

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

25/63 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs Lockley, Richards, Westworth, Hillman and vaun-Davis; the Clerk;
Unitary Cllr Roundell Greene
Apologies: None received.

25/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

25/65 MINUTES: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 120th September were a correct record, and duly signed by the Chair.

25/66 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a) New applications: There were no new applications to consider.

b) Planning Updates and Enforcement:

It was discussed that Fivehead Parish Council are raising their concerns with planning enforcement with regards to development of the traveller site at "The Stables", with a second application, 24/02962/FUL, still under consideration. The council confirmed its support for actions and matters being raised by Fivehead PC, noting that its concerns have also been raised with planning enforcement.

Details of planning applications in the parish can be found on the Isle Abbots website: <https://isle-abbotts-pc.gov.uk/planning> This links directly to the Somerset Council planning portal where the full responses from the parish council can be seen along with decision notices from Somerset Council.

25/67 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) FINANCIAL STATEMENT: RESOLVED to approve the financial statement to 31/10/25.

b) PAYMENTS: RESOLVED to approve the list of payments annexed at the end of the minutes.

c) BUDGET 2026/27: Councillors are to send any items for consideration to the Clerk to allow costs to be investigated before the January meeting where the budget and precept will be decided. Indicative costs for road sweeping and gulley clearing are to be obtained by the clerk in anticipation of a reduction of services from Somerset Council.

25/68 TRAINING: RESOLVED to contribute towards the Clerks attendance on training in relation to the new Assertion 10 of the Practitioners Guide. Estimated to be £5, split with other council employers.

25/69 UPDATES

a) LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN): LCN's have been undergoing a review and feedback from this is awaited.

b) HIGHWAYS: Notification of closure in December along Garden Plot Hill was received. The council did not feel this was a priority. Deterioration of the new surface opposite Waldrons was noted (to be reported) and it was noted that the road from Higher Woodlands Crossroads to Ashford had not been improved, despite being included in the plan of works. Also noted that that the Road from Lower Woodlands was not been part of the resurfacing programme.

Information on how to report a problem on the road to Somerset Council can be found [here](#)

Details of road closures in the area can be found at <https://one.network/en-gb>

c) RIGHTS OF WAY: Cllr Richards is going to look into reports of a fallen tree on one of the footpaths. A stile on the entrance to the footpath between Celandine and Two Steps has been removed, leaving the field insecure if livestock were to be introduced – Cllr Richards will liaise with the ROW officer at Somerset Council.

Any issues on the rights of way network can be reported directly to Somerset Council using the interactive map which can be found [here](#).

d) FLOODING: No issues to report at present.

- i) The council are pleased to report the grant application to the Somerset Rivers Authority as successful. Many thanks to Mr Toon for all his work on the application and continued support as the works progress.
- e) VILLAGE HALL: It was reported that the hall is generating a good income and that the solar panels have been producing credit. The hall contributed £100 to the Bell Inn appeal in Curry Mallett to demonstrate community support.
- f) OTHER MATTERS: Cllr Lockley advised she is building a relationship with the police locally and they will be invited to a future meeting. Cllr Hillman has agreed to act as a Neighbourhood Watch contact; relevant contact/reporting information will be added to the website.

25/70 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: a) Budget & precept for 2026/27; b) Domain change update; c) Planning enforcement update.

25/71 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 14th January 2026, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed.....E. Lockley, Chair.....

Date.....14/1/2026.....

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ANNEX. 1 – PAYMENTS

Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
TBC	TEEC	gov.uk domain and website template	£ 120.00
31/10/2025	K LARSSON	ADMIN EXPENSES	£ 13.56
Payments since the last meeting			
29/09/2025	Lloyds Bank	Service Fee	£ 7.75
28/10/2025	Lloyds Bank	Service Fee	£ 6.75