

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EGM DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 2nd February 2026

DERRY HILL & STUDLEY COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

John Barnes (Chair)	P	Martin Handysides	P	Lord Simon Kerry	P
Bruce MacInnes	A	Gavin McHale	P	Vaughan Mizon	P
Jean Spence	P	Philippa Todd	P	Andrew Turton	P
Claire Williams	P				

Wiltshire Council Unitary Councillor (Calne Rural) Ashley O'Neill attended.

699/26 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr MacInnes

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies and reasons for absence.

700/26 Public participation/ Correspondence

700.1/26 Public participation

A number of members of the public attended.

Cllr Ashley O'Neill provided a summary from Wiltshire Council and provided additional information on the decision making process. He noted the huge public outcry against the proposed closures and reiterated the importance of attending the Area Board egm on Thursday 5th February to have the community voices heard.

Members of the public addressed their concerns about the proposals.

In summary;

Lower Compton is a well-run and safe site, Stanton St Quinton feels unsafe in comparison and staff are not helpful.

Concerns the proposals will cause fly tipping as people may not be likely to make the additional journey required,

There were further discussions about the proposals to move to a three-weekly collection, queries about if bigger bins will be provided.

It was noted that the decision made went against the recommendations in the officers' report.

700.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was no additional correspondence to report.

701/26. Declarations of Interest

Declarations from Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest (Standing Orders 13b) or other interest (Standing Orders 13c) in respect of matters being considered by the Council.

There were no declarations of interest made.

702/26. Closure of Compton Bassett HRC

To discuss and vote on the following motion;

Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council opposes the decision of Wiltshire Council to close Lower Compton Household Recycling Centre in August. We call on Wiltshire Council to resume negotiations to continue operating the site, at least until such time as a local replacement site is made available. We believe that the closure of the site will be bad for residents, requiring them to take much longer trips to alternative sites, and is likely to result in an increase in fly tipping. We are disappointed that the decision has been taken without any prior consultation and call on Wiltshire Council to listen to the views of local councils and their residents.

We are further concerned about the decision to change to a three-weekly waste collection calendar, which will result in a poorer service for residents, and ask that Wiltshire Council reviews this decision and engages in proper consultation about the future of waste collection services.

The motion was opened for discussion.

There was a discussion about the location of potential replacement sites it was noted that replacements are being discussed in Royal Wooten Bassett.

It was noted that we were only discussing the HRC that affected our locality (Lower Compton) and a request was made to amend the motion to reflect that.

It was proposed to amend the motion to say

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It was unanimously resolved to approve the amendment.

The meeting then discussed the second part of the proposal regarding the 3 weekly bin collections.

It was noted that the proposal was alongside an introduction of weekly food waste collections. Concerns regarding the potential for overflowing bins and associated smells were discussed.

The potential carbon footprint of the amendments were discussed and the risks/ impact on the local community.

The council then moved the vote on the amended motion;

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It was unanimously resolved to support the motion.

The meeting closed at 20.26