

Minutes of the Meeting of Meysey Hampton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 1st July 2026

Present:

Councillor Roger Case (Chair)
Councillor Mark Naylor
Councillor Margaret Pursch
Councillor Jane O'Dell
Councillor Simon Michelson
Councillor Alison Williamson

Clerk: Joan Jenkins

No members of the public attended.

Agenda Item 1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Donnellan sent his apologies as he is out of the country.

Councillor Spivey did not attend due to her many other commitments,

Agenda Item 2

There were no declarations of interest.

Agenda Item 3: Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th May 2026

There were no issues raised and Cllr. Case signed the Minutes.

Agenda Item 4: Matters Arising:

Thames Water: Cllr. Naylor confirmed that a site meeting is being arranged towards the end of July with the TW Head of Pumps department and Sophie Thomas, Customer Liaison Officer. They will discuss the most effective way of rectifying the damage to the car park surface.

Cllr O'Dell is still trying to contact a local groundworks company to discuss a recommended scope of works to the car park surface and related costs. Cllr Naylor said it would be useful to have that information before his meeting.

Online Banking: The Clerk reported that online banking accounts are now open with Lloyds Business Banking; all monies have been transferred from Santander to Lloyds and three invoice payments have been successfully completed. The Santander account is now in the process of being officially closed.

Cllr Naylor reminded the Clerk to inform the CDC of the change of account. The final portion of the Precept is due at the end of August/early September.

Risk Assessments: These are complete and on the MHPC website and the Clerk wishes to set up a six monthly schedule for monitoring the condition of each asset. After a short discussion, Councillors volunteered and the clerk will confirm schedules in writing.

Phone Box: Cllr Michelson has made no progress on the refurbishment but has noted it needs cleaning internally.

Agenda Item 5 Officers' Reports

Councillor Jane O'Dell (School and Hall)

The Village Hall: HMRC are making enquiries about the ownership and value of the Memorial Hall building and land. After discussion the Clerk said she would look out and forward a document she has on file, and Cllrs Williamson and O'Dell will look at obtaining the Title details from the Land Registry.

Fly Tipping: Cllr O'Dell recently witnessed a fly-tipping incident at 6.30 am on the road to Sunhill. She was able to take the vehicle details and reported it to the Council, who were very responsive. They have traced the perpetrator and will be taking him to court. Cllr O'Dell wished to encourage residents to also report such incidents if witnessed and to assure them that the Council will take such reports seriously.

School: nothing to report.

Cllr Alison Williamson (Footpaths)

Footbridge MH to Poulton walk: A support pole/handrail has been installed on the far side of the bridge to help those less able to manage the short slope from the bridge.

Councillor Simon Michelson (Playing Fields)

No Planes, Plenty of Games A fund raiser is to take place on Saturday 18th July with a Fun Run, Dog Agility, Tug of War, 5-A Side football - and much more for all ages. On Sunday, 19th July there will be an Eights Cricket Tournament with four teams in aid of the Meysey Hampton Cricket Club.

Wedding reception booking: Friday 7th August. A Marquee will be erected on Wednesday 5th August and a condition of the booking is that the event finishes no later than midnight. All guests will be parking on the field.

Councillor Roger Case (Air Base)

Nothing to report.

Councillor Margaret Pursch (Highways)

Cllr Pursch has been approached by Alison Garne who wishes to erect No Parking signs on the Green and on the verge outside the entrance to Villars Farm. There have been several incidents involving farm vehicles being unable to turn or to access the farm entrance due to cars parked along Church Street which block their way. Damage has been caused to stone and chains on the Green and to the farm entrance gate columns, which Mrs Garne has had to pay for. After some discussion, there was no objection to signs being installed and it was suggested that reference should also be made on the signs to access needed for heavy farm vehicles turning.

Village Gateway Signs: Several residents have asked about the possibility of installing Village Gateway signs, particularly along the A417 by Greenacres. It was previously rejected by

Highways with Parish versus Village boundary lines being cited as the reason it was not applicable. The change of leadership in the County Council they might make Highways more amenable to the issue. Cllr Pursch was encouraged to pursue it.

Councillor John Donnellan (Greenacres)

Not present.

Agenda Item 7 Responsible Financial Officer's Report (RFO):

The total balance in Lloyds Bank is £10,745.80. , with £1,470 ring-fenced to car park and £200 to speed sign maintenance.

New gov.uk Emails: Data distribution of village emails is now set up through Gov.UKNotify and the first bulk email successfully sent out the Agenda.

Agenda 14: Discuss current planning applications.

No new planning applications have been notified since the last PC Meeting in May

Agenda Item 15: Questions from the public.

No questions from the public.

Agenda Item 16: Any Other Business

None

Agenda Item 13 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September 2026.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm (20:10 hrs).