

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

MINUTES

Present: Councillors S Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), M Walker, J Mo-Harris K Das (Vice Chair).

Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

80/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

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81/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

82/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 08th June 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 08 June 2026.

83/26 Planning, New Applications:

New planning applications.

26/P/1199/S73	Rise 1 Harris Lane BS8 3QX	Section 73 application to vary conditions 2 (plans) and 7 (Construction Method Statement) on application 25/P/1477/FUL (Proposed demolition of the existing dwelling and garage with the subsequent erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage with associated landscaping and hardstanding works.) To allow for the central door on the Southern elevation to be changed to a window and the addition of PV to the South facing section of the garage roof. Amendments to the current wording of condition 7 (The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents: -4348_021 SITE SET UP PLAN-Construction Management Plan dated October 2025 written by Atlas Planning Group). To read as, The
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		development shall be carried out in accordance with the following Construction Management Plans and documents (produced by Rainsford March 2026): -Construction Management Plan dated June 2026 written by Atlas Planning Group -Rainsford - Phase 1 CMP & Demolition-Rainsford Site - Security Plan 24.3.26. <i>No Comment.</i>
Additional – 26/P/1313/LDE	Whiteoaks Manor Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RT	Certificate of lawfulness for the use of land which historically formed part of the residential curtilage of Tree Tops, first as a garden and later as hardstanding/parking incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house. Object. The land in question was never curtilage and the parking was never used for the enjoyment used as hardstanding/parking incidental to the enjoyment of the Treetops dwelling house.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn: -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. Approved.
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. Refused.

84/26 Local Plan – Nothing to report

85/26 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	684.10	0	684.10
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE – Quarter 2, Due October 26		0	
31.03.25	Clerks Expenses	Printing	15.15	0	15.15
30.05.2026	M Dillon			0	
06.06.2026	K&E Property Maintenance	May & June Bin and Grass	1078.00	0	1078.00
29.06.2026	GB Sport	Playground Inspections	30.00	6.00	36.00
06.06.2026	N Patel	Village Hall – deposit refund	100.00	0	100.00
11.07.26	Simon Talbot- Ponsonby	Pump for Abbots leigh Pool	169.98	34.00	203.98

It was resolved to approve the payments.

86/26 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

JMH was contacted by Waddeton Park regarding their proposal for the land opposite St Katherine's and has responded to them. STP will contact the Chair at Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council regarding the previous and proposed meeting with Waddeton Park.

87/26 To discuss village matters

Police Report – 1 theft reported near Abbots Pool in April 2026. 1 x Violence and sexual offences, 1 x Criminal damage and arson in May 2026.

Jenna and Kamala will meet with Matt Hawkins, the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, to discuss local concerns.

Village Hall – Occasional Tripping solar panels still isn't sorted, Simon to follow up this up. Martin will contact EON to discuss the export of electricity prices.

Former Skittle Alley – Nothing to report

Traffic Issues & Footpaths – The locations for the SIDs have now been agreed. The application will be completed along with reports from the Civic society, and it was agreed that the Parish Council will fund the installation. Residents of Dennyview will be advised that they are welcome to clean the speed signs if they wish and to help keep any surrounding foliage trimmed to ensure the signs remain clearly visible. Simon will be making two applications, one regarding the redesigning the road markings on the A 369 through the village reinstatement after the planned surface dressing next year. A request to a design check on the sight lines for drivers exiting Dennyview Road. Regarding the traffic issues on Manor Lane, it was noted that the installation of speed cushions would cost in excess of £20,000. An alternative option could be the creation of a cul-de-sac, although neither options are considered a popular solution. It was also suggested that residents may wish to fund a "Children Playing" sign.

Verges – The parish Council has received a complaint about the path way from the gatehouse to the bus stop. The council will look into a solution.

Playing Fields & Events – Nothing to report

Abbots Pool – The Wildlife Group has been using a pump that was funded by the Parish Council approximately eight years ago at Abbots Pool. Unfortunately, the pump was recently stolen, and the associated pipework was also taken the following week. The Parish Council has agreed to purchase a replacement pump, and replacement pipework with support in the form of contributions to be requested from the Wildlife Group and others. Jason Cox if NSC will also investigate the possibility of using solar-powered aeration based on the island to help maintain the pool. It was noted that Abbots Pool has again been awarded a Green flag which it has held continuously since 2009.

Civic Society - Nothing to report.

88/26 To receive the Chair's report – Nothing to add

89/26 To receive Clerk's report – To advise councillors that I will be unable to attend the September meeting as I will be on annual leave. The September meeting may either be rescheduled or cancelled, and a decision will be made closer to the time.

90/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.
None.

The meeting closed at 19.56pm
End of minutes.