

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL  
MONDAY 13 APRIL 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	Nathan Errington	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.

**731/26 Apologies**

To receive apologies.

Cllr Williams sent apologies, recuperations.

*It was unanimously resolved to approve the absence and reasons for absence.*

**732/26 Public participation/ Correspondence**

732.1/26 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

Wiltshire Councillor Ashley O'Neill attended and provided an update. He noted that areas of Church Road were due for bobcat works, and that he continues to push for Church Road to be prioritised for action.

732.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

**733/26. 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.

Councillor Lord Kerry noted interest in the land where Forest Gate solar farm is being built.

**734/26. Chairman Announcements**

Thank Andrew and Ioan Rees helping deliver the 20's plenty stickers,

Thank Vaughan and Martin for helping to install the bench.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Best Kept Village tidy up. If everyone could keep in the diary for helping out.

### 735/26. Minutes

**Recommendation:** That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 approved by majority with one abstention that the minutes were a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed.*

### 736/26. Clerk Report

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

The clerk reminded the councillors that there was a free place being offered on planning training offered by Calne Town Council. on 29<sup>th</sup> April 18.00-20.00 one place up for grabs. It was confirmed that Nathan Errington will attend the training.

### 737/26. Accounts

737.1/26 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

WALC	NALC and WALC annual subscription	£777.85

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

*It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.*

737.2/26 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

**Recommendation:** That the Committee approve draft year end accounts ([Receipts and Payments](#), [Payments over £100](#) and [Grants](#)), for submission to the internal auditor

*The documents were unanimously approved.*

### 738/26. Planning – Cllrs

738.1/26 To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

PL/2026/01637

**Pound Hall Farm, Norley Lane, Studley, Calne, SN11 9LN** Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing Use) to regularize the use of The Stone Barn as a self-contained residential holiday-let unit <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000K9oV7>

PL/2026/01638

**Pound Hall Farm, Norley Lane, Studley, Calne, SN11 9LN** Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing Use) to regularize the use of The Tiny Barn as a self-contained residential holiday-let unit <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000K9oWj>

*It was unanimously resolved that there were no objection to either Pound Hall application and noted that the council hasn't received any complaints from residents.*

PL/2026/01825

**27 Redhill Close, Derry Hill, Calne, SN11 9NY**, Replacement of conservatory with single-storey rear extension, <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000KKGgE>

It was noted that the footprint was similar to existing conservatory, not had any residents complain, no objection to making a property more thermal efficient.

*It was unanimously resolved that there were no objections to the application.*

### **739/26. Update from finance committee**

#### **739.1/26 To approve minutes**

To approve and for the chair to sign the [minutes](#) from the Finance Committee meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

*It was resolved by majority with one abstention the minutes were a true reflection of the motions discussed.*

#### **739.2/26 Asset Survey**

To consider the [annual survey](#) of Parish Council Assets and consider the recommended maintenance works as identified by the finance committee;

Further maintenance required;

- Tile court benches need sanding and oiling, **Action**; to request Greg Fowler to do some maintenance work to them.
- It was noted that the dog waste bin on church road near the golden gates was regularly overflowing. **Action** to look at new bigger bin rather than an extra empty.
- Name header on noticeboards, **Action** obtain quotes to change the name. x3 boards.
- Monitor smell from new dog bins on petty acre during warmer weather to see if they need any retrofitting.
- Petty Acre Goalposts- topsoil and grass seed. Still one dip but a lot of grass, grass seed or turf.- **Action** -purchase turf after Easter break.
- Goalposts have a wobble, **Action** look at how to reduce the wobble.
- Grit bin in Studley gardens, - **Action** Top up before winter,
- Annual noticeboard maintenance, **Action** to speak to Greg Fowler.
- Wellhouse- JB to tidy up before BKV will rake out weeds and then will cut back branches after nesting season. **Action** Get quote from Greg for foot of well house to see if little piece of oak can be filled in, using old finial?

#### **Recommendation; consider the recommended maintenance works.**

The council discussed the list of works required,

It was noted that there would be benefits of completing the asset review prior to the new budget setting process. Review therefore to be moved from January to August each year.

Regarding the overflowing bin on Church Road the clerk reported that an extra empty not possible and the cost of emptying a bigger bin would rise to £11 per empty.

Regarding the goalposts Cllr Mizon updated, has looked and noted that it is a difference between the pole and the socket in the ground. Doesn't see it as a hazard. No Further action Proposed.

**Proposal; firm a price for supply and empty a larger bin for Church road, delegate authority to approve the spend to the clerk in consultation with the finance committee.**

*It was resolved unanimously to delegate authority to approve the spend to the clerk in consultation with the finance committee to confirm a price for supply and empty a larger bin for church road.*

**Budget- Equipment facility and maintenance  
Bin Emptying**

Priority set for works on the asset list. Action to get quotes to replace the noticeboard nameplates.

Cllr Mizon volunteered to complete the work required to maintain the two benches at Tile Court.

*It was resolved to Delegate minor spend approval to the Clerk for the works.*

**Budget – Equipment facility and Maintenance**

Action; Put in report to next Parish Council meeting with priorities and quotes.

### **739.3/26 Risk register**

To resolve to adopt the [amended risk register](#).

*It was unanimously resolved to adopt the updated risk register.*

### **740/26 Update from the Strategic Plan working group**

740.1/26 To receive the [update](#) from the working group.

*It was unanimously resolved to formally adopt core values and objectives-*

Is everyone happy with using a survey to gather views from local residents? does anyone have any additional items for the survey, please drop Clerk and Chair a line within 1 week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup>)

*It was unanimously resolved to use a survey to communicate with the community.*

*It was unanimously resolved to approve the agenda for the parish meeting. It was noted to ensure that the survey gets an end date for feedback.*

*It was unanimously resolved that all committees and working groups are to develop initiative plans using the template.*

740.2/26 To consider the [Parish Council overview](#) document for approval.

*It was unanimously resolved to approve the Parish Council overview document for publication.*

**741/26. Update from the Climate emergency working group**

To note the [update](#) from the Climate Emergency working group.

The update was noted.

**742/26. Updated Community fund regulations.**

To consider the updated [community fund regulations](#).

*It was resolved by majority to approve document subject to minor typo editing.*

**743/26. To consider a proposal relating to the war memorial.**

To consider the attached [proposal](#).

It was noted that lack of clarity of who owns the ownership, we pay for the upkeep of the ground however the Parish Council doesn't own the land and therefore we don't think we can give permission.

It was noted that the group must ensure that they don't introduce a Health& Safety issue for those people laying wreaths at the remembrance service. It was further noted that the craft group must control the installation.

*It was unanimously resolved that blessing and endorsement be given for the project but not permission and pass thanks to craft group.*

**744/26. To approve the time and date of the next meeting.**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.12