28th February 2026.
Cash held: £67,744.63 Reserves: Earmarked: £46,563. General: £21,182.
- 663.3 652.3 Bank Accounts The transfer from RBS to Unity Trust Bank is ongoing
- 663.4 652.4 Risk No new areas of risk were identified.
Emergency Plan The plan is complete although further volunteers are still being sought.
- 663.5 652.8 SSE Arrears billing A claim for a back billing adjustment has been accepted and revised invoices are awaited. In view of the high daily standing charge (now £4/day) the Clerk was asked to find out how to apply for disconnection whilst alternative options are considered.
- 663.6 New BDO Conflict of Interests It was confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest with BDO (the external auditor) and the form confirming this was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

664 OTHER COMMITTEES

- 664.1 653.1 Northbrook Hall A 'Play in a week' is being rehearsed and will be performed on Friday. The refurbishment of the Frankie Foot extension is almost complete and the Youth Club have removed their belongings.
- 664.2 653.2 The Warren Centre A fete/festival of transport is planned for July.
- 664.3 653.3 East Stratton Village Hall There will be a New Year's Day breakfast in 2027.
- 664.4 653.4 Allotments Three vacant plots are being allocated.

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- 664.5 653.5 Media and Broadband Cllr O'Keefe has carried out a considerable amount of work to make the website compliant with the new audit requirements. This may have led to some delays in posting other information on the site but updates will now take place.
- 664.6 653.6 Monthly Dever item Water testing volunteers, speed enforcement in Micheldever Station, updated website, bridge at LRPF.
- 664.7 Other Council matters
- 664.7 653.7.1 Parish Assembly Arrangements were discussed for the meeting on 22nd April.
- 664.7 New Annual Meeting (AGM) This needs to be held after the elections on 7th May and it was **agreed** that it should be held on Monday 11th May, from 7.30pm. The Clerk will seek to book ESVH for the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Parish Assembly: 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Rd, E/Stratton.
Next ordinary meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 6th May 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East

Stratton.

Annual Meeting (AGM): 7.30pm Monday 11th May 2026 at East Stratton Village Hall, Church Bank Road, East Stratton.

Chairman's signature Date