

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 8th JUNE 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	A
Jean Spence	P	Philippa Todd	P	Andrew Turton	P
Claire Williams	A				

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

763/26 Apologies

To receive apologies.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Williams and Cllr Mizon.

764/26 Public participation/ Correspondence

764.1/26 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

There were no members of the public to address the council at this point.

764.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was no additional correspondence to report.

765/26. 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 Lord Kerry noted that the Bowood Estate has interest in pocket of land on the expected large planning application. It was noted that whilst not significant during this discussion it may become significant once the planning application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council.

766/26. Chairman Announcements

Cllr John Barnes thanked the council for re-electing chair for another year and welcomed PCSO Mark Cook to the meeting.

767/26. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on Monday 11th May 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 the minutes as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed.

768/26. Clerk Report

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

The clerk informed the council that the Insurance has been renewed, it was also noted that the appeal to the decision regarding the proposed Studley traffic calming measures had been unsuccessful.

769/26. Police Update

To receive a verbal update from the police.

PCSO Mark Cook provided an update on policing in the locality and answered questions from the councillors.

770/26. Accounts

770.1/26 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

David Stiles	Petty acre benches refresh paint	£19.98

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

It was unanimously resolved to reimburse David Stiles for the paint used to refurbish the benches on Petty Acre.

770.2/26 Balance and Expenditure

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

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

The report was unanimously approved.

771/26. Planning – Cllrs

771.1/26 To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below. It was noted that there were no planning applications received this month.

771.2/26 Initial conversation about London Road Proposed application

To discuss the work required for the imminent large planning application expected.

Cllr Barnes opened the discussion with some background on the expected planning application. It was noted that the withdrawal of the draft Local Plan is likely to increase uncertainty within the planning system. During this period, there may be an increase in speculative planning applications, including proposals for larger developments and schemes on land not previously identified for growth.

There is a small parcel of land that is in the initial proposals that lies in our parish. We are currently uncertain if this land is likely to contain buildings or just woodland. However as a parish council it is important to have identified the things that we would be needing to include in any planning response on this land.

There was an initial discussion regarding traffic concerns, protecting/highlighting the Wilts and Berks Canal and protecting coalescence between Chippenham and the villages.

Cllr Barnes, Turton, Handyside and Errington volunteered to develop a working group to initially review the applications as they are submitted.

772/26. Arrangements for the Village Fete Saturday 11th July 2026

To discuss councillor availability and plans for the fete stall and agree any budget required.

Budget; Public Participation and engagement.

Cllrs Spence, Barnes Errington, Handyside, Todd and Mizon volunteered to help at the fete.

It was noted that a Gazebo was available, but tables needed to be borrowed. Display boards need to be borrowed from Calne Town Council. The teardrop flag will also be on display.

Plan for the Content

- Engagement Survey – QR Code + copies
- Road Safety
 - Print outs of design drawings
 - Montage of previous schemes
- Footpaths:
 - Map of Local Footpaths
 - Slide with montage of footpath repair photos
- Climate & Environment
 - Slide with photos from previous project
 - Slide with ideas for future projects + QR Code
- Assets:
 - Slide with play equipment + renovation of well house and benches

It was unanimously resolved to approve a £50 budget for printing materials for the fete.

773/26. Proposals for installation of Flag poles in village

To discuss the attached [proposal](#)

The proposal was discussed by the council. It was noted that there were practical difficulties with the council not owning any land on which flag poles could be installed, managing flags on others land could lead to difficulties in being able to meet the flag protocols required by public bodies who 'own' flagpoles.

It was noted that while the project could not be progressed by the council, applications for funding from establishments who wished to install and maintain their own flagpole would be considered.

774/26. Proposal for Councillor surgeries

To discuss the attached [proposal](#).

The proposal was discussed, it was noted that there should be a rota for councillors who wish to take part, dates and times should varied to ensure that all residents who wish to be able to speak to councillors are able to.

It was noted that inSPIRE must be used for advertising the sessions.

The process must be risk assessed to ensure personal safety.

Recommendation:

That the Parish Council approves a four-month trial of monthly community engagement sessions at Lansdowne Hall from September to December 2026, with associated room hire costs of £135.00 to be funded from the Public Participation Budget, and that the effectiveness of the initiative be reviewed by the Council before any decision is made regarding its continuation.

It was unanimously resolved to approve a four-month trial of community engagement sessions.

775/26. Policy Update

775.1/26 To review and approve the updated [CIL policy](#)

It was resolved by majority to approve the revised policy.

775.2/26 To review and approve the updated [vexatious complaint policy](#).

The policy was discussed and an amendment to point 7.1 requested to detail how long records are kept for, 5 Years was agreed as appropriate.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the revised policy.

776/26. To agree time and date of next meeting

Monday 13th July 2026 7.30pm

The time and date was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.15