ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

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

Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

2 Residents of Manor Lane, Andrew Sayner and Ben Jordan

102/26 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

Councillors R Delany

103/26 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

104/26 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 21st September 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the council meeting held on the 21st September 2026.

105/26 Planning, New Applications:

New planning applications.

26/P/1845/PIP	12 Knightcott Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3SB	Permission in principle to demolish existing dwelling and garage and erect 2no. dwellings. *Reject.* Repeat of earlier Application in 2025 which was refused
26/P/1852/AOC	Denny House Pill Road BS8 3QY	Request to discharge conditions 3 (Archaeological Investigation Work) and level 4 (Level 2 Building Survey Record) on application 25/P/2007//FUL No Comment

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn: -

26/P/1587/FUL	Hollyoaks Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RG	Proposed demolition of the existing detached bungalow and garage and construction of a replacement four-bedroom dwelling and detached garage together with associated landscaping, access and external works. Registered.

26/P/0409/FUL	Mere Green Glen Avenue Abbots Leigh BS8 3SD	Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscaping. No objections. Registered.

106/26 Local Plan – JMH and STP have registered to make oral representations at the Strategic Local Plan Public Hearing on 3 December 2026. The hearing will also be open to public observers and may be livestreamed.

107/26 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	754.26	0	754.26
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE – Quarter 2, Due January 27		0	
Sept 26	Clerks Expenses	Printing	13.05	0	13.05
17.09.2026	BDO	External Audit	315.00	63.00	378.00
01.09.2026	K&E Property Maintenance	August Bin and Grass	204.00	0	204.00
30.09.2026	NSC	Liquor/Latenight Licence	70.00	0	70.00
17.09.2026	GB Sport	Playground Inspections	30.00	6.00	36.00
05.10.2026	M Holme	VH Deposit refund	100.00	0	100.00
03.10.2026	M Oliver	VH Deposit refund	100.00	0	100.00
11.10.2026	Church	Donation The Link	100.00	0	100.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

108/26 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

NSC Budget 27/28: North Somerset Council has published a short resident survey to consider priorities for 20207/28 budget, this closes on Sunday 1 November at midnight. Residents aged 16 or over are invited to fill this in to help input what the Council should focus on and where it should set its council tax rates next year. Action: As the timing is too late for The Link, ALPC/ JHM will share through parish email list and the village whatsapp group. The draft budget will be brought to Cabinet in December. NSC is expecting a £12m budget gap for 2027/28 and forecasts a budget gap of £40.5m over 2027-31 even with a transformation programme and cuts to services.

Community Safety: Per last ALPC, JHM has asked Police to help revitalise the village neighbourhood watch scheme and is still awaiting feedback. JHM notes that Fraud is in fact the most prevalent crime in UK (about 40% of all reported) so not reported in the ALPC visible crime statistics received each month. Proposing that we ask Police for more information (even if broadly) which might suggest we could be doing more to support residents. Re part funding community safety officer this is covered by Kamala's report later, JHM fully supports NSC officer Matt Hawkins proposal.

109/26 To discuss village matters

Police Report – July – 1 Anti-social. August - 1 Anti-social, 1 Burglary

JHM has been liaising with the police. It was noted that the figures above do not include online fraud, which accounts for approximately 40% of crime and is the most prevalent type of crime in the area.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Public Space Protection Orders – North Somerset: Matt Hawkins has advised that the pro-rata cost for Abbots Leigh, calculated according to population, would be £3,340.54 per year for three hours of support per week. All councillors were in agreement with this contribution.

Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Former Skittle Alley – Nothing to report

Traffic Issues & Footpaths – David Smith has been asked to cut various verges on A369, Manor Road and Manor Lane. Manor Lane Traffic calming measures Andrew Kenyon will be contacted by KD to discuss obtaining professional advice from a qualified traffic and highways consultant. The aim would be to assess the traffic network as a whole, identify the underlying issues and explore a range of potential solutions before pursuing any specific Traffic

Regulation Order (TRO) request by NSC. To Note: 13/13 houses are in favour of closing Manor Lane. On account of the speed of through traffic using the very narrow lane past the houses. Primary safety, dark, narrow and steep on the section that could be closed to traffic which no houses have direct access. A369 high volume and high speed. Some villagers have reported that they would like Manor Lane closed, whilst some others have said they wouldn't like it closed. It has been suggested that ALPC hold a consultation and invite parishioners to gather their thoughts. From there the Cllrs will make a decision. KD is undertaking a door-to-door survey along Manor Lane to investigate interest in the Play Streets initiative. The Clifton Suspension Bridge toll is due to increase to £1.50 from January 2027. STP will write to object to the proposed increase.

Verges – It was noted the community payback team did an amazing job clearing the cycle path along the A369 between the cricket club and the pedestrian traffic lights

Playing Fields & Events – The annual inspection for the playing field has been carried out and we will ask Kevin to carry out some of the work that is required.

Abbots Pool – The paving slabs as a base for the solar panels in preparation for the aeration system are expected to be installed this weekend. A very successful event was held in the Village Hall on 3 October 2026 in celebration of Abbots Pool.

Civic Society – We are waiting for all the documents to be sent to regarding the fireworks joint event that will be held in the School Field.

110/26 To receive the Chair's report – Nothing to add

111/26 To receive Clerk's report – Nothing to add

112/26 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 20.11pm

End of minutes.