

# Minutes of Isle Abbots Village Hall Committee Meeting

**Tuesday 12 May 2026**

**Held in the Village Hall following the AGM**

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| <b>Present:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Bella Lagnado (Chair), Julia Bull (Treasurer), Fiona Hillman (Secretary), Susan Robson (PCC Representative), Claire Smith (Bookings Secretary), Andy Hillman (Parish Council Representative), Di Cleal, Emily Felgate, Boo Grieve |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Sara Bannister, Sue Vickery, Gaynor Watts                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| BL summarised the Minutes of the last meeting (10 February 2026) which were agreed and signed by BL.<br>AH to upload onto village website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>AH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Matters Arising:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Village hall window cleaning remains outstanding, so quotes are to be obtained from O'Keefes/other.</li> <li>2. As per earlier action, 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.</li> <li>3. The Village Hall curtain rails and/or pull cords need fixing/replacing (one is broken and others do not operate smoothly). Following GW obtaining a quotation from Wyvern Blinds and this being reviewed and agreed by the committee, the rails will be replaced in June.</li> <li>4. Following the VH kitchen ceiling developing a leak in stormy weather, thanks to Mervyn Vickery and Peter Watts this appears to have been resolved. This will be monitored.</li> <li>5. As per earlier action on behalf of the village JB will 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.</li> </ol> | <b>CS</b><br><b>EF / BC</b><br><b>AH</b><br><br><b>GW</b><br><br><br><b>JB</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Chairman's Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>As per AGM minutes:<br/>BL read out her report as follows:</p> <p>As you know this is my first year as Chair, having taken over from Sue Vickery.</p> <p>Even though she is absent today, I'd like to start by thanking Sue for everything she has and still does for the Village Hall. Her dedication, care and commitment have helped shape the hall into the valuable community asset it is today — and I'm very aware I have big shoes to fill.</p> <p>I'm incredibly proud to be part of this village, and to take on this role. I'm really looking forward</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p>to getting to know more of you over the coming year also.</p> <p>A huge thank you to all our volunteers — the people who organise events, open and close the hall, bake cakes, clean, fix things, and quietly keep everything running behind the scenes. The hall simply wouldn't exist without you.</p> <p>As we look ahead, I think there's a real opportunity for us to build on what we already have. To keep the traditions that make this village special — but also bring in fresh ideas, new energy, and opportunities for more people to get involved.</p> <p>We'd really love to hear from you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What would you like to see more of?</li> <li>• What would bring you into the hall more often?</li> <li>• And how would you like to be involved?</li> </ul> <p>You're very welcome to speak to any of us on the committee after the meeting or get in touch at any time — we'd genuinely value your ideas and input.</p> <p>Whether it's helping organise events, sharing ideas, or just supporting what's already here — every contribution matters.</p> <p>This year is about keeping the hall at the heart of the village — as a place that feels welcoming, inclusive, and relevant for everyone.</p> <p>Thank you — and I'm really looking forward to what we can build together.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <p>JB circulated the Treasurer's Quarterly report (11 Feb 2026 – 11 May 2026)</p> <p>Opening Balance: £2,130.97<br/> Quarterly Income: £389.86<br/> Quarterly Outgoings: £188.25</p> <p>Balance on all accounts on 11 May 2026 was:</p> <p>General Community Account: £2,332.58<br/> Trust Reserve Account: £5,709.33<br/> Business Premium Account: £3,100.31<br/> Total Funds Available <b>£,11,242.22</b></p> <p>JB confirmed there were sufficient funds to fund the much-needed replacement of VH curtain rails and purchase a new gazebo.</p> <p>As per AGM:</p> <p>The reserve accounts remain static and all VH costs had been met but JB reiterated that the minimum amount needed each year to cover costs remained at £3,150.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

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| <p>JB said we have c.£1k more than last year on the closing balance but the stable balance is more due to saving than raising/spending.</p> <p>JB also circulated a summary of Electric costs over the previous year. Now fully engaged with Octopus Energy.</p> <p>Total Costs £654.33<br/>Export payments to Village Hall from solar panels over 7 months was £128.57.<br/>Currently in credit by £19.61 as the export payment for April 2026 is £42.67 and April spend was £23.06.</p> <p>JB advised that the smart meter failed in June which was eventually replaced in November. DS queried if this had lost us any income from panels and JB confirmed the exports were still generating, the meter was just not reading.</p> <p>In summary, JB advised that energy costs were down by c.£300 compared to the previous year due to a combination of income from the solar panels together with minimising the use of the night storage heaters and this was certainly reflected in the Nov, Dec and Jan bills.</p> |  |
| <b>Booking Secretary's Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <p>As per AGM minutes;<br/>CS advised that there were no further bookings other than the Choir event in aid of Parkinsons charity on the 26 June, but she had been contacted by the local authority regarding use of the hall as an approved venue and neutral base for adopted children meeting parents.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>Parish Council Representative Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| Nothing to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>PCC Representative Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <p>SR thanked the VPMC on behalf of the PCC for allowing them the use of the hall free of charge for PCC events and for borrowing items from the hall for the annual Harvest Festival lunch.</p> <p>SR also advised that the Council had been in touch with her with regards to using the hall for future elections.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>Secretary's Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| Nothing to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>Social Committee Report:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <p>Unfortunately, the proposed Big Breakfast event had to be cancelled due to lack of resources. However, future events planned are:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |

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| <p><u>Sunday 31 May – Open Gardens Day – ‘Glorious Gardens’</u><br/> Amazing opportunity to explore five of our village gardens.<br/> The Village Hall will serve food and drinks from 10:00–16:00 and facilities. There will also be a book sale in the Jubilee Room. Proceeds support St Margaret’s Hospice, the Church and Village Hall.</p> <p><u>Friday 26 June – Choir event</u><br/> In aid of Parkinsons Charity with VH running the bar.</p> <p><u>Saturday 18 July – Village Show &amp; Live Band</u><br/> Village Show including live music from Chaffcombe Reservoir Dogs (Ukulele band), BBQ, Bar and more. Posters and entry forms being produced and circulated by CS.</p> <p>SR has offered to obtain the alcohol licences for events on 26 June and 18 July.</p> <p>Looking ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bee Talk returns this autumn with the fabulous Richard Rickett.</li> <li>• A quiz night, curry evening and Christmas pub event.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, a discussion followed with potential ideas for other future events such as<br/> Medical Dogs<br/> Apples/Cider event<br/> Fossils presentation</p> <p>BL suggested we advertise our events further afield to hopefully increase attendance at our events.</p> <p>The above events will be reviewed/finalised in the coming weeks and months.</p> | <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>SR</b></p>                                                     |
| <p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                       |
| <p>GW has booked Wyvern Blinds to install the new VH curtain rails in June.</p> <p>AH will purchase a new Wi-Fi Sim card for the VH in June.</p> <p>AH will renew the VH Green Waste collection in August.</p> <p>CS to determine a suitable replacement pop up Gazebo to be purchased as the current one is broken.</p> <p>Village Hall Spring Clean organised for Monday 18 May at 5pm onwards for those committee members who can make it.</p> <p>As per action at previous meeting to discuss monitoring of VH facilities, policies and utilities, JB, AH and FH will liaise to keep an eye on matters and feedback as necessary.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>GW</b></p> <p><b>AH</b></p> <p><b>AH</b></p> <p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> |

| <b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b>                        |  |
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| Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 18 August 2026 at 7pm. |  |
| Meeting closed at 9.00pm                              |  |

Approved *Bella Lagnado*

Date *18<sup>th</sup> August 2026*