

Minutes of the Meeting of Meysey Hampton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th September 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

One member 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 1st July 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 was held with the TW Head of Pumps department and Sophie Thomas, Customer Liaison Officer. It was revealed that despite the PC insisting TW give a guarantee for the work from the beginning, it appears that the TW contractor would not guarantee their work as the car park would be used by "heavy vehicles". However, TW recognized the poor state of the surface and suggested they would contribute to the cost of repair if the PC were able to obtain 2 or 3 quotations from private contractors. Cllr Naylor has now arranged to meet three contractors separately on site this week, on 10th and 11th September.

Risk Assessments Monitoring: Monitoring checks will take place every six months and the next is due in December. The Clerk will send a reminder to the designated monitors before the next meeting so they can report their findings at that meeting. Cllr O'Dell suggested photo evidence of the condition at inspection would be useful.

Phone Box: Cllr Michelson has made no progress on the refurbishment but has given it a thorough clean inside and out.

Village Gateway Sign: Cllr Pursch has written to Highways twice asking for guidance on and permission to erect these but no reply has been received to date. It was agreed she would continue to pursue the matter.

Agenda Item 5 Officers' Reports

Councillor Jane O'Dell (School and Hall)

The School: The school are very aware of traffic and parking issues at the beginning of this term, exacerbated by reception-age children who are picked up at lunchtime. These children will be in school all day from the coming week and the School Newsletter will appeal to all parents and guardians to drive carefully and park considerately.

The Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Fly Tipping: As reported at the last PC meeting Cllr O'Dell reported a fly-tipping incident at Sunhill to the Council who responded quickly and effectively. The perpetrator was caught and fined £1,000. Cllr O'Dell wished to encourage residents to report such incidents to the Council (not the Police) if witnessed and to assure them that the Council will take such reports seriously.

Cllr Alison Williamson (Footpaths)

Nothing to report. However, Cllr O'Dell reported conversations with Martin Heaven, Mr. Caroe's gamekeeper, about visitors to the village walking along the track which was previously permissible but is now a private road. He has spoken to the Masons Arms who have changed the information given to guests staying with them. However, Cllr O'Dell has noticed that the footpath is not well waymarked for those new to the village. Cllr Williamson confirmed that yellow waymarked footpath discs can be obtained from the Public Rights of Way department.

Councillor Simon Michelson (Playing Fields)

Fund-Raiser on 18th July was very successful making a profit of £1,500. Many thanks go to the very many volunteers who made it possible. To mention just a few, many thanks to Sam and Steve Keys for organizing football activities and the Fun Run, including cutting back the brambles on the footbridge; Cllr Williamson who organized a fun dog agility competition; and as always huge thanks go to Chris Doyle and her team in the Pavilion who worked wonders with the teas, cakes, burgers etc.

Wedding reception on 7th August was a great success and parking for two weddings also increased revenue for the Playing Fields.

Cricket: the last match is scheduled for 20th September, after which the whole of the playing fields will be scarified and re-seeded, with sports-grade grass seed. Soil samples are being tested and appropriate fertilizer applied. Mr. Nick Keyser is advising on and carrying out this project which will cost between £2 – £3,000. The work is being carried out now so that the grass has time to germinate before the winter. The public may be asked to walk around the edges of the field for a short period but Cllr Michelson has been assured that all will be complete for

Fireworks Night which takes place on **Wednesday, 4th November 2026**.

Councillor Roger Case (Air Base)

Nothing to report.

Councillor Margaret Pursch (Highways)

Nothing to report but see item under AOB.

Councillor John Donnellan (Greenacres)

Not present.

Agenda Item 6: Responsible Financial Officer's Report (RFO):

The total balance in Lloyds Bank is £7,961.62 with £1,470 ring-fenced to car park and £200 to speed sign maintenance. There is one invoice outstanding of £81.48 to pay to Flagpole Express for a new St. Georges flag, already received.

Village email distribution: local area and council information received by the clerk will be forwarded to all councillors with a request from the clerk to approve circulation to village residents. Upon confirmation, she will circulate from the Parish Council email.

Digital AGAR: The current financial year will need to be submitted digitally.

Agenda Item 7: Discuss current planning applications.

Two new planning applications have been notified since the last PC Meeting in July. Meysey House tree works and Hampton Fields extension. Parish Councillors raised no objections.

Agenda Item 8: Xmas on the Green.

Cllr Case hopes he will secure promise of a Xmas tree very soon but was able to confirm that Father Xmas has accepted his invitation to attend the event on **Monday, 21st December 2026**. Musicians to accompany the carol singing are an issue and the Clerk suggested asking village residents who currently sing in a choir if they can help.

Agenda Item 9: Questions from the public.

A village resident raised concern that, when turning right at the A417 crossroads from the village towards Fairford, the bus shelter on the A417 can obscure visibility of oncoming vehicles. Some councillors agreed whilst others were not aware of any difficulties but would look again when driving past. However, it is not known what can be done to change the situation except to replace the stone bus shelter with a modern transparent one.

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

Historic footpath to and from Magpies: Cllr. Pursch reminded the PC that a continuation of the Greenacres footpath used to run all the way to the Magpies. This has now been eroded and allowed to overgrow. The A417 is very dangerous to walk along so residents of Magpies have no choice but to drive the short distance to the village. School buses will not stop to pick up or drop off students at Magpies as it is too dangerous. Cllr Pursch believes Highways should be approached and persuaded to clear and re-open the pathway. After some discussion, with mixed views expressed, it was agreed that Cllr Pursch should approach the council and report their response.

Traffic speed and volume: Cllr Case reported his awareness of greatly increased traffic volume and speed daily through the village, including HGVs, and asked whether the speed gun monitoring should be reinstated. The clerk will discuss this with Mr. & Mrs. Cowper, who hold the speed gun and are very supportive of speed monitoring. However, more volunteers are needed to operate a viable and regular rota. If any residents would like to be involved in speed monitoring please contact the clerk by email clerk@meyseyhamptonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Broadband roll-out: The Clerk has been contacted by Gigaclear’s Community Engagement Manager, and letters have been sent by them to all Meysey Hampton residents. They are beginning this roll-out in “coming weeks” and the clerk has asked for clarity on how much structural work needs to be carried out, what is the schedule and how will it affect village residents. They have arranged a presentation to the public in the Village Hall on 1st October, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. And a “drop in” session at The Masons Arms on Friday 2nd October 12 – 3 pm.

Parish Council Elections 2027: Current Councillors should begin considering now whether they wish to re-stand in 2027. Residents who might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor in 2027 are encouraged to attend the next two meetings on 2nd December 2026 and 10th March 2027 and they will be very welcome. Current Councillors can also be approached individually to answer any questions you may have about Council responsibilities.

Agenda Item 11: Date for the informal budget meeting

This is an informal meeting to discuss possible budget requirements in 2026/27 and the date agreed to meet is Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 pm.

<u>Agenda Item 13</u>	<u>Date of next Meeting</u>
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The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm (20:45 hrs).