

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

3709. **Attending.** Cllr's Antony Obertelli, Andy Burrow, Jonathan Kidd, Alan Connor, Andrew Hartley, David Atkinson, Clerk, Louise Ash.

3710. **Apologies** none

3711. **Minutes.** The minutes of Monday 15 December 2025 were accepted as correct

3712. **Public Participation** none attended

3713. **Reports** Friends of Lapwing Fields group attended and shared their well thought out objections around planning application 25/00805/OUT Land West of Slyne Road in Bolton le Sands, which is expected to be heard at Morecambe Town Hall on Monday 16 February at 10:30 am. They have urged residents to show their support and consider attending if they wish to see the greenbelt survive. If this area is built upon and Bolton le Sands and Slyne with Hest merge into one area the joint population would be bigger than Carnforth Town. One purpose of the greenbelt is stop this kind of urban sprawl. County Councillor Walsh plans to attend and hopes to speak out at the meeting.

3714. **Declaration of Interests.** There were no pecuniary interests to declare.

3715. **New Items to consider for January 2026**

a) **Correspondence was noted:**

- Email received regarding flooding to Manor Lane by the Rec, resident has lived in the village for 40 years, says the drains are no longer maintained correctly by County Council and the situation is getting worse.
- Email received from a resident regarding the Cemetery, praising how the cemetery is being looked after.

b) **Resolved. Budget for 2026-2027**, at a spend of £106,650, with forecasted income of £13,500 plus £18,090 from reserves gives a precept of £75,060. See final page.

c) **Resolved to agree a figure of £75,060 for 2026-2027 precept request.** This will be lodged by the deadline of 30 January 2026 . Represents a 4.99% rise on last year.

d) **Noted** the annual **Financial Risk Assessment and Audit of Councils Procedures and Processes**, have been carried out in January with Cllr Kidd looking over evidence. One amendment on the RA was made to update our banking provider.

e) **Resolved to open a savings account** for our reserves with Unity Trust Bank, with a six months fixed rate.

f) **Noted**, a casual vacancy at Slyne with Hest PC exists.

g) **Noted**. Cllr's Obertelli, Burrow and Connor will carry out the **topple test** before the end of February.

h) It was **Noted** that two memorial benches have become unusable, one at the Cemetery and one at the Foreshore, the owners will need to be traced.

i) **Resolved.** A new defibrillator will be bought for outside Slyne Pharmacy, both the pharmacist and the landlord will sign off the final project. An intermittent fault with the housing of the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall has been solved, this unit will need replacing in late 2028. **Resolved.** To **order new pads for the defibrillator at the garage**, this unit will also need replacing in 2028. These two units will be regularly monitored and the matter revisited if either are deployed before they become obsolete in late 2028.

j) **Noted.** That the **Community Emergency Committee** attended a community coffee morning on 3 Jan 2026 to share tips on how to prepare for emergencies with local residents. There was plenty of interaction with the residents. The councillors thank both Jo Leeman and Louise Ash for attending.

k) **Noted;** that a meeting with Ms Dalton, Lancaster City Council's Museum Development Manager has been arranged for the end of January.

- l) **Noted.** Local **Fly Tipping** can be frustrating to deal with because it's becoming a regular matter. Cllr Obertelli has had excellent results using the **Love Clean Streets** app with this issue and thanks Lancaster City Council's operatives for the good job they are doing.
- m) **Noted**, please use Love Clean Streets Reporting tool, even if it can be less helpful with matters like abandoned cars. On the PC website, navigate to Useful Contacts, and you will find links to the app plus other services <https://www.slynewithhest-pc.gov.uk/useful-contacts/>
- n) **Noted**. Over the last year there has been some excellent work carried out to help keep the streets and canal bank clean of litter and dog fouling, and to help keep our public rights of way open and accessible. Councillors are very grateful to our residents for giving up their time to help out. Council would like to recruit even more volunteers to help these working groups to keep the village looking good. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk on 07767 628999 or clerk@slynewithhest-pc.gov.uk.

3716. Ongoing items

Noted. Woodland Management Cllr's Connor and Atkinson have trimmed the footpath opposite the Memorial Hall, and will schedule their list of tasks as per the recent tree survey in the coming weeks.

Noted. Repairs at The Rec; quotes are awaited for works to the paths.

Noted. Zip Wire; The work carried out before Christmas has been successful, the next phase will be completed once the weather allows.

Noted. Access matters around Teal Bay one way system - Cllr Obertelli has updated that a solution has been suggested by residents. He will now work with them to see if this solution works for all users.

Noted. The exploration of feasibility of installing a local Pump Track continues. Cllr Kidd shared that there is a long list of considerations which includes the ongoing costs of insurance once a pump track is installed. He has found that some councils have not been able to find suitable insurance. This and other important considerations are being fully explored.

Resolved. Cemetery – an Installation of signage was approved. **Noted** An application for a green waste bin on site has been made. **Approved** A site for 28 extra plots for the burial of ashes, the site for a compost area. **Approved**, a sign from the canal to closest bin.

Noted. Signs around the border of Slyne with Hest parish, no available update, Cllr Kidd is chasing.

Noted. The next Memorial Hall meeting is w/c 26 Jan 2026. Cllr Atkinson will attend.

3717. Budget 2026-2027.

The budget was dealt with at 3715 (b)

3718. Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal or direct email. No objections to be made. extra applications were received and reviewed

26/00057/FUL	5 Hatlex Hill	Extension, Dormer
25/01201/ELDC	1 Hatlex Lane	Extension
26/00010/FUL	2 Sunningdale Ave	Extension and Dorma
26/00004/OUT	Powderhouse Lane	Development of 90 Homes
26/00048/FUL	16 Throstle Grove	Dormer, Extension

Noted, those planning applications that have been notified as approved by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting. The following was Permitted

3719. Finance matters

It was noted that,

- i) Bank transfers, from Nat West to Unity Trust of £35,000. Noted the bank balances of NatWest Current Account, £2,046.44. NatWest Reserve Account, £38.96 and Unity Trust Current Account £20530.09 and Reserves account £60,000.
- ii) To receive the quarterly reports
- iii) To approve the following payments and receipts, including any retrospective items

Jan-26			
Regular Payments	£	Receipts	£
Bank Charges	£8.45	Nat West int	30.1
Printing	£9.99	Envirocare dupe	955.8
Mobile Phone	£6.25	Newsletter income	100.0
Salaries / Pensions	£2,057.62	Newsletter income	200.0
Eon Next (MUGA)	£76.74	Newsletter income	270.0
Broadband	£44.45	Watson Tablet	70.0
Easy Website	£36.96	Hardy Tablet	70.0
HMRC (Quarterly)	£0.00		
Rydal Clerks Licence costs	£184.48		
Rydal Comms	£59.14		
DC Garden	£300.00		
Envirocare ** Duped DD	£955.82		
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Other payments			
Newsletter printing	£352.80		
SLCC membership	£200.00		
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3720. Open Spaces

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

Noted Removal of the Team Swing will take place as soon as possible after rot has been found in the timbers.

3721. **Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Resolved.** Quote for tree work was approved.

3722. **Parish Events** Noted, the great response to all the Christmas activities. The Christmas Fain will be rested in 2026. Tour de France will be coming through the village and the PC will investigate ways to celebrate this once in a lifetime opportunity.

3723. **Newsletter** Noted, the positive response to the newsletter, feedback has been good. The next edition will go out first week of May 2026.

3724. **Items for future agenda.** Consider purchase of Christmas lighting for Memorial Hall and artificial pre lit trees.

3725. **Date and time of the next meeting** 16 Feb 2026 at the Memorial Hall was agreed as at **6:30pm**. Please note the change of start time.

3726. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:30 pm

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ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2026-2027		
Budget 2026-2027	Receipts	Payments
Precept	75,060	
VAT (reclaimed)	6,000	
IT & Website Costs		2,500
Audit Fees		800
Subscription Fees		2,500
Publications Books		200
Councillors Allowances		250
Neighborhood Plan		1,000
Insurance		1,500
Solicitors Fees		3,000
Remembrance Day		150
Emergency Plan		150
Bank Interest	300	
Bank Charges		250
Staff Training		3,500
Trade Waste		200
Cemetery Income	5,500	
Cemetery Water		350
Cemetery Maintenance plus		8,000
Parish Events		4,000
Staffing Costs		30,000
Stationary		200
Memorial Hall Building Contingency		10,000
Defib Spares		2,500
S137 (Donations & Grants)		1,000
General Contingency		3,000
Expenses		500
Grounds Maintenance - Grass Cutting		12,500
Planning		300
Electricity		1,200
Rental Income	1,700	
Repairs in open spaces		4,000
MUGA		3,000
Foreshore		2,000
Grounds Maintenance - See Cemetery		-
Planters / Trees / Tree work		5,000
Bus Shelters		900
PROW (Public Rights of Way)		2,000
CCTV		200
	88,560	106,650
£18,090 will be used from reserves		
Full income	£ 88,560.00	
Income minus precept	£ 13,500.00	
Precept 2026-2027	£ 75,060.00	
	£ 88,560.00	
add in £18,090 from reserves	£ 106,650.00	