

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

719/26 Apologies

To receive apologies.

It was unanimously resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr MacInnes and Cllr Williams.

720/26 Public participation/ Correspondence

720.1/26 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

Cllr Ashley O'Neill provided a brief update on the Wiltshire Council budget that was passed recently. Noted that the budget will have an impact on the area

720.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was nothing additional for the clerk to report.

NB. Cllr Williams joined the meeting at 19.34.

721/26. Co-option to Vacant seat available in Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

Recommendation; That the Committee consider the Co-option applicant for the vacant seat in Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

Consider the co-option applicant for the vacant seat by Nathan Errington.

The candidate provided a background summary of himself. Then the existing councillors had opportunity to ask questions.

Following questions it was proposed to Co-opt Nathan Errington to the vacant seat in the Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

It was unanimously resolved to Co-opt Nathan Errington to the vacant seat in the Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

Councillor Errington then signed his declarations of acceptance of office and took his seat in the meeting.

722/26. 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 Todd acknowledged that a grandchild goes to rub a dub preschool, but this was not a pecuniary interest.

723/26. Chairman Announcements

The chairman informed the rest of the council about the informal meeting relating to the climate environment working group on Monday 16th March at 19.30pm.

He then thanked everyone for scheduling litter picks and acknowledged that all needed to help promote them.

724/26. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 9th 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 with one abstention that the minutes were a true and fair reflection of the meeting.

725/26. Clerk Report

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

It was noted that the Community benefit fund agreement had been clarified and signed.

There was a brief update on resurfacing of Church Road, Major maintenance team involved, advised full width inlay to be sent to contractors for a quote. There was a query if the road safety improvement works should be completed if the road surface is not being improved at the same time.

726/26. Updates from Road Safety Working Group

To consider the following highway improvement forms proposed by the Road Safety Working group.

726.1/26 To consider the report and [Highways improvement form](#) requesting white gates on Devizes Road.

Following the discussion of all the highway improvement forms;

It was resolved by majority to endorse the form for submission to LHFIG for consideration.

726.2/26 To consider the [highways improvement form](#) requesting enhanced crossing point on the A4.

The request was discussed it was noted that there were concerns location suggested.

It was resolved by majority to withdraw the form and enter into discussions with a representative from Highways on how to improve the connectivity between Derry Hill & Studley on foot.

726.3/26 To consider the [highways improvement form](#) requesting improvements to A4 footpaths and verges.

The form was discussed at length, it was noted that this would be a job with significant costs involved.

It was resolved by majority to withdraw the form and enter into discussions with a representative from Highways on how to improve the connectivity between Derry Hill & Studley on foot.

726.4/26 To consider the [highways improvement form](#) requesting the designation of Old Road as a quiet lane.

The request was discussed, it was noted that Quiet Lanes was not a policy that Wiltshire Council has adopted, so this form would likely fail.

It was resolved by majority to withdraw the form and enter into discussions with a representative from Highways on how to improve the connectivity between Derry Hill & Studley on foot.

726.5/26 Replacement of Rustic Bench

To consider the [report](#)

Recommendation; It is recommended that the Council authorises a budget of £95 to replace the collapsed bench on the Route 403 Cycle Track at a point approximately 375m north of the Millenium Bridge.

Budget – Community Facilities (CIL)

Cllr Barnes presented the report.

It was resolved by majority with one abstention to authorise the budget to replace the bench on the Route 403 cycle track.

726.6/26 Publication of information regarding Church Road Works.

To consider the most appropriate methods of publishing information relating to the upcoming works in Church Road.

11th May 4 weeks, traffic calming measures, due to be completed,

It was noted that there is a serious concern about the optics of the traffic calming measures being completed when Church Road is in such a poor state.

It was observed that the resurfacing works should be done at the same time but noted that the works are being completed by different teams and from different budgets.

It was noted that a conversation with Wiltshire highways should be had regarding if the works should be deferred until the road is brought up to a standard.

Cllr Barnes to discuss with Mark Stansby in the first instance.

727/26. Grant application

To consider the large grant request received from Rub a Dub Preschool.

Recommendation; To consider the [grant funding request](#) for the amount requested £2500

Budget; Community Facilities

The applicants presented the application and explained the reasons for the explanation and gave a bit more background on the finances of the preschool.

Following the presentation the councillors rated the application using the standard matrix.

CII – Ref number -	Scoring (1-5) – Criteria given below	Weighting – Importance to Community/Council	Total Score
Alignment with Neighbourhood Plan	5	5	25
Community Benefits	5	5	25
Environmental Benefit Impacts	4	3	12
Measuring Benefits	4	3	12
Legacy Potential and Impact / Sustainability	4	3	12
Funding / Costs	4	3	12
Legislative requirements to be satisfied	4	3	12
Project Management and Risk	5	4	20
Total			130

It was resolved by majority vote with one abstention to approve the full £2500 to be awarded to Rub a Dub preschool.

726/26. Accounts

726.1/26 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Jam Print	Inspire printing	£599
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WALC	Training course – J Barnes Crisis Communications for local councils	£42 (inc vat)
Derry Hill & Studley Heartbeat	Replacement defibrillator costs	£2600

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

It was resolved by majority to approve all payments.

726.2/26 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending 28th February 2026.

Recommendation: That the Council approves the balance and expenditure for the period ending 28th February 2026.

It was resolved by majority to approve the balance and expenditure report.

726.3/26 The Council has ongoing contracts under which payments can be approved and paid outside meetings and reported to the next available Council meeting for noting. In accordance with the Council’s Financial Regulations these contract payments are approved each year.

Request; That the costs of printing inspire magazine are added to the approved payments list.

It was resolved by majority vote to add printing costs of inSPIRE magazine to the approved payments list.

726.4/26 Subscription Request

To consider the [report](#)

Recommendation; to approve the purchase of a Mailchimp subscription at a cost of £11.64 per month (including VAT), to be funded from the IT budget, to support the distribution and management of *inSPIRE* magazine and associated parish communications.

Budget; IT and email provision

It was resolved by majority vote to approve the purchase of a Mailchimp subscription.

727/26. Planning – Cllrs

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

PL/2026/00731, Chiromawa, Old Road, Studley, Calne, SN11 9NF, Rear single story extension with rear dormer. Porch to front elevations. Adjustments to fenestration.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000JM1iT>

It was resolved by majority that there were no objection to this application.

PL/2025/09835 & PL/2026/00912 (listed building consent) Nuthills Farm, Sandy Lane, Chippenham, SN15 2PY, Refurbishment of The Byre Annex, installation of ASHP & external lighting. <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000lafVJ>
<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000JVCV1>

Cllr Lord Kerry noted he was not taking part in the discussions or vote about this application.

It was resolved by majority with two abstentions that there were no objections to this application.

728/26. Strategic Plan working group update.

728.1/26 To consider the working groups [terms of reference](#).

It was resolved by majority vote to approve the terms of reference for the strategic plan working group.

728.2/26 To note the [report](#) from the working group.

That the Report be noted and that Council provides feedback to the Strategic Plan Working Group on:

- Appendix A – Values of the Council
- Appendix B - Objectives of the Council
- Appendix C – draft Agenda for Parish Meeting
- Appendix D – Committee/Working Group Plan Template

Request for feedback appendix a and b before our next meeting on 23rd March next meeting date.

Appendix C – Plan There was a discussion about the viability of a session as outlined and the possible pitfalls.

The plan for the annual parish meeting is to be referred back to strategic plan working group to replan.

729/26. Best kept Village update.

To consider the [Best Kept Village Update](#) and the requests within the report.

Requests to be considered;

729.1/26 The Council authorise Cllrs Barnes and Mizon with the Clerk, to use strimmer's that are currently available to assist with the tidying of the village.

The Clerk advised that this should not be approved without appropriate training having been completed and that there was £500 available in the training budget to the end of the year. It was proposed to put two Councillors (Mizon and Barnes) on the training course for safe use of strimmers, John Barnes and Vaughan Mizon to attend course,

It was resolved by majority vote to approve training for Cllr Barnes and Mizon to allow them to use strimmers within the community.

729.2/26 The Council authorise Cllrs Todd and Handyside a budget of £300, in collaboration with the Community Committee, to be expended on enhancements to the appearance of village specifically associated with the BKV26 submission. Report plans to the Financial Committee at the 30th March meeting.

It was resolved to approve a budget of £300 for enhancements to the appearance of the village. Specific plan to be submitted to the finance committee for 30th March.

729.3/26 The Council support the concept of a raised planter as an element of enhancement for the village, subject to location and cost, with a report to the Financial Committee on the 30th March clarifying detail. Delegating authority to the Committee to approve or reject any detailed proposal and report back to the full Council meeting in April.

It was noted that this item to be referred to the next meeting with a firm plan.

Budget; Equipment and facility maintenance (precept)

730/26. Time and date of next meeting.

Monday 13th April 2026.

The meeting closed at 21.49