

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 9th February 2026

DERRY HILL & STUDLEY COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

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

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

703/26 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Claire Williams.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the apologies.

704/26 Public participation/ Correspondence

704.1/26 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

There were no mop who wished to speak at the time.

704.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was nothing additional to circulate.

705/26. 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.

Cllr Turton noted that he was a member of the committee for Derry Hill & Studley Heartbeat.

Cllr Handyside noted that he was a member of the committee for Derry Hill & Studley Heartbeat and also a member of the Community Committee.

Cllr Lord Kerry noted that he was a stakeholder in the Forest Gate Solar farm.

706/26. Chairman Announcements

The chair reminded everyone that grant applications open at the moment with money available until end of financial year, applications to be received intime for March meeting.

He noted a good showing from Derry Hill & Studley at Calne area board meeting re the HRC proposed closures. Plan to move 12.1 and 12.2 further up the agenda after the finance and planning items.

707/26. Minutes

707.1/26 Recommendation: That the Council approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 8th December 2025 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Committee and the discussion that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.

It was resolved by majority to approve minutes.

707.2/26 Recommendation; That the Council approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 2nd February 2026 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the Committee and the discussion that took place and that these be signed by the Chairman as such.

It was resolved by majority to approve minutes.

708/26. Clerk Report

For the clerk to update on actions noted in the previous month's minutes.

The clerk noted that the budget request has been submitted.

The clerk provided an update on contact made from Sandy Lane residents querying road safety improvements and concerns about the George Inn being closed for an extended period of time. An initial response has been provided.

709/26. Accounts

709.1/26 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Community Committee	Agreed Payment for website costs	£325 (part payment of £331.06)
WALC	Communication training	£42.00 (inc vat)

And any other payments received since the issue of the agenda.

Payments approved unanimously.

709.2/26 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending 31st January 2026.

Recommendation: That the Council approves the balance and expenditure for the period ending 31st January 2026

It was unanimously resolved to approve the balance and expenditure report.

709.3/26 Update from Derry Hill & Studley Heartbeat annual funding request.
To consider the attached [funding request](#) and [background report](#).

Recommendation; The council approve the amended approach to financial support for Derry Hill and Studley Heartbeat and approve the request for £2600 for support to purchase a replacement defibrillator to replace a unit that has reached the end of its useful life.

Budget – Defibrillators (CIL Reserves)

It was approved by majority with two abstentions to approve the funding request for £2600 to support the purchase of a replacement defibrillator.

710/26. Planning – Cllrs

710.1/26 To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

PL/2026/00138, (listed building consent) Studley House, Farmhouse, Studley, Calne, SN11 9LL, The repair of a listed farmhouse to include: Window replacement/repair, plaster repairs, replacement of rainwater goods, external pointing and stonework/structural repairs. <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000lrwpt>

It was unanimously resolved that the parish council has no objections to the proposals.

PL/2026/00619 (listed building consent) Loaf Cottage, 2 Sandy Lane, Chippenham, SN15 2PZ, Replacement of two kitchen window frames and one bathroom rooflight
<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000JGU7G>

It was noted that the application met Policy C3 in the Calne Community Neighbourhood plan.

It was unanimously approved that the parish council has No objections but would welcome the inclusion of the diagonal leading effect on the replacement window to mirror the existing windows on the rest of the house.

711/26.Forest Gate Community Fund update

711.1/26 Community Benefit Fund agreement;

Following the amendments made after the last meeting to approve the [final agreement](#) document for signing.

There was a discussion on clarifying the CIPH being used, is it headline or core? Important to gain clarity as the contract is for 40 years. Also need to double check the date that the payment is being taken from.

It was noted that Summary of terms must be consistent through the document.

It was unanimously resolved that subject to the clarification on CIPH index and checking when the index is being taken from that the fund agreement is approved to be signed.

711.2/26 Community benefit fund administration policy

To consider the draft community benefit fund [administration policy](#).

The draft document was discussed and points noted.

Propose that draft taken to the finance committee meeting to do detailed review and then return to next meeting after,

It was unanimously resolved that the draft go to the next finance committee meeting for a full review.

712/26.Road Safety Working group Updates

712.1/26 [Update](#) from LHFIG meeting

To receive the update.

Cllr Barnes presented the update and the report was noted.

There was a further discussion about the required repairs for Church Road and it was noted that continued pressure was required from both the Parish Council and Cllr Ashley O'Neill.

712.2/26 Consultation of Derry Hill road calming measure

To consider the [consultation](#) and agree the parish councils response to the consultation.

JB presented the consultation and explained the need to do a formal consultation when proposing a raised table.

There was a full discussion regarding the proposal, the details and the impacts on traffic through the village.

It was unanimously resolved that the parish council support the proposal traffic calming measure.

713/26. Strategic Plan Working Group Update

To receive the [update](#) from the working group.

Cllr Barnes provided the update and the report was noted.

714/26. Climate emergency and environment working group.

To receive the [update](#) from the working group.

Cllr Barnes provided the update and the report was noted.

715/26. Best Kept Village 2026

To consider the [report](#) regarding support for entry into the best kept village competition 2026.

There was a discussion about the request and the proposed arrangements for the entry. The outcome of last years entry was discussed and the areas required for improvement.

It was noted that there needed to be an identification of the tasks required in order to understand the scope and nature of the works proposed.

It was resolved unanimously that the parish council support the proposal that we collaborate with the community committee on the best kept village bid for 2026;

Cllrs McHale and Handyside to create a project plan and identify the lead party on each item and the funds required.

716/26. Memorandum of understanding Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council and the community committee.

To consider the [draft MOU](#) between the parish council and the community committee.

The draft mou was presented and discussed.

It was resolved by majority to approve the document for signing.

717/26. Letter of Support to Wilts and Berks Canal Trust

To consider and approve the [draft letter](#) of support.

The project was discussed and the benefit for the community.

It was identified that this project was part of a 5 year, much of which is in our area and will benefit the parish.

It was resolved by majority to approve signing the letter of support.

718/26. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 9th March 2026 19.30.

The date of the next meeting was approved.

The meeting closed at 21.30