

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026 in the MEMORIAL HALL

3727. Attending. Cllr's Antony Obertelli, Andy Burrow, Jonathan Kidd, David Atkinson, Karen Kyle. Clerk, Louise Ash.

3728. Apologies Cllr Connor, Cllr Hartley

3729. Minutes. The minutes of Monday 19 January 2026 were accepted as correct

3730. Public Participation Co-option of new Councillor Karen Kyle, who signed her acceptance of office and Declaration of Interests documents before the Clerk. Cllr Kyle then joined the other members of the council to consider the business of the February agenda.

3731. Reports Cllr Budden and Newton reported on the refusal decision regarding homes off the A6 at Bolton le Sands. The Friends of Lapwing Field group had attended and shown the strength of local opposition to use of the greenbelt.

Waste Bins Cllr Budden updated regarding the ongoing roll out of new food waste caddies. A larger caddy for outside the home, a small caddy for day to day food waste for use in the home. This is a not just a local matter, all councils have been tasked with the same roll out nationally and the government have make money available for the project.

3732. Declaration of Interests. There were no pecuniary interests to declare. Cllr Kidd advised that he will abstain from comment on a planning application on Bay View Drive.

3733. New Items to consider for February 2026

a) **Correspondence was noted:**

- Pot Holes, a asked if a councillor would like to report the hundreds of pot holes around the village, effectively becoming a pot hole tzar. Councillors feel residents should report via Love Clean Streets independently. A parish council has no powers to act on Highways issues.
- b) **Noted;** The appointment of Mr Richardson as Internal Auditor.
- c) **Resolved** - Memorial Hall matter; Councillors resolved that the current 8 year lease will continue beyond the current term, to a new term of 25 years.
- d) **Casual Vacancy;** The matter was brought forward by the chairman. Councillor Karen Kyle was co-opted and joined the meeting as a councillor.
- e) **Noted.** The opening of savings account for our reserves; an application was processed and lodged with the chosen provider Unity Trust Bank.
- f) **Noted.** That an old memorial bench at the foreshore has been removed and the family will be contacted. That an old bench at the Cemetery will be replaced by the family as soon as possible. The Asset register has been updated.
- g) **Resolved;** Defibrillator; Mindray C1A Defibrillator & External Heated Cabinet with keypad lock, will be installed outside Slyne Pharmacy, the PC thanks both the owners for their permission to install this important village asset.
- h) **Noted;** that a meeting with Ms Dalton, Lancaster City Council's Museum Development Manager took place, verbal update from clerk will be given.
- i) **Annual Parish Meeting,** Agreed date and time is 15 May 2026 before the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- j) **Deferred;** Cemetery Signage; The matter was deferred. An update on signage, a quote without the installation charges; the need for an illustration map of the grounds; branding and marketing for the councils services. Quotations for artwork for a map of the cemetery and a parish logo were considered. Councillors will run a village wide competition in an upcoming newsletter for a resident to provide a new logo for the village. Once this project is completed artwork for the cemetery map will be revisited.

Standing orders were suspended. County Councillor Russell Walsh joined the meeting at 7:00pm. Russell was at today's planning meeting and was pleased with the result. He has kindly agreed to follow up on some parish issues, including drains and boundary signs. Standing orders were restored and the meeting continued.

3734. Ongoing items

Noted; Woodland Management Cllr's Connor and Atkinson will remove ivy in the Memorial Hall field over the coming weeks. We have consulted with and been given a Method to use by our Arborist. A list of minor repairs has been made. Fly tipped rubbish has been removed.

Repairs at The Rec; a estimate of £13,500 for repair work from Topiamor Ltd was shared by councillor Burrow, councillors felt it prudent to allow for some contingency due to the nature of the work, and it was **RESOLVED** to a) move the gate to a new location. b) to create a new woodland path beyond the gate so that pedestrians from the Manor Road entrance can walk into the park safely. c) to dig out the dangerous path, to use the rubble as hardcore elsewhere. d) to use kerbstones to direct surface water away from the Rec and onto the road where it should drain away safely once the storm drains are replaced by Highways. e) to landscape the area where the dangerous path was, plant some trees and some shrubs to blend with the surrounding area.

Resolved; Zip Wire; Cllr Burrow to updated on the results of groundworks under the zip wire. Given the extent of the groundwork done a decision to turf rather than seed the area was made. This work should be done in time for the Easter holidays.

Access matters; Teal Bay single track system Cllr Obertelli to update. Cllr Obertelli has written to interested parties with a possible resolution to the problem and awaits a response.

Pump Track; Cllr Kidd to share any available updates; none were available at this time.

Cemetery; An application for a green waste bin on site has been made. Extra plots for the burial of ashes are now available, reservation of these plots has been suspended due to the shortage of spaces, a review of this will be done in the coming months.

Signs around the border of Slyne with Hest parish, no available updates, County Cllr Walsh has been asked to look into this for us.

Memorial Hall; Cllr Atkinson gave a verbal update from the latest meeting.

3735. Deferred - Slyne Cemetery, Rules and Price structure. A new set of Cemetery Rules has been proposed. A meeting of councillors at the site to fully understand what a new garden of remembrance area might look like is to be called. Once this has taken place the document can be finalised. Prices Structure; A comprehensive comparison of price structures of cemeteries in the local district was requested from and then provided by the clerk so that a new price structure for Slyne Cemetery could be agreed. Councillors felt that there were too many comparisons, isolated two sets that were from similar communities to SWH, and asked the clerk to draw up another draft so a new price list based on these can be decided upon at next month's meeting.

3736. 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.

26/00043/FUL	28 Bay View Ave	No objection - Cllr Kidd abstained
26/00081/LB	Slyne Grange	Solar Panels – No objection
26/00004/OUT	Powderhouse Lane	90 Dwellings - Objection lodged
26/00127/LB	Slyne Grange	Windows – No objection
26/00129/LB	Slyne Grange Coach House	Solar panels - No objection

Distributed ahead of the meeting was application;

26/00000/FUL	8 Throstle Grove	Extension – noted, large size of project
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Noted, those planning applications that have been notified as approved by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting. The following was Permitted

25/01280/ELDC	Melldore, land at rear	Caravan as Residential Unit	- Granted
25/01302/FUL	38 Hatlex Drive	Extension	– Permitted
25/01201/ELDC	1 Hatlex Lane	Extension	– Withdrawn

3737. Finance matters

It was noted that,

- i) To note the bank balances of NatWest Current Account on 16/2/2026 were, £3,436.47. NatWest Reserve Account, £50.83 and Unity Trust Current Account £10,458.33 and Reserves account £60,063.29.
- ii) To note bank transfers to the new Reserves Bank account of £60,000
- iii) Received a monthly and quarterly report giving up to date snapshot as of 31/1/26
- iv) To note any receipts since publishing the agenda
- v) To approve the following payments and receipts, including any retrospective items
- vi) To note that a contractual increment is due for the clerk, who has now been with council for three years. Move a scale point on The National Joint Council for Local Government Services Pay Scale.
- vii) To note Precept documents have been lodged with Lancaster City Council for 2026-2027 financial year.

Feb-26			
Regular Payments	£	Receipts	£
Bank Charges	£7.75	Bank Interest	63.29
Printing	£9.99	Cemetery - Jackson	70.00
Mobile Phone	£6.25	Cemetery - Jackson	40.00
Salaries / Pensions	£1,890.20	Cemetery - Hardy	70.00
Eon Next (MUGA)	£75.94	Cemetery	196.80
Broadband	£44.45	Muga	12.60
Easy Website	£36.96		
HMRC (Quarterly)	£1,033.56		
Rydal Comms	£59.14		
DC Garden	£500.00	*	

Envirocare	£955.82
Other payments	
Defib Pads	£171.60
Topimour	£1,513.20
Defib unit London Hearts	£1,159.20
Newsletter postage Mrs Faithfull	£15.91

3738. Open Spaces

Noted The play park, Muga and Rec were inspected by the Cllr Kidd, no issues were noted.

Noted Clerk highlighted the following items; some fly tipping has taken place. A list of small repairs was shared with the Woodland Management group, a broken wooden fence, missing wire fence. An overflowing bin was reported on Love Clean Streets. Items not already resolved have been added to an ongoing list of minor repairs.

Noted Removal of the Team Swing took place. The removal of the timbers will take place as soon as is practicable.

Noted MUGA. As per councillors request for information about the surface of the MUGA. The cost, with line painting, was £25,219 in May 2023. Surfaces typically need to be resprayed around every 5-7 years. Typical costs are up to £10,000. This amount will be in upcoming budgets.

Deferred A memorial bench has been requested for the foreshore, councillors want to look at the site proposed before making a decision.

3739. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Noted: Wood from a recently felled tree will be used to help build an edge to a woodland path.

3740. Parish Events Deferred to March

3741. Newsletter Cllr Obertelli will attend the meeting of the committee this month

3742. Items for future agenda. Bus Shelter maintenance review.

3743. Date and time of the next meeting 16 March 2026 at the Memorial Hall was agreed as at **7:00pm.**

3744. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:00 pm

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