

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

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

Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

Public Participation – No members of public present.

31/25 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.

No absences.

32/25 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.

There were no declarations of interest.

33/25 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 08th September 2025.

It was resolved to approve the minutes.

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

34/25 Planning, New Applications:

25/P/1729/FUH	Briarwood Home Farm Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QF	Proposed conversion of the existing attic space to include raising of the ridge height and the addition of 2no. dormers. Internal reconfiguration of the ground floor and relocation of the main entrance. Demolition of the existing single garage and proposed erection of a replacement garage and driveway. <i>No comment</i>
25/P/1971/AOC	Roots Allotments Land Off Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh	Request to discharge condition 18 (Landscaping Scheme) from application 24/P/1911/FUL. <i>No comment.</i>

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

25/P/1678/FUH	Hazelhurst Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RG	Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to include a new decking area. <i>Approve</i>
25/P/1617/FUH	Oak Wood Lodge Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QB	Proposed erection of a single storey timber frame car port structure and associated works, to create vehicle parking and storage. <i>Approve</i>
25/P/1477/FUL	Rise 1 Harris Lane Abbots Leigh BS8 3QX	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. <i>Approve</i>
25/P/1739/AOC	Roots Allotments Abbots Leigh Road	Request to discharge conditions 8 (CCTV Posts), 9 (Entrance Gate), 12 (Vehicular Access Surfacing), 13 (Horse Box Removed), 14 (Solar Panels Removed), 21 (Tree Protection Plan) and 22 (Remedial Works) from application 24/P/1911/FUL. <i>Registered</i>

It was noted that following the previous meeting when Roots application 25/P/1739/AOC was discussed, the Council had written to NSC pointing out that the condition to clad and paint the containers green had not been met to which NSC had replied saying that Roots had said that it would be done in late September early October. The Council agreed that NSC should be advised that the time had passed and that there was still no action on site and therefore request that enforcement should be taken.

- 35/25 Local Plan – The plan will go out for public consultation at the end of October for a minimum of six weeks. It is proposed to explore collaboration with neighbouring parishes, including Portbury, Pill, and Portishead, to seek legal advice on this matter. A meeting is scheduled for 21st October at the village hall, involving PEIG Parish Council and developers who are proposing to develop the land opposite St. Katherine's School.
- 36/25 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	733.31	0	733.31
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE	322.33	0	322.33
31.8.25	Clerks Expenses	Quarterly expenses & Photo copying		0	
None	Nest	Pension	27.60	0	27.60
02.10.25	K & E Property	Bins and Grass cutting	184.00	0	184.00
02.09.25	K & E Property	Bins and Grass cutting	284.0	0	284.0
08.09.25	GB Sports	Playground Inspection	30.00	6.00	36.00
28.09.25	Becci Pratt	VH Deposit refund	50.00	0	50.00
14.09.25	Laura Roberts	VH Deposit refund	50.00	0	50.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

37/25 To receive the North Somerset Councillor report.

Ward Councillor Report (Pill Ward) from Councillor Jenna Ho Marris.

NSC data from Flax Bourton indicates that vehicle speeds have decreased by between 1 and 3 mph. We are therefore optimistic that a SID (Speed Indicator Device) will be permitted for use in the future. A confirmed response from NSC is still awaited. Action: Kamala to follow up.

The consultation on the possible closure of the PEIG Library closes on 24th October. ALPC will be submitting their comments before the deadline. A drop-in session will be held at the library on 20th October, from 5pm to 7pm, where residents can speak directly with NSC representatives.

38/25 To discuss village matters

Police Report - 1 Violence and sexual offence

Village Hall

Councillors will speak with the caretaker regarding salary and pension arrangements.

The new headset microphone has been ordered. Gigaclear is now live, and the router is due for delivery on 14th October 2025. A couple of additional Wi-Fi boosters may be required. The electrical certificate for the village hall needs renewing and the cause of the solar panel power tripping out on occasions needs to be resolved. Action: STP

Former Skittle Alley - nothing to report.

Traffic Issues & Footpaths

Kamala is still conversing with Bristol University regarding air quality monitoring. Simon has reported a number of minor issues, which will be addressed by NSC. This includes relocating a couple of road signs, making the Denny View 75-yard sign more prominent, modifying the surface of the cycle path near Leigh Bank, and installing some flexible bollards along the path.

There is currently a consultation regarding the extension of double yellow lines up Manor Road that the Parish Council have asked for. The painted "SLOW" sign also needs refreshing; this has been promised, but action is still pending.

Regarding Clifton Bridge, there is a proposed toll increase from £1 to £1.50 starting in January 2026, with further annual increases proposed due to expected traffic reductions in the coming years. The consultation for this proposal closes on 7th November 2025.

Verges

David Smith will be asked to flail the verges to Manor Road, Manor Lane, A369 between Home Farm Road and the Avenue and the east verge of the A 369 from Harris Lane towards the George. STP to instruct David Smith. Community pay back team has cleared the footway between Church Road and Home Farm Road and will be asked to clean the graffiti and clean away more verges at Poundbatch Farm layby.

Playing Fields & Events

The Civic Society is considering engaging a third-party professional to manage the fireworks, while the Civic Society will continue to manage the

remainder of the event, including the bonfire, for the annual gathering in the Old School Field. This year, the Civic Society will be using a different field. ALPC and the Civic Society will need to run the event as a joint venture, so that it is covered under ALPC's insurance. Action: STP and MW to check insurance coverage. A TPO application is needed to remove the goat willow tree which has shed a limb Action: STP

Abbots Pool

Nothing to report.

Civic Society

Nothing to report.

39/25 To receive the Chair's report.

Nothing additional to report.

40/25 To receive Clerk's report.

The Parish Clerk wishes to discuss the possibility of obtaining a gov.uk email address for the Parish Council. Councillors were happy for the Clerk to look into this. The Clerk is also meeting Cllr Martin Walker next week to discuss setting the budget for 2026/27 and precept.

41/25 To consider items for the next meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 20.32pm.

End of minutes.