

Methwold Parish Council

Agenda for Meeting of the Parish Council Published 12th January 2026

Date: Monday 19th January 2026

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Place: 21 Room, St George's Hall Complex Methwold

Councillors are summoned to attend the next meeting of Methwold Parish Council.

The public are most welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: *R. Buckle*

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. The parish council to receive and resolve to agree apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of Interest (In accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011) and requests for dispensations.
4. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2025.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes not included on the agenda but for information only.
6. Open Forum for Public Participation
An opportunity to hear from members of the public, Borough, and County Councillor.
7. Reports: To update and consider the recommendations made at the Open Spaces Working Group on 9th December 2025.
 - 7.1 Tree work – who is responsible and quotes for tree work to be decided and approved.
 - 7.2 Update on the 3 Millennium tree plaques.
 - 7.3 Update and next steps for the repair to the village cross railings.
 - 7.4 To discuss request for a parish council funded dog exercise area.
 - 7.5 Permission to pay for repairs as identified in the Annual Play equipment report.
 - 7.6 Quote for surface under the cradle swing.
 - 7.7 Permission to join Parish Online -subscription £ 70.00 for 1st year.
 - 7.8 Churchyard wall – Surveyor costs to complete stage 2&3 have increased from £95 per hour to £105 total £525 + VAT permission to proceed.
8. Finance:
 - 8.1 Accounts Update – Bank Reconciliation
 - 8.2 For Approval of payments – Income & Invoice List
 - 8.3 Quote for Insurance renewal and approval.
To consider the recommendations made at the Finance Committee meeting on 9th December 2025 and 8th January 2026
 - 8.4 Approval of Draft Budget 2026/27
 - 8.5 Approval of Precept requirement for 2026/27
9. Planning
 - 9.1 To receive planning decisions

25/00227/TREECAG1 - Trees located at the front of the property growing towards the road including species such as cherry, box elder and cotoneaster. Cut back growth above the wall back in line with the wall (up to 1 meter) and reduce height to maintain clearance from BT and power lines. Remove declining / mostly dead box elder and replant with a rowan 11 Old Feltwell Road Methwold THETFORD Norfolk IP26 4PW Tree Application - No objection 7 November 2025 Delegated Decision

25/01581/O Outline Application for construction of self-build dwelling and approval of access 17 Brook Lane Brookville Thetford Norfolk IP26 4RQ Application Refused 26 November 2025 Delegated Decision.

25/01585/O Outline Application for construction of self-build dwelling and approval of access 17 Brook Lane Brookville Thetford Norfolk IP26 4RQ Application Refused 26 November 2025 Delegated Decision.

25/01651/F Variation of Condition 2 attached to 24/01147/F: Single storey link extension, part conversion of stables and alterations to dwelling. Ivy Cottage 30 Holders Lane Brookville Thetford Norfolk IP26 4RE Application Permitted 26 November 2025 Delegated Decision.

25/00273/TREECA 9 Poplar trees located on the boundary of the old social club require pollarding Methwold Social Club 18 High Street Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4NT No objection to the works proposed. 10th December 2025

25/00274/TREECA The two trees in front of the post office at St Georges Hall Complex are ornamental prunus. They require pruning to improve light into the building. GP Surgery St Georges Hall 16 High Street Methwold Thetford Norfolk IP26 4NT No objection to the works proposed. 10th December 2025

25/00289/TREECA Box, Buddlia, Elder shrubs, Ash and Lime x2 – Remove Church of St George Crown Street Methwold Norfolk No objection to the works proposed. 10th December 2025

9.2 To receive planning applications

9.3 To consider planning applications received after the agenda was published.

10. Items received for the agenda:

- 10.1 SAMS2 Report – Cllr Minkler
- 10.2 Review and approval of policies
- 10.3 Essential Maintenance of Methwold Hall Complex

11. Correspondence

12. Chairman's Report

13. Further reports and items for the next meeting agenda – 12th February 2026.

14. To pass a resolution (under the Public Admission to Meetings Act 1960 to exclude members of the public and press for the following confidential items:

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