

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Councillors S Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), R Delany, M Walker, K Das (Vice Chair).

Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

1 member of public was present Elizabeth Whitehouse from Manor Lane

36/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

Councillor J Ho Marris

37/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

38/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 09th March 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

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

39/26 To approve that the Parish Council will continue to hold the general power of competence for the 2026-27 council year

A resolution was passed to hold this power.

40/26 To consider and approve the Parish Council's Standing Orders

It was resolved to approve the Standing Orders

41/26 To consider and approve the Parish Council's Financial Regulations

It was resolved to approve the Financial Regulations

42/26 Planning, New Applications:

No new planning applications.

26/P/0425/LDP	Grangewood House, Manor Road BS8 3RP	Certificate of lawful development for the proposed erection of a single storey outbuilding located to the north of the main property, directly behind the existing garage. Object This application for a very large building in green belt
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		should be subject scrutiny of a planning application
26/P/0432/LDP	Land North West of Stoke Leigh Lodge.	Certificate of lawful development for the proposed erection of a single freestanding agricultural polytunnel measuring approximately 3.05 metres in width and 9.14 metres in length, with a maximum ridge height of approximately 2.13 metres. Object, this is a permanent building not subject to agricultural permitted development rights which should be subject to a full planning application
26/P/0550/FUL	Leigh Court Farm Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RA	Proposed retention of the timber chalet dwelling for farm manager for a 5 year period or on cessation of the farm enterprise. The Parish council support this.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn: -

43/26 Local Plan – No update

44/26 To consider the approval and payment of the following monthly invoices.

Any invoices received after the publication of the agenda will also be considered.

Invoice date	Supplier	Description	Amount £	VAT £	Total £
None	Nicola Rice	Clerk's salary	768.28	0	768.28
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE – Quarter 1, Due July 26		0	
31.03.25	Clerks Expenses	Printing & coffee for Cllr Meeting	14.55	0	14.55

	M Dillon	Expense		0	
29.03.2026	RJ Bell	Replaced circuit breaker	247.00	0	247.00
24.03.2026	ALCA	Training	35.00	0	35.00
26.03.2026	Fire mark	Annual Service	68.64	13.73	82.37
26.03.2026	GB Sports	Playground Inspection	30.00	6.00	36.00
01.04.2026	ALCA	Annual Subs	234.02	0	234.02

It was resolved to approve the payments.

45/26 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

Pill Library is currently closed due to flooding caused by a source upstairs and is scheduled to reopen on 18 April 2026.

Jenna will be attending the North Somerset Show on 4 May as a council representative for anyone who would like to speak with her.

46/26 To discuss village matters

Police Report – No updates since January 2026.

Village Hall – The electrician has replaced the circuit breaker to protect the battery; however the solar panels are now tripping. The issue has now been identified and we hope it will be resolved shortly. The electricity bills will be reviewed and sorted accordingly.

Former Skittle Alley – nothing to report.

Traffic Issues & Footpaths – Concerns were raised regarding Manor Lane and the speed of traffic using it as a ‘cut-through’. A suggestion was made for the Parish Council to apply to North Somerset Council for a speed bump or other traffic calming measures, and potentially contribute towards the cost. The Parish Council will explore the available options.

It was also noted that the double yellow lines near the beginning of Manor Road are too short. STP will follow this up with North Somerset Council to have the issue addressed.

Verges – Community payback team cleared the verge where NSC had felled trees by Poundbatch Farm layby and opposite Harris Lane. They have also cleared the raised footway between Leigh Court Drive and Blackmoor Road

Playing Fields & Events – Nothing to report.

Abbots Pool – The Parish Council have funded signs 'Toads Crossing & Toad Breeding, no dogs allowed in the Pool'.

Civic Society - Nothing to report.

47/26 To receive the Chair's report – Nothing to report

48/26 To receive Clerk's report – The Clerk advised councillors that work relating to the end of the financial year has commenced and that the next couple of months will be particularly busy.

49/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 20.04pm.

End of minutes.