

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 13th July 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	Nathan Errington	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 sent his apologies.

777/26 Apologies

To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr MacInnes,

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

778/26 Public participation/ Correspondence

778.1/26 Public participation

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council..

A member of the public addressed the meeting. They raised concerns about speeding through the village, Issue concerning exit of Studley Lane, concern about location of bollard at junction being incorrect, too wide coming into the village and too narrow coming out of the village. Outlined the belief that the new layout slows down exit from the village because it only allows one car out at the time.

The councillors discussed the issues raised. It was noted that traffic lights were the ultimate solution and these would be lobbied for when the opportunity arose. It was further noted that if you make the village more easy to leave then this increases the risk of the village being a popular rat run.

It was noted that these discussions would be moved to the road safety working group.

778.2/26 Correspondence

For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.

There was nothing additional to circulate.

779/26. 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.

Barbara Dawson stood for co-option to the vacant seat to represent Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

BD addressed the meeting and answered questions.

It was unanimously resolved to co-opt Barbara Dawson to the vacant seat to represent the Derry Hill & Studley Ward.

780/26. 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 acknowledged an interest in The George Public House and withdrew from discussions on the planning matter.

781/26. Chairman Announcements

1. The Chair thanked councillors for their help with the village fete on Saturday.
2. The proposed traffic regulation order (TRO) to lower the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on the northbound approach to Sandy Lane has been approved and will now proceed to implementation. This included the implementation of a 50mph speed limit on the Mile Elm Road in the direction of Calne.
3. The Council has received a reply from the Cabinet Member for Highways, in response to our letter about this year's LHFIG Budget. Cllr Martin Smith advised that the LHFIG Budget will be match-funded from CIL as previous year's, putting it back to £24,930, and that Wiltshire Council will also be doubling the size of the budget for substantive bids (which was £250k last year), with two opportunities each year to bid.
4. Bowood have found a new tenant for the George Inn and are hoping that it will re-open in August.

782/26. Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on Monday 8th June 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 that the minutes of the meeting were a true and fair reflection of the meeting.

783/26. Clerk Report

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

The clerk noted that the register of interest held by Wiltshire Council has been updated to remove personal addresses as required by new legislation.

All councillors were requested to double check the register to ensure that it still captures their interests except for the domestic property address.

784/26. Accounts

784.1/26 Payments

Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

Lansdowne hall invoices	Hall hire Jan 26- July 26	£350 tbc
Walc	Councillor Fundamentals - NE	£48
SLCC membership fee	K Checchia annual membership of SLCC	£200
Canva	Annual membership	£100
WALC	Data protection training - SK	£48

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

It was unanimously resolved to approve all payments.

784.2/26 Balance and Expenditure

To consider and approve the [balance and expenditure](#) for the period ending 30th June 2026 Report circulated.

Recommendation: That the Council approves the balance and expenditure for the period ending 30th June 2026

The clerk went through the report and invited questions.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the report.

785/26. Planning – Cllrs

785.1/26 To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

No planning applications at time of issue.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000MWQNh>

The planning application was discussed and was resolved to have no objections.

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000Mpirx>

The planning application was discussed and was resolved to have no objections.

785.2/26 To confirm response to Pewsham development proposals.

To note the [response](#) provided to the pre application consultation.

The report was noted and it was discussed that if the planning application was lodged during the summer break then an extra meeting would be called to deal with the response.

Cllr Dawson expressed an interest to join the working group involved in the response to this expected application.

785.3/26 Local Plan

To note the updates on the Local Plan.

It was noted that Wiltshire Council gave formal notice on 30th June for starting the new plan.

They are currently asking landowners and local residents to participate in their 'call for sites' this process is running between 9th July 2026 and 30th September 2026.

786/26. Finance Committee Update

786.1/26 To approve minutes

To approve and for the chair to sign the [minutes](#) from the Finance Committee meeting Monday 29th June 2026.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the Minutes as a true and fair reflection of the meeting.

786.2/26 Finance regs,

To adopt the reviewed [Financial Regulations](#).

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the reviewed Finance regulations.

786.3/26 Asset review

To note quote received and reviewed for maintenance and repair works to the noticeboards, including routine maintenance, replacement nameplates and repair to Derry Hill noticeboard.

£830 quoted for repair and maintenance works.

Budget; Equipment Facility and Maintenance.

It was unanimously resolved to ratify the £830 approval for the works to the three noticeboards through the parish, and to approve a £300 initial deposit to be provided to the supplier.

787/26. Road Safety Update

787.1/26 Studley Traffic calming scheme.

To consider the [report](#).

Recommendation; The Council submits a request via LHFIG that Calne Area Board submits the Studley Traffic Calming Measures Scheme as a bid for Substantive Highway Scheme Funding in this year's funding applications, with the commitment of a Parish Contribution of £10,000.

Cllr Barnes introduced the report and gave further background.

There was a discussion about council reserves and other projects that may require the unallocated reserves.

It was proposed to delay this decision until the parish survey results had been considered.

It was unanimously resolved to reconsider this request in September 2026.

787.2/26 Highway Improvement Forms;

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

1. [Old Road](#)

Recommendation to endorse and submit to LHFIG for solution.

Proposal – endorse and ask that highway officers assess and make pragmatic recommendations.

It was unanimously resolved that The Parish Council endorses the form and asks that officers assess the barriers and make pragmatic recommendations on how walking routes between the eastern end of Studley (around Black Dog Hill) and the main village could be improved.

2. [Studley Gardens](#)

JB – Explained the issue behind the form and the history of the area and the thoughts being.

Proposal ; Endorse the request for double yellow lines on either side of the entrance to Studley Gardens.

It was unanimously resolved that The Parish Council therefore endorses this form and asks that double yellow lines be installed on the west side of Studley Lane on either side of Studley Gardens to improve visibility. We ask that these be included in the next round of parking prohibitions for the Calne area.

3. [A4/A342](#)

Proposal; endorse the highway improvement form to raise with LHFIG and ask for their recommendations on how to make the no through road more obvious.

It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council endorses the form and asks that officers assess the issue and make pragmatic recommendations as to how the transition from an A-road to a residential country lane could be made more obvious.

788/26. Climate and Environment Group Update.

To consider the [update report](#).

Recommendation; That the Report be noted and a budget of £200 is approved to fund room hire and refreshments for four evening meetings in the Lansdowne Hall.

Budget; Public participation and Engagement

Cllr Handyside provided an update on the works of the climate group.

It was unanimously resolved to approve a £200 budget for room hire and refreshments for four evening meetings in the Lansdowne Hall.

789/26. Standing orders Update

To adopt the [standing orders](#) as reviewed.

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the standing orders as reviewed.

790/26. Confirm time and date of next meeting.

Monday 14th September 2026 19.30

The meeting closed at 21.28