

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 APRIL 2026 in the MEMORIAL HALL

3761. Attending. Cllr's Antony Obertelli, Andy Burrow, David Atkinson, Karen Kyle. Cllr Connor. Clerk, Louise Ash. City Councillors Paul Newton, and Keith Budden, County Councillor Russell Walsh

3762. Apologies

Cllrs Hartley, Kidd and Kyle's apologies were accepted.

3763. Minutes.

The minutes of Monday 16 March 2026 were accepted as correct

3764. Public Participation

None attended.

Verbal report from the clerk on the successful *National Day of Action* on Saturday 18 April for nature, parks and green spaces. It was well attended, our current MP Lizzie Collinge attended to show her support for nature.

3765. Reports Cllr Newton, Cllr Budden and Councillor Walsh attended. Cllr Walsh reiterated his support for the County Council repairs needed around the village and assured that he is applying pressure for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Pump Track

Cllr Walsh has shared the details of some potential funding pots. Whilst they will not be able to cover the full value of a large expenditure project they may be able to help with a sum towards it. Cllr Obertelli mentioned that an alternative could be a multi-use skate park similar to the one being planned in Heysham.

3766. Declaration of Interests. There were no pecuniary interests to declare.

3767. New Items to consider for April 2026

a. Correspondence distributed to councillors.

Abandoned Vehicles at the Foreshore, see item h.

b. Accessibility issues at the Rec.

Cllr Hartley proposed that changes were made to the entrances on Hanging Green lane to allow for easier access for those with mobility issues. Cllrs agreed that the matter needs attention and they will look into how best to make improvements and report back in due course.

c. Tree Policy

An undated policy document was shared and **Adopted**

d. Policy Documents

The clerk brought the suite of policies published on councils website to the attention of the councillors and reminded them of their importance. **Noted.**

e. Family Fun Day

Cllr Obertelli proposed that a donation of £200 to the this village event and councillors **Approved**

f. Zip Wire Maintenance

Cllrs would like to explore more quotes before deciding on who to award the contract to.
Differed to May.

g. Planning Matters.

Cllrs were sent a briefing note on recent changes to the appeal process around refused applications. The update was so **Noted.**

h. Abandoned Vehicles, Illegal parking on parish council land, and access matters.

It was noted that there is illegal parking on the foreshore. Lancaster City Council have agreed that once the criteria of their policy on Abandoned Vehicles is met that they can help the parish council to remove such vehicles.

The parish council has a legal right to remove vehicles from their land, supported by Byelaws as published on their website. Further they can choose to remove illegally parked vehicles when they so wish.

Cllrs asked the clerk to do some further research into the matter and report back.

A specific parish council policy is not required at this time as the matter can be dealt with as described above.

Access matters at Teal Bay at Cheyette Fitness were left in abeyance.

i. Memorial Benches

The location of a memorial bench at the foreshore was **Approved.** The state of repair of some benches was noted; repairs to those will be requested by Cllr Obertelli.

j. Parish Council Logo.

A request for help has been placed in the village Newsletter.

k. The Rec; New entrance gate on Manor Lane

The new gate has been installed and initial feedback has been very positive. Two safety signs to signal that children are crossing will be purchased installed in the coming weeks. **Approved;** purchase of safety signs. **Noted;** Cllr Burrow was thanked for his leadership on the repairs that have been carried out on the Rec.

3768. Ongoing items – for updates on working group activities

Woodland Management	Cemetery
Repairs at The Rec and Zip Wire	Access matters
Pump Track	Boundary Signs
Memorial Hall	Bus Shelter Maintenance
Four Year Plan	

Four year plan Discussion around the following took place; Setting a date for all to attend to discuss a Four year plan to think through further improvements to the village amenities whilst balancing a budget.

Slyne Cemetery some memorials have become more than a simple grave, with the addition of trinkets and planting. These things appear harmless until the trinkets are caught up in mowing and strimming tools and become dangerous. Planting of trees, shrubs and plants is not allowed at the cemetery. Those who have planted things are respectfully asked to remove them over the coming weeks.

3769. Year End & AGAR

It was noted that the clerk had prepared and shared end of year accounts; that the AGAR process has begun; that an appointment with the internal auditor will take place in April. **Noted**

3770. Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal or direct email any objections to be made were noted. No Objections were made;

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

Noted, those planning applications that have been notified as either approved or refused by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting.

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

3771. Finance matters

It was noted that,

- 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 k Accounts.

Apr-26			
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	

3772. Open Spaces it was noted that;

- The play park, Muga and Rec were inspected by the clerk, 02/04/2026, 13/04/2026 and 20/04/2026 no issues were noted.
- 11th April litter pick took place and the council thanks all involved for their hard work and dedication. A community litter pick is being organised for 28 May 2026.
- Proludic Zip Wire has been inspected and adjusted to meet compliance requirements.

3773. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Cllrs would like to organise a tree planting day at the Rec. **Noted.**

3774. Parish Events A community litter picking date of 28 May has been set so that young people can get involved during half term holidays. A quiz night is set for 20 June.

3775. Newsletter The new issue will be out in early May. Volunteers will be delivering the newsletter.

3776. Items for future agenda. Replacement Basket Swing

3777. Date and time of the next meeting 18 May 2026 at the Memorial Hall was agreed as at 7:00pm following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6:30. Cllr Obertelli has given his apologies for the next meeting and Cllr Burrow has agreed to act as chair.

3778. Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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