

Minutes of Isle Abbots Village Hall Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present:	Bella Lagnado (Chair), Julia Bull (Treasurer), Fiona Hillman (Secretary), Susan Robson (PCC Representative), Claire Smith (Bookings Secretary), Andy Hillman (Parish Council Representative), Sue Vickery, Di Cleal, Gaynor Watts, for part - Emily Felgate, Boo Grieve
Apologies:	Sara Bannister
Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting:	
Minutes of the last meeting (11 November 2025) were agreed and signed by BL. AH to upload onto village website.	AH
Matters Arising:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Village hall window cleaning remains outstanding, so quotes are to be obtained from O'Keefes/other.2. As previously, but to be deferred until better weather, Emily Felgate and Brian Cleal have kindly volunteered to refurbish the roadside village hall sign and will liaise with each other in this regard. AH will remove the sign when the time is right.3. It was agreed that any hire charges specifically for village hall furniture and equipment would be on application and assessed on a case-by-case basis.	CS EF / BC AH
Chairman's Report:	
BL had nothing to report but the next few months looked like positive ones with several fun filled and interesting events lined up in the next quarter for villagers to come along to.	
Treasurer's Report:	
JB circulated the quarterly statement of accounts (10 th November – 10 th February) detailing a quarterly total income of £665.85 and quarterly total outgoings of £1,716.97 which includes the cost of annual insurance of £1212.49. The revised balance in the General Account is £2,130.97 giving a balance of £11,018.36 across all accounts.	
With regards to the insurance policy terms and conditions, JB highlighted that the insurance policy does not include marquee insurance, but when the marquee is used, we need to advise the insurance company. A conversation was then had regarding whether the large marquee should be sold and replaced with a smaller marquee suitable size for the village hall garden. It was decided to keep the existing marquee and enquire with regards to the cost of a more suitably sized marquee for the village hall garden.	

<p>JB also highlighted a clause relating to an Asbestos Risk Assessment. CS suggested Hallmark may have signed this off in earlier years, but enquiries will be made and historic files checked to ascertain if there is any asbestos in the building and in the absence of any findings a risk assessment will be arranged. Also, is the sum assured value of the village hall accurate, and should we take advantage of a free valuation. Maybe wait until next renewal.</p> <p>Electricity used: Dec – Jan £216.18 (night storage heaters mostly ON over winter) * Export from solar panels: Dec £4.79 and Jan £2.84. * Heaters are now off unless temperatures go down to below 1°C.</p>	
<p>Booking Secretary's Report:</p>	
<p>Nothing to report at the meeting.</p>	
<p>Parish Council Representative Report:</p>	
<p>Nothing to report at the meeting.</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report:</p>	
<p>Nothing to report although thanks go to Peter Watts for again obtaining the Village Hall Christmas Tree.</p>	
<p>Social Committee Report:</p> <p>The lunchtime pub event on Sunday 7th December raised a profit of £208.59.</p> <p>Future events planned are:</p> <p>Tbc Big Breakfast – postponed and pending new date in Spring Defib Refresher Session and Talk and Bar - Friday 20th March at 7pm. SR to obtain licence. Village Show including Chafcombe Reservoir Dogs (Ukulele band) and Bar - Sat 18th July Tbc Fossil Presentation Tbc Quiz</p> <p>Our village has the Glorious Gardens event on 31st May when the VHMC will be doing 'tea and cake' with profits going to the VH.</p> <p>The above events were discussed and will be reviewed/finalised in the coming weeks and months.</p>	<p>SR</p>
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Following the recent stormy weather, a leak has appeared in the VH kitchen ceiling. BL will organise for this to be assessed to determine if this is a quick fix or requires more work which could result in an insurance claim. (Subsequently checked by Pete Watts and Mervyn Vickery and determined it is fixable)</p> <p>Picking up on a discussion that took place at November's meeting it was agreed that the VHMC would donate £100 to the Curry Mallett Go Fund Me page on behalf of the village as a supporting gesture and act of solidarity to 'The Bell' campaign. JB to action.</p>	<p>BL</p> <p>JB</p>

<p>JB requested an item to be added to the next meeting agenda. Namely, allocating responsibility of monitoring the village hall heating, other policies and utilities as currently JB is doing this in addition to the Treasurer role.</p> <p>The Village Hall curtain rails and/or pull cords need fixing/replacing (one is broken and others do not operate smoothly). GW has offered to obtain quotes for this work.</p>	GW
<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday 12th May at 7pm. VHCM to follow after the AGM.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.00pm</p>	

Approved *Bella Lagnado*

Date 12th May 2026