

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
 MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 09th March 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors S Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), R Delany, J Ho Marris , K Das (Vice Chair).

Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

25/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

Councillor M Walker

26/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

27/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 09th February 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

28/26 Planning, New Applications:

No new planning applications.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn: -

25/P/2307/EA1	Land West Of Pill Road Abbots	Formal Screening Opinion request to determine as to whether proposed development is EIA development. Works Proposed: Residential development of up to 100no. dwellings and a 72-bed care home as well as associated access, landscaping and other works. THIS IS NOT A PLANNING APPLICATION. <i>Registered.</i>
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25/P/2375/CRA	Kingcott Farm Beggar Bush Lane BS8 3TF	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the change of use of 3no. existing barns into office accommodation (Use Class E) <i>Registered.</i>
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29/26 Local Plan – The Spad (Sustainable Pill and District) petition has been submitted. This will be discussed at the upcoming Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

30/26 To consider the approval and payment of the following monthly invoices.
Any invoices received after the publication of the agenda will also be considered.

None	Nicola Rice	Clerk's salary	674.94	0	674.94
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE – Quarter 1, Due April 26	1221.31	0	1221.31
30.12.25	Clerks Expenses	Printing	5.25	0	5.25
09.03.2026	M Dillon	Expense	66.95	0	66.95
16.02.2026	J Pepito	VH Deposit Refund	100.00	0	100.00
24.02.2026	Hayley W	VH Deposit refund	50.00	0	50.00
10.02.2026	PPL/PRS	Music License	215.32	43.10	258.62
29.01.2026	GB Sports	Playground Inspection	30.00	6.00	36.00
15.02.2026	Tow and Parish Websites	Annual Email Hosting	180.00	0	180.00
06.02.2026	C Baker	VH Window Cleaning	50.00	0	50.00
10.02.206	Imperial Fire	2 x batteries	50.00	10.00	60.00
04.03.2026	PATA	Payroll	66.30	0	66.30

02.03.2026	K & E Property	Bins Feb 2026	44.00	0	44.00
09.03.2025	David Smith	Verges – October and March	420.00	0	420.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

31/26 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

The budget will increase by 8.9%, with Council Tax rising by 9%. This has been considered alongside the Fair Funding Review. Although North Somerset Council has experienced funding cuts, the area includes both rural and seaside communities, which brings additional pressures. Despite this, North Somerset Council's Council Tax remains the fourth lowest in the South West.

Regarding the A369 tree works road closure, Jenna had expected an update today but has not yet received one. She will follow this up.

32/26 To discuss village matters

Police Report – 1 Burglary reported in January (Manor Road) 2026.

Village Hall – It is hoped the electrician will attend this week, to address the solar panel tripping issue.

Former Skittle Alley – The Fit Tank has moved into the additional space and completed the required work. Their equipment is currently being stored in the outside sheds.

Traffic Issues & Footpaths – SIDS, the positions of the Sids have been viewed and agreed on. We have asked for costs to get a 'No parking sign' to be put on the corner Weir Lane and Manor Road. It was agreed to buy these signs.

Verges – David Smith has now been able to flail the overgrown verge to the A369 below the George after the tree works had been carried out and the cable exposed and moved out of harms way. The issue regarding the blue cable has also been resolved, although BT still do not accept that it is theirs. Community Payback will be attending on Saturday 14th March. It has not yet been decided where they will be working, although several possible locations have been suggested.

Playing Fields & Events – Kevin will commence cutting the grass in the coming weeks.

Abbots Pool – The Civic Society have asked the Parish Council if they would fund signs ‘Toads Crossing & Toad Breeding, no dogs allowed in the Pool’ It was agreed to buy them.

Civic Society - Nothing to report.

33/26 To receive the Chair’s report.

34/26 To receive Clerk’s report.

All Councillors have confirmed they are using the new ‘gov.uk’ email addresses.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on 13th May.

35/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 19.57pm.

End of minutes.