

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 08th June 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

- Present: Councillors S Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), M Walker, J Mo-Harris,
Parish Clerk Nicola Rice
- 63/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.
K Das (Vice Chair) and R Delany
- 64/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of
Conduct September 2024.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 65/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 11th May
2026.
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 11
May 2026.
- 66/26 To receive and note the internal auditor's report for 2025-2026.
The internal auditors report was noted.
- 67/26 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-2026.
It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-2026.
- 68/26 To approve the Annual Accounting Statement for 2025/2026.
It was resolved to approve the Annual Accounting Statement for 2025/2026
- 69/26 To confirm that Abbots Leigh Parish Council has no conflict of Interest with
the external auditor BDO LLP.
It was resolved that Abbots Leigh Parish Council has no conflict of Interest
with the external auditor BDO LLP.
- 70/26 To approve the dates of the Public Rights to Examine the 2025-2026
accounts as being 10th June to 22nd July 2025.
It was resolved to approve the dates of the Public Rights to Examine the
2025-2026 accounts as being 10th June to 22nd July 2025.
- 71/26 To appoint an auditor for the 2026-2027 council year.

It was resolved to appoint Tony Jay as the Internal Auditor for the 2026-2027 council year.

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Planning, New Applications:

No new planning applications.

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Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn: -

26/P/0295/FUL	Land North West Of Stoke Leigh Lodge Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh	Proposed erection of an agricultural polytunnel. Object. This polytunnel is a permanent structure in an agricultural holding of only 2 acres which will have significant effect on the openness of the green belt adjacent to a SSSI and Grade II listed park and garden and which cannot be easily screened for mitigation. Registered.
26/P/0409/FUL	Mere Green Glen Avenue Abbots Leigh BS8 3SD	Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscaping. No objections. Registered.
26/P/0813/FUH	Whiteoaks Manor Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RT	Proposed erection of a detached triple garage and carport alongside the expansion of hardstanding. Object. Inappropriate development in the Green Belt, affecting its openness. The site is not part of the original rebuild Planning application 09/P/0034/F, It separate from the property and formed part of the garden of the house the other side of the private track. Registered.

73/26

Local Plan – Local Plan, NSC has submitted the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate on 22 May. The Inspector will review the documents and come back with "Matters, Issues and Questions" (MIQs) to NSC and interested parties. Hearings are expected to take place this September/ October. As ALPC responded to the Reg 19 consultation we may be able to make representations at the hearings. The Local Plan being examined (in relation to the Pill sites) does not include any major changes following the consultation late last year. There remains the issue of lack of capacity at Junction 19 although NSC have said they continue to work with the Highways Authority to address this. On the plus side there is now wording to allow for future investment in the local GP surgery depending on whether the ICB considers it is needed- see Infrastructure Delivery Plan Schedule, item no.SO29. The Planning team will need to start drafting the rules to shape development in the Pill "Strategic Growth Site" to ensure that developers are

not allowed to develop each site in isolation but that all the sites are joined up with existing infrastructure and communities. This was supposed to take form of a "Supplementary Planning Document" (SPD) but Govt has announced that SPDs are being phased out. The Planning team is therefore considering to use Supplementary Guidance or Supplementary Plans instead and have agreed to keep affected wards informed. There is a Town and Parish Forum meeting on 10 June which JHM/NR plan to attend together with PEIG PC representatives.

74/26 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	855.06	0	855.06
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE – Quarter 1, April, May and June 26	881.07	0	881.07
May 26	Clerks Expenses	Printing	18.75	0	18.75
May 26	M Dillon	Expense 2 x Garden Waste	140.00	0	140.00
May 2026	Gallagher	Parish Insurance	4145.19	0	4145.19
26.05.26	CB Windows	Village Hall	50.00	0	50.00
13.05.2026	S Talbot-Ponsonby	Refreshments for APA	30.50	0	30.50
27.05.2026	G B Sports	Playground Inspection	30.00	6.00	36.00
03.06.2026	Sprague and Gibbons	12 Months web hosting	252.00	50.40	302.40
May 26	T Jay	Internal Audit Report	100.00	0	100.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

75/26 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

Nothing to report

76/26 To discuss village matters

Police Report – Last update was March 2026

Village Hall – It was noted that a letter had been received from I. McFeat. A response was sent, and a further reply was received advising that no additional correspondence would be forthcoming. Mick Dillon is due to go on holiday. A sign will be installed on the Village Hall wall advising that parking is not permitted. The Annual Parish Assembly was reported to have been a successful event.

Former Skittle Alley – nothing to report.

Traffic Issues & Footpaths – STP will submit a form regarding the redesign of the road markings. STP will speak with David Bailey regarding the sight lines at Denny View Road. North Somerset Council (NSC) has updated its policy to allow parish-funded Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to be activated. We are currently awaiting confirmation from our Speed Representative regarding the proposed locations. It was agreed that residents would be informed of road closures via WhatsApp, with notifications also being circulated by email.

Verges – Nothing to report

Playing Fields & Events – The Festival in the Field was a very successful event. The Parish Council would like to express its thanks to the Civic Society for their hard work and efforts in organising the event.

Abbots Pool – Nothing to report

Civic Society - Nothing to report.

77/26 To receive the Chair's report – To note that Rob Faulkner came to talk to STP.

78/26 To receive Clerk's report – Nothing to report

79/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 19.56pm.

End of minutes.

