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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DERRY HILL & STUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LANSDOWNE HALL, DERRY HILL
MONDAY 12th October 2026

DERRY HILL &STUDLEY COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE
Present (P): Apologies (A): Did Not Attend (X)

John Barnes (Chair)	P	Barbara Dawson	P	Martin Handyside	A
Lord Simon Kerry	P	Bruce MacInnes	P	Nathan Errington	X
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.

809/26 Apologies
To receive apologies.

Cllr Martin Handyside sent apologies.

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

810/26 Public participation/ Correspondence
810.1/26 Public participation
Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee.

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Cllr Ashley 0'Neill provided an update on the recent site meeting to consider the concerns raised due to the rumble strips located near the war memorial.
He advised that Wiltshire Highways wish to collect further information relating to the impact of the strips is to be gathered before a recommended course of action is considered. Once the evidence has been gathered a fully informed evidence-based decision will be made.

810.2/26 Correspondence
For the Clerk to report any correspondence not circulated.
There was no additional correspondence to report.

811/26. 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 declared an interest in the land the scout hut in located on and as such would not take part in the discussion on the planning application.

812/26. Chairman Announcements
Reminder that its remembrance Sunday November 8th, road closure organised, thank everyone who has offered to help with road closure.
Secondly, may I record our sadness at the news of the passing of Rahn Heer, who had run the shop and post-office since it re-opened five years ago. Rahn had put a huge amount of effort into re-establishing the shop and post-office and will be sorely missed by our community. May I note our deepest condolences to his family and mark our respects with a minute's silence?"

A minute's silence was then held.

813/26 Minutes
Recommendation: That the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2026 as a true and fair reflection of the motions agreed by the council 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.

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814/26. Clerk Report
For the clerk to update on actions noted in the previous month's minutes.
The clerk noted that the response to the planning application and the bridleway consultation have been submitted and acknowledged.

815/26. Accounts
815.1/26 Payments
Recommendation that the following payments be approved:

G Fowler	Balance of noticeboard works	£530

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

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment.

815.2/26 Balance and Expenditure
To consider and approve the balance and expenditure for the period ending 30th October 2026 Report circulated.
Recommendation: That the Council approves the balance and expenditure for the period ending 30th October 2026.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the report.

816/26.HRC closure update.
To consider the update report and consider the recommendations contained within it.

JB presented the report and AON provided an additional update, many people are saying that they are against the changes. Difficult for the most vulnerable and young families.
Booking system makes no sense at lower Compton which is lighter used,
The more barriers we put up the more risk we are of fly tipping.
Interested to see the impact on food waste collections.

It is recommended that Council writes to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate and Waste re-stating our opposition to the closure of Lower Compton HRC and asking the following questions:

In respect of the proposed closure of Lower Compton HRC:
• Could you set out the reasons why the current Lower Compton HRC is not fit for purpose and what changes would be required to upgrade it to modern operational standards?
• Do Wiltshire Council intend to publish a Cost Benefit Analysis justifying the replacement of the Purton and Lower Compton HRCs with a new facility at Wootton Bassett?
• Will Wiltshire Council publish a Carbon Impact Assessment of the changes, taking consideration of additional journey times to the replacement HRC, as well as the transportation of materials from the replacement HRC to the Hills' Materials Recovery Centre at Lower Compton?
• Has Wiltshire Council considered taking on the operation of Lower Compton HRC directly under a negotiated long-lease arrangement?
• Will the replacement of Lower Compton and Purton HRCs with a new HRC in Royal Wootton Bassett increase or decrease the capacity of household recycling centres in Wiltshire?
• Given the extent of housing development taking place around Calne and to the south of Chippenham, and the need to improve recycling rates above the current level of 42.4%, has Wiltshire Council assessed the HRC capacity required to meet future needs to a reasonable planning horizon.
• When Lower Compton HRC closes, will Wiltshire Council extend the opening hours of our next nearest HRCs at Melksham and Devizes?

In respect of the HRC booking system trial:
• How long will the trial of the booking system go on for?
• How will the results of the Booking Pilot be assessed?
• Will Wiltshire Council publish data on the impact of the system on use of the HRC?
• Will Wiltshire Council be assessing whether the booking system trial has an impact on incidents of fly-tipping in the county?

It was unanimously resolved to write to the cabinet member for Environment Climate and Waste.

817/26. Planning – Cllrs
To consider the planning applications currently out for consultation. List below.

PL/2026/05559, **Scout Hut, Old Road, Studley, Derry Hill, Chippenham, SN11 9NF,** Variation of condition 1 on PL/2021/10670 to amend the wording to extend the temporary period until 31 January 2034.

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https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr3/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000NwQuX

There was a discussion about the application, it was noted that is was sensible to bring the permission in line with the lease, there were also concerns raised about noise levels from the site and issues with traffic arriving and leaving the site.

It was proposed that the council provide a no objection response with the condition that the scout group prepare an appropriate traffic management plan to mitigate impact on local residents.

It was resolved by majority to provide a no objection response with he condition that the scout group provide a traffic management plan.

818/26. Finance Committee Update
818.1/26 To approve and for the chair to sign the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting Monday 21st September 2026.

It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes as a trued an fair reflection of the meeting.

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818.2/26 Grant Recommendations
To consider the recommendations in the grant application report.

Recommendations;
Derry Hill & Studley Youth Club - £950
St Johns Ambulance - £371
Wilts & Berks Canal trust - £650

Lansdowne Hall - £3029

There were discussions about the finance committee recommendations.
There was general agreement about the recommendations for the small grants (youth club, st Johns Ambulance and Wilts and Berks Canal)

There were concerns raised about the large sum requested from the Lansdowne Hall for the second-year running. The finance committee explained the answers for the exact questions that had been asked during the initial discussion. It was acknowledged that the roof repairs had reduced the financial reserve of the hall. However, there was further debate about the need for the hall to plan better financially for maintenance and repairs.
It was acknowledged that the hall was a great asset to the village.

Recommendations of the finance committee going to the vote;
It was unanimously resolved to grant Derry Hill Youth club a grant of £950
It was unanimously resolved to grant St Johns Ambulance a grant of £371

It was unanimously resolved to grant Wilts & Berks Canal Trust a grant of £650.

It was resolved by majority to grant Lansdowne Hall a grant of £3029.

818.3/26 Draft budget paper
To consider the draft budget paper from the Finance Committee and identify any changes required.

The draft budget was discussed with a specific discussion around increasing the budget for inspire magazine to allow the publication to run up to 52 pages per edition given all the additional information that needs to be communicated alongside maintaining space for all the community groups.
There was an agreement that the budget increase for the whole budget should aim to stay around the 3% increase.

All councillors are requested to look at budget with a view to raising any budget amendments required to finance committee prior to the next finance committee meeting.

819/26. Policy Updates
To review and adopt the updated policy documents.
819.1/26 Flexible working policy
It was unanimously resolved to approve the updated policy.

819.2/26 Disciplinary and grievance policy
It was unanimously resolved to approve the updated policy.

819.3/26 Equality and diversity policy
It was unanimously resolved to approve the updated policy.

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820/26 To agree the time and date of next meeting
Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.00