

Over Wallop Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm Thursday 2nd July 2026, at the Parish Hall, Over Wallop

Present at Meeting: Chairman Cllr Meek, Vice chairman Cllr Bunche and Cllr's MacDonald, Hunt, Cleife, Chamberlin-Crump, County Cllr Drew and Clerk Heidi Easton
In attendance: 5 members of public.

07/261 - Welcome and Apologies Chairman Cllr Meek opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Helene Kynaston-Drum due to work commitments. The Chairman informed members that Cllr Kinniston-Drum had tendered her resignation from the Council. Her written report had been submitted for consideration prior to her resignation.

07/262 - Declarations of Interests. Cllr MacDonald declared an Interest to Panning Application 25/01077. No other declarations of interest were made.

07/263 - Approval of minutes from previous meeting. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

07/264 - County and Borough Cllr Reports Both can be found on their retrospective websites and on the Hub.

Cllr Stewart MacDonald referred members to his written report previously circulated via the Hub. He provided an update on local government reorganisation proposals and advised that the current district and county council structure would be replaced by a unitary authority arrangement. Members noted the likely implications for local representation and service delivery.

Cllr MacDonald reported on recent Community Asset Fund awards within the wider area and advised that support had been provided to local community facilities, including village shops and community organisations.

An update was given on the village litter pick scheduled for 19 July 2025. Members were encouraged to promote participation amongst residents.

Cllr MacDonald reported that the play park refurbishment project was approximately 95% complete. Whilst it would not be available in time for the village fete, the majority of installation works had been undertaken and completion was expected shortly.

Cllr David Drew joined the meeting and supplemented his written report. He advised that temporary speed restrictions on sections of the M27 had now been removed following completion of testing and monitoring works.

Members were updated on Hampshire County Council's judicial review challenge relating to local government reorganisation proposals and associated boundary arrangements.

Cllr Drew advised that a new Grant Scheme was now open for applications and encouraged local organisations to apply where appropriate.

Additional updates were provided on support for residents experiencing financial hardship,

holiday activity programmes for children, domestic abuse prevention initiatives, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and bus shelter improvement schemes.

07/265 - Chairman Cllr Meek's Report, The Chairman reported that parish activity had been reduced during the recent period of debilitating hot weather.

Cllr Meek noted that the completion of the play park project represented a positive outcome following consultation with residents and demonstrated that community feedback had been acted upon.

The Chairman reported that arrangements had been made for the cleaning of the War Memorial. Following investigations by Mr John Taylor-Firth, a specialist contractor had been identified to undertake the work in advance of Remembrance Sunday. The contractor had confirmed experience in the treatment of historic stone memorials.

Cllr Meek reminded the Parish Council of the forthcoming village fete 4th July. The Parish Council stand would provide an opportunity to engage with parishioners, explain the work of the Parish Council, promote the Resilience plan and Footpath vacancy and encourage volunteers for community activities and future councillor vacancies.

07/266 - Finance Report and cheques The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had successfully transitioned to electronic banking arrangements.

The Clerk reported that, since 1 April 2025, total receipts of approximately £46,000 and payments of approximately £21,000 had been recorded, leaving a balance of £24,842.42 in the current account.

Following discussion, members agreed that £10,000 should be transferred from the current account to the savings account.

The Clerk reported that a separate accounting sheet will now follow with minutes for transparency.

07/267 To consider Planning Application permission for: Cllr MacDonald left the room for the planning section as a declaration of Interest was declared.

Application 25/01077 – King's Farmhouse, Station Road, Over Wallop – Installation of solar panels, gate and shed.

RESOLVED: **No comment.**

Application 25/01193 – The Beeches, Station Road, Middle Wallop – Demolition of conservatory and erection of two-storey rear extension.

RESOLVED: **No comment.**

Application 25/01207 – Keyhaven Cottages, Pound Road – Works to walnut tree.

RESOLVED: **No comment.**

Application 25/01161 – Builder's Yard, Downs Lane, Over Wallop – Erection of dwelling.

Cllrs noted that the application site lies outside the settlement boundary identified within the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Whilst acknowledging the absence of public objections and recognising the nature of the proposal, members considered that consistency with previous planning responses was important.

RESOLVED: That the application is not supported on the grounds that it lies outside the settlement boundary identified within the Neighbourhood Development Plan. **Objection.**

Application 25/01250 – King Lane Cottages – Front porch and side and rear extensions.
RESOLVED: **No comment.**

07/268- Cllrs Reports to the Village Hall and Pavilion

Cllr Macdonald – No additional comments

Cllr Hunt – Reported that the pavilion had fewer usage over the last few weeks due to the current heatwaves.

Cllr Bunche - The hub has been updated with all current affairs.

Cllr Chamberlin-Crump – gave an update regarding the community Speed watch arrangements and discussed the possibility of securing equipment through grant funding or partnership arrangements with neighbouring parishes. Grateley Parish was mentioned due to their Speed watch equipment, however Cllr Drew mentioned the grant available so it was decided that Cllr Chamberlin-Crump would work alongside the clerk to source costs for a handheld speed radar.

Cllr Chamberlin-Crump also expressed concerns regarding traffic safety at the junction of the A30 and local roads serving Palestine and Broughton. Members noted recent accidents and agreed that concerns should continue to be raised with Hampshire Highways. Cllr Drew mentioned that this is of large concern now and that he had a meeting planned to discuss the speed and road layout particularly regarding Jacks Bush.

The Chairman presented the report submitted by former Cllr Kynaston-Drum regarding additional signage for Palestine. Following investigation, it was concluded that installation of further signs could not currently be justified as an appropriate use of public funds. The Palestine and Grateley Station Future Group commented against this. Cllr Meek suggested they comment at the end.

07/269 Clerks Report. The Clerk reported that councillors. gov.uk email accounts had now been established. Members were encouraged to complete the setup process as soon as possible. clerk@overwallop-pc.gov.uk new clerk email address.

An update was provided on development of the Parish Council website. Further content would be added over the coming weeks. www.overwallop-pc.gov.uk

The current website will remain live until after the External Audit has taken place.

The Clerk reported continued efforts to resolve the addressing and registration issues affecting the Pavilion and the installation of broadband services. Discussions remained ongoing with Land Registry, solicitors and Openreach.

The Clerk also gave an update regarding street lighting maintenance. Clarification was still being sought regarding responsibility for repairs and replacement of defective units. SSE had been contacted.

07/2610- Correspondence/Members of Public: Members considered correspondence from the Brown Allotments Committee regarding administration of grant funding for a rainwater harvesting scheme.

The Clerk advised that, in order for the Parish Council to reclaim VAT, payments would need to be made directly by the Parish Council rather than by transferring grant funds to the allotment association.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk respond accordingly and work with the allotment committee to ensure compliance with VAT requirements.

Correspondence had also been received from residents of Palestine expressing concerns regarding vehicle speeds through the village.

The correspondence was noted.

Points from the Floor:

Mr Booth addressed the Council in relation to Planning Application 25/01161. He expressed disappointment that the Council had not supported the proposal and stated his view that the site represented previously developed land suitable for redevelopment. He requested that his comments be recorded within the minutes.

Mr James Getgood, Chairman of the Palestine and Grateley Station Future Group, updated members on progress with the project. The draft document had been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council for review and a public consultation exercise was expected to follow. Mr Getgood requested support from the Parish Council in promoting the consultation through local communication channels, including the Parish Council website.

Members also received an update regarding delays in the release of grant funding associated with the project.

Mr Getgood further requested support in principle towards the replacement of village signs within Palestine. Cllr MacDonald suggested a request for a grant. The Parish Council indicated support in principle, subject to receipt of further information and quotations. The Parish council agreed to donate £250 towards new signs.

A suggestion was made from a local parishioner that future agendas refer to "Comments from Parishioners and Members of the Public" rather than solely "Members of the Public".

The Chairman Cllr Meek Closed the meeting at 8.43pm

Date of Next meeting- Thursday 3rd September 2026 **at** 7.30pm in the Over Wallop Parish Hall

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman: **Date:**