

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH**  
**Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30 pm**

**M I N U T E S**

**Present:** Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Ho Marris, Walker, Das, N Rice (Clerk)  
**Apologies:** Cllrs Delany

1 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

- None

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

- The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, previously circulated, were signed as a true record. **Action Clerk.**

3 Matters arising

- None except those covered under following items

4 Planning

**Applications:-**

	<b>New Applications</b>	<b>New Applications</b>
25/P/0526/H2PA	12 Knightcott Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3SB	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposal to construct an additional storey to existing dwellinghouse, to a maximum height of 8.74 metres. <b>No Comment</b>
	<b>Previous Applications</b>	<b>Previous Applications</b>
25/P/0248/FUL	Kingcott Farm Beggar Bush Lane Failand BS8 3TF	Retrospective planning application to regularise the installation of a passing bay at the lane providing access to Kingcott Farm (off Beggar Bush Lane). <b>No Objections</b>
25/P/0264/FUH	Oak Wood Lodge Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QB	Demolition of existing structures and proposed erection of a new single storey rear extension with associated landscaping and internal alterations to the existing main house. <b>No Objections</b>
24/P/2718/FUH	Acorn Meadows Pill Road BS8 3RF	Proposed demolition of existing porch and rear/side extensions. Erection of a detached canopy carport to the front of the property. Construction of a 2-storey wraparound front/side/rear extension the, along with replacement of existing flat-roof dormer with 2no dormers and 1no. rooflight. Fenestration alterations including the removal, replacement and installation of windows, doors and rendering to all elevations. <b>TBC</b>

**Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-**

Other Planning Matters

Roots – Still not determined and we are expecting a decision soon.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

- The three weekly bin collections are due to start in June 2025.

## 5.1 Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

- New local plan – Jenna submitted the Parish Council's comments regarding the additional sites within Abbots Leigh as attached.

## 6. Financial

- The proposed budget for the new financial year was discussed, adjustments made and then agreed
- Approval of Accounts for Payment for April 2025 – The updated accounts for payment for April 2025 have been circulated. MW proposed approval, seconded JHM. Agreed. **Action Clerk**
- It was agreed that the caretaker, Mick Dillion's salary will increase after a review.
- The Caretakers flat will have the advantage of a 10% discount on his electricity due to the solar panels. **MW** proposed and **STP** seconded.
- The Fit Tank will be invoiced for, and will pay, the amount we are charged for their use of electricity.
- It was agreed that STP should also have access to the Parish Council Screwfix account to ease with the ordering of practical supplies for the village hall and the school field etc ?????

## 7. Village Matters

I. **Police Report** – February 2 x Public order at Roots allotments

II. **Village Hall** –

- a. All the solar panel installation completed and is working well, a new smart meter has been fitted, the caretakers flat separate meter has been removed.
- a-b. We are waiting for EON to get back to us with our Smart Export Guarantee.
- b-c. Grant has been paid, STP

III. **Former Skittle Alley** – See above regarding increase in Utilities.

IV. **Traffic Issues & Footpaths**

- a. A new road safety group has been established in the village. Additionally, a "Road Safety Abbots Leigh" WhatsApp group has also been created.
- b. STP spoke with Liam Abercrombie, who confirmed that safety critical the road markings, including the "SLOW" markings at Denny view Road, will be renewed if urgently needed. However all the road is scheduled to be surface re-dressed in 2026 after which time all the markings will be renewed which will give an opportunity for the markings layout to be revised.
- c. Regarding the damage at the junction of Manor Road and Weir Lane, Kamala will report the issue to NSC, on line, and Jenna will escalate it further.
- d. A proposal has been made for the construction of a new irrigation ponds for the golf club adjacent ~~on~~ Weir Lane, which would involve 150 lorry movements per day over a period of three years. This raises serious concerns about potential damage to the road due to the significant increase in traffic. A letter outlining these concerns will be drafted – Action: KD. STP will also email the Chair of Wraxall and Failand Parish Council to raise the issue – Action: STP.

V. **Verges**

- a. The Community Payback Team – They didn't show this month. Another date has been arranged.

VI. **Playing Fields & Events**

- a. All new equipment has been ordered, and we managed to get a cheaper quote.
- b. Part of the goat willow tree came down in the playing fields. Koala Trees came and removed it. Also the remainder a-willow is dangerous and STP will be making a TPO application ~~contacting Jason~~ ~~Cox~~ to remove it.

VII. **Abbots Pool** –

- a. It's been noted that there have been more people partying due to Easter Holidays and the good weather.
- b. STP would like up £150 to buy wood and sSteel pins to give to the volunteers to fix some steps. Cllr's agreed.

VIII. **Civic Society** – The festival in the Field will be held in June. The new play equipment should be fitted by then.

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8 Communications

KD will write an article about Abbots Pool and the importance of its responsible use, while JHM will contribute an article for the Link magazine.

9 Clerk's Report

- The AGAR process has begun. The financial figures have all been balanced, and I am now working with our internal auditor on the next stage.
- All policies have been formally adopted by the Councillors and will be reviewed on a regular basis. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were last reviewed in 2021 ~~and are still current, but~~ and will also be subject to regular review.
- STP asked whether everyone was in agreement for him to explore a potential merger ~~of Abbots Leigh with which is a ward within Long Ashton Parish Council~~ with Leigh Woods as part of the upcoming Community Governance Review. All Councillors were in agreement.
- Jenna is going to look into training ~~for councillors~~

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11 Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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