

Councillors you are duly summoned and members of the public are invited to attend a
Meeting of the Slyne with Hest Parish Council
on **Monday 20 April 2026 at 7:00 pm** at
The Memorial Hall for the purposes detailed in the following agenda.

April 2026

AGENDA

1. Apologies. Cllr Kyle,

2. Minutes of the last meeting. Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 26 as a true record.

3. Public Participation

At the discretion of the Chairperson members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak, ask questions or raise matters of interest with regard to this agenda. Standing Orders will be suspended for this period.

4. Reports

*To receive any reports from Lancaster City Council or Lancashire County Councillors.
To receive any updates from local groups in attendance. Due to limited time, reports must be kept to around 5 minutes.*

5. Declaration of Interest

To receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda (Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting)

6. New items to consider for April 2026

- a) **Correspondence** distributed to councillors.
 - See item h. Abandoned vehicles at the foreshore
- b) Cllr Hartley has proposed a motion that the council discuss the matter of accessibility at the recreation ground. He highlighted the lack of accessibility of the kissing gate due to the uneven ground surface. Further he feels whilst accessibility is better at the gate close to the bowling club it is still a tricky entrance to reach safely in a wheelchair.
- c) **Tree Policy** – to review a revised policy. The policy has been updated to reflect current legislation but is otherwise unchanged.
- d) **Policy Documents generally.** The clerk would like to bring the parish councils policy documents to the attention of all the councillors, especially for the benefit of any newer parish council members, but also as a refresher for those long standing councillors; All documents are published on the slynewithhest-pc.gov.uk website. They include, Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- e) **Family Fun Day 4 July.** Cllr Obertelli would like to propose a motion to consider a donation to support this village event which is open to all residents.
- f) **Maintenance Contract for Zip Wire.** To consider a regular contract for quarterly and annual maintenance for the new Zip wire. Quote from Proludic who fitted the equipment has been submitted at £975 pa to strip back, inspect and re-wire as required.
- g) **Planning Matters.** Councillors attention is brought to the update on the changes to the Planning Appeals process as detailed in a Government Bulletin dated 02/04/2026. It states that any comments made at the initial consultation stage are more likely to be the only comments that can be relied upon at appeal. This gives more weight to the initial

consultation. A briefing document was shared by the clerk to help councillors with considerations to rely upon when asked to consult on planning applications. Further the Clerk recommends that councillors take up an offer of training via NALC.

- h) **Abandoned Vehicles.** Councillors have been notified by a member of public that there are three vehicles at the Foreshore on council owned land that appear to have been abandoned. Council will consider their next steps to deal with the matter. City Council policy on abandon vehicles can be found on their website. **Parking on Parish Council Land, Access over Parish Council Land Generally.** Feedback from Cllr Obertelli regarding parking generally on pc land and access issues.
- i) **Memorial Benches.** Recently council was asked to consider a bench at the foreshore, the location has been shared for approval. Several benches in the cemetery need some repairs or replacing. One family have plans to replace their bench, but two others need to be considered. One has slats missing the other is in need of restoring or replacing.
- j) **Parish Council Logo.** Deferred from March: Cllrs Hartley and Atkinson to feedback.
- k) **The Rec New Gate - Public Feedback.** Cllrs attention is drawn to the public feedback on the new gate on Manor Lane received via social media. Residents have started to use the new gate and in person feedback has been very positive. Some residents are still climbing over the fence.

7. Ongoing Items - Working Group Updates

To receive any updates regarding ongoing items and agree any actions arising from them not covered elsewhere in this agenda;

Woodland Management
Repairs at The Rec and Zip Wire
Pump Track
Memorial Hall
Four Year Plan

Cemetery
Access matters
Boundary Signs
Bus Shelter Maintenance

8. Year End & AGAR

To note; An internal audit will take place later in April ahead of the statutory external audit. **Quarterly / Annual Accounts;** The clerk has shared a full year's accounts document from the 2025-2026 financial year. Cllrs are reminded that they have access to the accounting software used by the clerk day to day, further they have access to the live figures held at the bank using their on-line privileges. **Asset Register** the list of assets that council owns has been updated throughout the year to remove some items, and add in others, for example the new Cable Way and new Bins and Signage.

9. Planning Applications

To note that the following planning application(s) has been submitted to Lancaster City Council and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:

26/00303/FUL	18 Bryn Grove	Rear Extension
26/00073/FUL	67 Hest Bank Lane	Side and Rear Extension
26/00343/FUL	4 Manor Lane	Extension with Balcony
26/240/FUL	2 Hatlex Drive	Extension with Balcony

To note, any planning applications received and circulated to members of the Council since publishing the agenda.

To note, those planning applications that have been notified as approved/refused by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting. The following were notified as - permitted.

26/00057/FUL	5 Hatlex Hill	Extension
26/00081/LB	Slyne Grange	Solar Panels

10. Finance

- i) Unity Trust Current Account £21,427.76 and Reserves 95 Day Account £50,162.88. Instant Access savings account £62,145.97.
- ii) To receive any monthly or quarterly accounts reports, **see item 8**, a Year End report has been distributed to councillors to include all payments and receipts. Members of the public will be able to look over the accounts in the coming weeks.
- iii) To note any receipts since publishing the agenda
- iv) To approve the following payments and receipts, including any retrospective items
- v) To Note any transfers listed between Bank Accounts.

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Regular Payments	£	Receipts	£
Bank Charges	£7.00	Bank Interest	£82.68
Printing	£9.99	Bank Interest	£162.88
Mobile Phone	£6.25	Precept	£75,060.00
Salaries / Pensions	£0.00	MUGA bookings	£12.60
Eon Next (MUGA)	£51.21	Newsletter (pre school)	£200.00
Broadband	£44.45	Lune Valley Jr	
Easy Website	£36.96	Muga	£182.00
HMRC (Quarterly)	£1,033.56	Lan City Jrs Muga	£143.00
Rydal Comms	£66.92	Bank T/f's	
DC Garden	£500.00	Bank T/f	£60,000.00
Envirocare	£955.82		
Other payments			
Cllr Kyle (Safety Mirrors)	£59.98		
Stationary	£6.99		
Magnets	£6.99		

11. Open Spaces

To discuss any report or notification on the condition of any other parish assets or land; for example bins, benches, grassland, trees not covered elsewhere in the agenda

To record the regular weekly inspection of our two playgrounds and any issue found.

- The clerk inspected the play grounds, 2/4/2026, 13/4/2026.
- Proludic Zip Slide – inspected for compliance by their operative on 02/04/2026. The seat height and cable were inspected and adjusted accordingly.

Litter pick – a litter pick was carried out on 11 April in conjunction with Bold Coffee shop. There was a large uptake and plenty of volunteers. The council thanks all involved for their dedication to improving village life.

12. Biodiversity and Climate Matters

Nothing to report.

13. Parish Events

To receive any reports about events planned by the parish council not covered anywhere else in this agenda. Next planned event is a summer quiz. 20 June 2026.

14. Newsletter

Volunteers have been found to deliver the booklet in early May. All have been asked to sign up to the volunteer policy and been issued with a simple risk assessment as per policy requirements. Ideas for articles in future newsletters should be sent to shanishaker@gmail.com

15. To receive any items for a future agenda

16. Date and Time of the next meeting Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:000 pm

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