

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

3815. Attending.

Cllr's Antony Obertelli, Karen Kyle, Andrew Hartley, Jonathan Kidd, Clerk, Louise Ash.
City Councillors Paul Newton, and Keith Budden

3816. Apologies

Councillors Atkinson and Burrow reasons for apologies were given and accepted.

3817. Minutes.

The minutes of Monday 15 June 2026 were accepted as correct.

3818. Public Participation

Accident at the Cemetery

On Saturday 18 July a car was driven through the wall at Slyne Cemetery. The council thanks Slyne Caravan Park for their call to let the clerk know of the accident and the considerable damage caused.

During the following discussion between the clerk and the manager of the caravan park a request was made that council consider a safety mirror being mounted to aid drivers on the blind bend. Cllrs were agreeable and asked for the matter to be on the next agenda.

The clerk gave councillors a full report; the police have been informed; the insurance company have been contacted.

3819. Reports Cllr Newton and Cllr Budden attended and Local Government Reorganisation was discussed. Lancaster City Council will join Preston and Ribble Valley to form one Unitary authority over a period of around two years. During the elections of 2027 a 'shadow' council will be elected from those who wish to stand for the new authority. The change over to the new authority is due to take place in May 2028.

3820. Declaration of Interests. There were no pecuniary interests to declare.

3821. New items for July 2026

- a) **Correspondence** received by the clerk
- b) Email from resident regarding safety at the gates of the Rec which lead directly to the road.
Response; Safety signs planned for Manor Lane will be installed; other safety signs will be considered as part of any planned renovations and repairs to the other gates.
- c) Overgrown footpath at Sea View Drive. A resident has noted that the unadopted pathway has become overgrown.
Response; Cllr Connor will strim the path.
- d) Email from resident who would like support to open a Play Group at the Memorial Hall on a weekly basis.
Response; a playgroup at the Memorial Hall is a good idea and is broadly supported. This kind of provision is available elsewhere in the village. Councillors would encourage a group to form who can run a weekly group of this kind.

- e) Residents have reported a Campervan has been staying overnight at the Foreshore and requested that signage is placed at the location they use to remind them that no overnight stays are allowed.

Response; extra signage can be placed on a post that is currently unused.

- f) Email from City Council with an invitation to the Green and Blue Infrastructure Event on 1 September 2026 at the Storey.

Response; Cllr Kyle and Hartley will attend if work schedules allow.

County Councillor Russell Walsh joined the meeting at 7:00 pm.

- g) **Bus Services Disruption.** The clerk updated that there has been positive feedback from the Vegetation Team at County Council. All those contacted regarding tree work had responded well and it now expected that the work that still needs to take place should be carried out soon. The parish council will continue to keep in touch with Stagecoach to update them on progress so that the usual route can be reestablished as soon as possible.

- h) **Memorial Hall Office;** an uplift of the annual bill for electricity to £120 was **approved**, and the amount will be paid this month.

- i) **Bus Shelter;** Cllrs accepted the offer of a new bus shelter, in stainless steel, heritage style and would like this to be a village asset. **Approved.**

- j) **Councillor Roles;** Roles were discussed and it was resolved that the roles as set out in the May 2026 minutes are acceptable.

- k) **Abandoned Vehicles;** the nuisance vehicle has now left; councillors remain resolved to take action if a vehicle overstay at the foreshore in contravention of the bylaws.

- l) **Cemetery Repairs;** Cllr Connor agreed to look into repairs to the guttering at the shed. He has inspected the dead tree and feels it doesn't need to be removed at this time.

- m) **Football Club Counterpart Lease;** no update at this time.

- n) **SWH Bowling Club;** Cllrs **approved** the request for advertising boards around the clubs greens. The current state of the roof was **noted**.

- o) **Financial Risk Assessment and Mini Audit.** To be carried out at the end of August 2026 by Cllr Obertelli and the clerk.

- p) **Business Broadband.** The clerk was thanked for arranging an agreement for a 36 month contract with Sky. **Approved.**

- q) **SWH Scout and Guide Hut Committee.** Cllr Hartley and the clerk update council on the meeting and successful appointment of the new committee.

- r) **Events.** A request from the Memorial Hall team for a donation of £300 towards their planned Christmas Fair was **approved**.
- s) **Screening of The Peoples Emergency Briefing;** a suitable venue has not been found at this time, Cllr Hartley will liaise with the clerk to help search for a venue.
- t) **Newsletter;** the £100 invoice that was expected has arrived and been **Approved**.
- u) **Insurance Policy.** Council delegated the duty to find a new policy to the clerk so that the right policy can be approved at the next meeting in September 2026.
- v) **August Recess.** It was **Noted** that during the August recess day to day business of the parish council will carry on, any delegation of duties to the Chair and the Clerk for urgent matters are covered in councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Any payments made will be dual authorised accordingly and listed in the payment list for September 2026.

3822. On going Items - Working Group Updates

View point sign at the Cemetery – a sign has been put up to indicate which fells and mountains are viewable from the site.

The Rec – Kissing Gate – no update.

Strimming around the Zip Wire – now been carried out and the area looks tidy.

Bins at the Rec – it was noted that there's an overflowing bin that has been missed a few times, clerk has reported it directly to the City Council and it has been reported to Love Clean Streets.

3806. Long Term Planning

Cllr Kyle will sketch out a draft plan for 2027 – 2031 for the September meeting.

3807. Planning Applications

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

Turnpike Fold Drainage	Discharge of any Conditions (see planning portal for details)
Land at Fulwood Drive	Land to the east, 110 dwellings.
11 Throstle Walk	Extension
Powderhouse Lane	Reserved matters 26/00076/REM

Cllrs discussed these applications and agreed that they will **object** to the Land at Fulwood Drive application; they agreed that the reasons for a previous similar application being refused remain valid.

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

To note those planning applications that have been notified as approved or refused by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting. The following decisions were notified:

3808. Finance

The following were noted.

- i) Unity Trust Current Account £11,539.81 and Reserves 95 Day Account £50,525.56.
Instant Access savings account £47,407.77.
- ii) To receive the monthly or quarterly accounts - quarterly accounts have been distributed for Q1 2026-2027.
- 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.

Jul-26			
Regular Payments	£	Receipts	£
Bank Charges	£7.00	Ms Clarke Mem	
Printing	£9.99	Bench	£1,147.30
		Bank T/F	£5,000.00
Mobile Phone	£6.25	West HC	
Salaries / Pensions	£1,874.03	(NewsLetter)	£160.00
Eon Next (MUGA)	£40.00	Tennis Club Rent	£225.75
Broadband	£44.45		
Easy Website	£36.96		
HMRC (Quarterly)	£1,086.27		
Rydal Comms	£66.92		
DC Garden	£500.00		
Envirocare	£955.82		
Other payments			
Brian Fothergill (Bench)	£175.00		
Brian Fothergill			
(Fence)	£450.00		
Mem Hall (Elec)	£120.00		
Topiamor (Tree work)	£5,040.00		
Topiamor (Metal			
work)	£282.00		
Glasdon (Bench)	£827.30		
Luke Smith (Gates)	£37.17		
WI (planters)	£102.00		

3809. Open Spaces

It was noted that the clerk inspected the playgrounds on 2 July 2026. A list of odd jobs around the village was received.

Litter pick –The parish council thanks all those who helped out on 18 July.

3810. Biodiversity and Climate Matters

Nothing to report.

3811. Parish Events

It was agreed that Cllr Obertelli Cllr Kyle and the clerk will work together on Light up Slyne and the Elf Hut for Christmas.

3812. Spotlight Newsletter

Payment of advertising invoice was noted. Ideas for articles in future newsletters should be sent to shanishaker@gmail.com.

3813. Items for a future agenda

Tour de France 2027. Possible event ideas. Councillor Training opportunities.

3814. Date and time of the next meeting *Monday 21 September 2026 at 7:00 pm*

The Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane, LA2 6JB.