

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Village Hall, Abbots Leigh on Monday 08th December 2025 at 7.00pm
MINUTES

Present: Councillors S Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), R Delany, J Ho Marris,.
Parish Clerk Nicola Rice

Public Participation

- 42/25 To note the absence of councillors at the meeting.
The absences of Councillors K Das (Vice Chair), M Walker, apologies were noted.
- 43/25 To accept declarations of interest in accordance with the Adopted Code of Conduct September 2024.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 44/25 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2025.
It was resolved to approve the minutes.
The Chairman signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.
- 45/25 To approve New IT Policy and the Abbots Leigh Accessibility Statement
It was resolved to approved the IT Policy but it was decided more work is needed on the Abbots Leigh Accessibility Statement
- 46/25 To approve purchasing a new Gov.uk domain and email addresses
It was resolved to set up gov.uk email addresses for the Parish Council and all the councillors which will provide a much higher level of security. This will be carried out as soon as possible.
- 45/25 Planning, New Applications:

25/P/2307/EA1	Land West Of Pill Road Abbots Leigh	Formal Screening Opinion request to determine as to whether proposed development is EIA development. Works
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		Proposed: Residential development of up to 100no. dwellings and a 72-bed care home as well as associated access, landscaping and other works. THIS IS NOT A PLANNING APPLICATION – Object The site immediately abuts Leigh Wood/ Markham Bottom, a DEFRA designated Ancient and Semi Natural Ancient Woodland through which Markham Brook flows therefore a full environmental impact assessment should be carried out.
25/P/2307/EA1	Kingcott Farm Beggar Bush Lane BS8 3TF	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the change of use of 3no. existing barns into office accommodation (Use Class E). No comment.
25/P/2280/LDE	Grangewood House Manor Road BS8 3RP	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land as residential curtilage associated with Grangewood house. Object - The history described in the applicant's planning statement is factually incorrect. This area behind the house renamed Grangewood House should continue to be considered a field or paddock and should not be permitted to become part of the curtilage of the adjacent property. This is in the Green Belt and is not part of the proposed Abbots Leigh settlement boundary in the proposed Local Plan

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

25/P/2007/FUL	Denny House Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QY	Conversion and extension to create 3no dwelling units including associated works. <i>Registered.</i>
25/P/2035/AOC	Rise 1 Harris Lane Abbots Leigh BS8 3QX	Request to discharge condition 7 (Construction Method Statement) on application 25/P/1477/FUL. <i>Approved.</i>
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>Registered</i>
25/P/1971/AOC	Roots Allotments Abbots Leigh Road	Request to discharge condition 18 (Landscaping Scheme) from application 24/P/1911/FUL. <i>Registered</i>
25/P/1971/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>

- 35/25 Local Plan – North Somerset Local Plan 2041 (Pre-submission Regulation 19 Consultation):
A public meeting was held at the village hall, with presentation slides circulated on 3rd December. Around 20 people attended, including Jules and Nick from PEIG PC. A WhatsApp reminder will be sent to encourage residents to submit their comments. Kamala, Jenna, and Simon represented ALPC. Simon will draft response and circulate it to councillors before the deadline of 5PM on Friday 12th December.

- 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	676.68	0	676.68
None	Mick Dillon	Caretakers salary	850.00	0	850.00
None	HMRC	PAYE	796.34	0	796.34
30.11.25	Clerks Expenses	Printing & ICO Registration	56.65	0	56.65
	M Dillon	Expense	0	0	0
None	Nest	Pension	22.38	0	22.38

02.12.25	PATA	Payroll (Quarterly)	47.46	0	47.46
28.11.25	K & E Property	Bins and Grass cutting	499.00	0	499.00
26.11.25	GB Sports	Playground Inspection	30.00	6.00	36.00
25.11.25	Roland Bell	EICR and PAT Test	877.00	177.40	1064.00
10.11.25	GB Sports	Annual Inspection	95.00	19.00	114.00
05.12.25	Simon Talbot-Ponsonby	Graffiti kit	39.33	0	39.33
05.12.2025	The Link	Advert ½ page for next 12 mths	145.00	0	145.00

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.

Library consultation- Councillors have had an internal briefing about the emerging consultation responses. Around 5,000 responses were received including around 180 in person visits to 14 drop-in engagement sessions including 2 in Pill. Officers were reluctant to come to any conclusions as they said they still had detailed responses to analyse and they did not say how many people chose Options A, B or C. However, people did say that it was unfair to choose between closing Winscombe and Pill libraries, including people who lived outside those places. They also pointed out that there was no Option which kept all libraries open. However, some people supported closing libraries. Officers must publish the outcome of the consultation within 12 weeks of the consultation end, which is mid-January. After that, there will be a paper with recommendations to the February Cabinet and Council meetings.

Local Plan- Thanks for ALPC support for the Local Plan Public Meeting on 3 December, 7-8pm at the Village Hall. This was attended by around 20 people including the Chair of Pill & Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council and Chair of PEIG PC's Planning Committee. ALPC will be submitting comments and seek to appear in person at the hearing. I will also submit comments based on those from ALPC, PEIG PC and residents' feedback and seek to appear in person at the hearing. The deadline is Friday 12 December 5pm. Action JHM- send reminder on Whatsapp.

Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)- Further to Kamala's correspondence with NSC, I have contacted the new Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways, Cllr Hugh Malyan about the SIDs to explain why residents are so keen to move forward and he has scheduled a briefing with officers.

38/25

To discuss village matters

Police Report – from September 2025. 1 x Criminal Damage and Arson.

Village Hall – Nothing noteworthy at the moment; everything is progressing smoothly. The electricity rates have increased, and both the electrical report and PAT testing have now been completed.

Former Skittle Alley - nothing to report.

Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Updates from Councillor Das - Jonathan Gall from NSC has told us that there is a new executive member dealing with traffic/SIDs which means a delay in moving forward with a new policy about SIDs.

PC Dan Cox has informed KD that Elan City is the SID used throughout Somerset. Some are solar powered and others not as the panel apparently can be stolen. There is no police funds this year left for SIDs and application for funding cannot be made after purchase.

KD has sent yet another email to Prof Shallcross at Bristol Uni and Rhiannon Wilson about progressing the air pollution monitoring. Awaiting any response from Prof Shallcross. Rhiannon says if he doesn't respond she will start afresh and pick this up.

KD has sent a sample "No Parking" sign for the junction of Weir Lane and Manor Road to STP will take this further.

A number of minor road works have been done across the parish. Including Denny view new speed sign and safety improvements on the A369 cycle path at the exit to Clifton College Sports Ground.

The Community Payback team have cleared the public footpath adjacent to St Katherine's school car park, and also tidied up the lay by by Poundbatch Farm and cleaned off some of the graffiti. We are liaising about sharing the Payback Team with P&EiG parish council once they have completed an agreement with the Probation Service.

Verges - David Smith has mown the verges but not the one below the George as there is a 'mystery cable'. NSC has been asked to investigate. Action - STP to follow up.

Playing Fields & Events – TPO application still required to be submitted.

Abbots Pool - Nothing to report.

Civic Society – the Parish Councillors will try again to meet up with the civic society.

39/25 To receive the Chair's report.

Nothing additional to report.

40/25 To receive Clerk's report.

The Parish Clerk

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

The meeting closed at 20.20 pm.

End of minutes.