

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 September 2025 in the MEMORIAL HALL

3641. Attending. Councillors, Antony Obertelli, Alan Connor, Jonathan Kidd, Andrew Hartley, David Atkinson, Clerk, Louise Ash.

3642. Public Participation – none attended

3643. Reports Cllr Budden and Cllr Walsh attended and shared information around devolution and planning matters. Cllr Walsh kindly shared that there has not yet been full agreement among County Councillors on their preferred Map for the devolved county. Cllr Budden said that City Councillors were in the same situation. Both agreed that whilst a choice will be submitted to central government in November they remain uncertain what the new Devolved map will look like.

The debate around these issues took 40 minutes and the chairman apologised for the length of time this section had taken.

3644. Confidential Conversation with Tony Andrews from Lonsdale Scout Association. The details remain confidential at this time.

3645. Apologies Cllr Burrow, Cllr Cohen Kingsley did not attend for the fourth month, councillors felt unable to accept apologies sent via a third party.

3646. Minutes. The minutes of Monday 21 July 2025 were accepted as correct and duly signed by the chairperson

3647. Declaration of Interests. There were no pecuniary interests to declare.

3648. New Items to consider for September 25

a. **Correspondence** was noted:

1. **Noted** Lancashire County Council have written to confirm that funding for Public Rights of Way and Biodiversity has been withdrawn this year.
2. Residents of the Hest Bank Caravan Park have replied to our letter regarding confirmation the building of decking that abuts the parish council land doesn't go over the boundary limits. **Noted** That this work is within the boundary limits.
3. A resident commented on a facebook post, requesting more benches to be installed at the Rec, in the park and closer to the Manor Road entrance. **Noted** and costs for this to be added to the budget for 2026-2027 financial year.
4. A resident has complained about the Cemetery grounds. **Noted** That the hedges are only cut after the 31 August due to nesting birds, the work will take place as the weather allows.
5. **Noted** Morecambe Bay Partnership are organising a survey regarding the way that our area is used for outdoor activity to help Lancaster City Council understand the impact on the protected area of Morecambe Bay. The data will be used in the upcoming Local Plan.
6. Overnight camping on the Foreshore. Van reported from 25/8/25. **Noted** Councillors will monitor the situation.
7. The Kings Award for Voluntary groups is now open for Nominations if the PC would like to nominate a local group. **Noted** No nomination was made at this time.
8. Invitation for council to attend a flooding webinar on 16 September run by County Council.
9. **Noted** Email regarding removal of the old zip wire foundations; This work has been completed. Councillors discussed the matter of what materials have been removed and what has been left buried deeply underground. All sharp metals have been removed to ensure there is no safety issue, some buried concrete remains but this is deep enough not to cause harm.

- b. **Better utilisation of the our MUGA** it was agreed that the facility is under used. A proposal to add Pickle Ball or Paddle Tennis lines to the court were considered and Cllr Obertelli agreed to look into the matter, he will report back with his findings.
- c. **Zip Wire.** The final inspection of the equipment will take place on 20 October 2025 and the equipment can be used thereafter. A small delay is to allow for the landscaping works to settle and the grass to grow.
- d. **Pumptrack** –To consider the feasibility of installing a Pumptrack at the Rec in the future. **Deferred** to October 2025
- e. **Quote Approved** - Replacement of bins at Memorial Hall, Hatlex Bridge, Manor Lane. Quote; £2010 plus Vat. Ordered replacements to be installed by LCC. It was agreed to move the bins in the Rec to encourage better use.
- f. **Memorial Hall** refurbishment works. The Memorial Hall is a treasured community asset. It is used by a the whole community and its preservation is essential to our community. Cllr Obertelli proposed that a sum of money was included in the upcoming budget to help with refurbishment costs. He further proposed that this sum should be earmarked for use by the Memorial Hall but held by the PC until a request was made by the Memorial Hall Committee. **Resolved:** to earmark up to £10,000 each year for the next three financial years.
- g. **Devolution update.** A report on the timing and choices will be shared with residents.
- h. **Noted** No progress regarding traffic management on Parish council land at The Foreshore at Teal Bay, Cheyette Fitness.
- i. **Noted** that Jon Oliver has been engaged to carry out our Tree Year Tree inspection in late September 2025.
- j. **Clerks hours.** It is noted that the clerk will take back 20 hours in holiday to be taken in December. Monitoring will continue.
- k. **Insurance policy. Resolved** The clerk will update and renew the Insurance policy, add the new Zip Wire and agree any premium charges that result from the change.
- l. **Noted** The Asset Register has been updated to include replacement bins at the Foreshore and Zip Wire and old equipment has been removed.
- m. **Resolved** Members debated IT security, best practices and personal equipment use. It was decided that the tools required should be made available if councillors do not have personal equipment that is suitable. The PC should purchase a device that is owned by them to be used by members to carry out their role. Two devices should be purchased at a cost of around £350 each.
- n. Councillors **Noted** they are required to be familiar with the Parish Council Code of Conduct, available on the council website, and to apply its principles in their duties.
- o. **Noted;** the waste collection at the cemetery will be moved to three weekly collections from 11 September 2025.

3649. Five Year Plan

Noted councillors were asked to start to list projects that they would like to prioritise for the next financial year. The following items were suggested.

Benches in the Rec play park. Replacement flooring under play equipment. Earmarked reserves for Memorial Hall refurbishment projects. Further suggestions will be made and considered at the next meeting. It was **Noted** that work at the Cemetery has begun, all planned work to the Foreshore has been completed. Drain work on Manor Lane was chased up directly by the clerk and Cllr Walsh was asked to help secure a date for the work to begin there so that work to repair the path can be scheduled.

3650. Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal or direct email.

2100722/HYB	Application for 58 dwellings off Turnpike fold	Comments made
25/00844/FUL	Agricultural - farm building	No objection

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APP/A2335/W/25/3369717 Land To The Side Of **7 Hatlex Drive**

The pc feel that their objection, that adding a three bedroomed house on the drive of an existing property, is an overdevelopment of this site, is still their stance.

Noted: Correspondence sent to the planning team seemed to be slow to be added to portal. The Planning department have responded to say they have a robust process that ensures all correspondence sent to them is dealt with in date order.

3651. Finance matters

It was noted that,

- there have been £70.76 in receipts since our last meeting
- On 09/09/2025 the balance of the Reserve Bank account is £84.886.64 and interest applied to the account of £70.76 on 29/08/2025. To note the balance of the Nat West Current account is £6,451.10. To note the balance of the Unity Trust bank account is £36,952.39.
- Clerks salary has been increased in line with agreed pay scales published for April 2025.

To approve the following payments and receipts, including any retrospective items listed

Aug-25			
Regular Payments	£	Receipts	£
Bank Charges	£6.00	Transfer Unity Bank	£25,000.00
Printing	£9.99	Reserves bank interest	£70.76
Mobile Phone	£6.25		
Salaries / Pensions	£2,088.54		
Eon Next (muga) TBC*	£34.81		
Broadband	£41.94		
Easy Website	£36.96		
HMRC (Quarterly)	£0.00		
Rydal Comms	£46.78		
DC Garden	£300.00		
Envirocare x 2	£955.82		
Other payments			
Grant to Lapwing Fields	£1,000.00		
Topiamour - Cemetery	£5,220.00		
Topiamour - Christmas Trees	£120.00		
Topiamour - Rec path	£2,400.00		
Lancaster city council - bins	£2,890.55		
Topiamour - Rec tarmac	£912.00		
Topiamour - Shrubs	£240.00		
Topiamour - Zip Wire works	£2,184.00		

Topiamour - Tree Branch	£120.00
ACS Removals	£700.00
Stationary	£33.76
Duncan Ross	£1278.10
Proludic - zip line	£16,664.95
Proludic - groundworks	£420.00
Bank Transfer	£25,000.00

Noted All those added to the Unity Trust Bank mandate have now been given their credentials and had an opportunity to use them.

3652. Open Spaces

Noted The play park, Muga and Rec were inspected by the Clerk, August 4 /14 / 22. September 3 / 15

Noted Monitor the swings at the Manor Lane park. Monitor the wet pour at the Rec

Noted Rotten oak tree in the cemetery will need to be inspected.

3653. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Nothing to report.

3654. Parish Events The next scheduled event is Remembrance Sunday, then Christmas

3655. Items for future agenda. The budget for 2026-2027

3656. Date and time of the next meeting 20 October 2025 at the Memorial Hall at 7:00pm

3657. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:35 pm

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