Minutes of Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2025

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:	Bella Lagnado (Chair), Fiona Hillman (Secretary), Susan Robson (PCC Representative), Claire Smith (Bookings Secretary), Andy Hillman (Parish Council Representative), Sue Vickery, Di Cleal, Sara Bannister, Gaynor Watts, Emily Colenso, Boo Grieve Fiona Walker (invited by SV) attended as a Guest
Apologies:	Julia Bull (Treasurer)

Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting (13 August 2025) were agreed and signed by BL. AH to upload onto village website.	**AH**
Matters Arising: 1. SV to follow up with (Will Pettett) with regards to village hall window cleaning but if it must wait until early next year that would be fine. 2. Further quotes for the village hall floor refurbishment had been deferred until more funds are available. 3. EC and Brian Cleal have 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. 4. Village Hall Booking Hire Charges will be increased by 10% during winter months (October-March) to take into account additional use of heating and light. FH will edit the current tariff and terms and conditions as well as an Annex for furniture hire charges and circulate the revised documents. When agreed AH to upload onto the village website.	**SV** **EC BC AH** **FH** **AH**
Chairman's Report: BL spoke of how the village show had been a success particularly considering the inclement weather. There were lessons to be learned for next time. A 'thank you' to all involved will be mentioned in our submission in the quarterly village newsletter.	**BL**
Treasurer's Report: In the absence of JB, FH circulated the quarterly statement of accounts (14 August – 9 November) detailing a quarterly total income of £2,976.06 and quarterly total outgoings of £1,154.42. The revised balance in the General Account is £3,182.09 giving a balance of £12,043.91 across all accounts.	

<u>Electricity and Solar Panels Update</u> FH read the following on behalf of JB. Scottish Power has finally paid all export frees overdue; £240.54 plus a compensation sum of £125 ordered by the Energy Ombudsman. Electricity exported from the solar panels now goes to Octopus Energy. The smart meter in the village hall stopped working in June. JB sent meter readings and established that currently we are in credit with Octopus Energy. On 6 November a new Smart meter was fitted, and the hall now has a monitor. Despite it being a cloudy day the monitor showed that the solar panels were powering the lights. This concludes matters for the time being and hopefully the solar panels will now run smoothly.	
Booking Secretary's Report:	
Nothing to report at the meeting.	
Parish Council Representative Report:	
AH advised that the Parish Council has successfully acquired a grant of £14,040 from the Somerset Rivers Authority for the dredging of Badbury ditch. Works expected to commence next year.	
Secretary's Report:	
FH had nothing to report.	
Social Committee Report: SV advised that the Barn Dance and Village Show (30 & 31 August) raised approximately £960. Plans are underway for a Village Pub event at lunchtime on Sunday 7 December. CS to do poster. Stroll, Soup and Roll – Saturday 24th January, **details tbc** BIG Breakfast – Sunday 22nd February **details tbc** The above along with other ideas were discussed at a previous Social Committee meeting and will be finalised and reviewed at a future social committee meeting. The VH will be decorated for Christmas on 1st December, and villagers have been invited to help via the November quarterly village newsletter.	**CS**

PW has kindly volunteered for the third year running to approach Greenshutters asking for a donation of a Christmas tree for our village hall. If successful, and in the absence of the hall being hired out between Christmas and the New year, this will be relocated outside.	**PW**
Forthcoming Renewals	
PPL and PRS Licences are due 3 December. JB to obtain. PAT testing. It was agreed as this was carried out December 2024 and the terms of the insurance policy do not insist on annual testing that this would not be done this year. Buildings and Contents Insurance. It was agreed that unless the renewal quote is not competitive, we would renew with the existing insurance company who should be made aware of the storage location of the marquee and the fact it is not available for hire.	**JB** **JB**
Any Other Business: The Assistance Pull Cord in the village hall WC is broken – AH has since fixed this. Village Hall First Aiders List – FH to contact and check with those currently listed that are still happy to remain a point of contact in an emergency and to reach out for replacements if needed. SV flagged a few VH facilities matters, namely a few of the ceiling light bulbs need to be replaced, a toilet roll holder is required in the second WC and paper towels for the dispensers need to be ordered. FH offered to source towels and AH offered to fit new bulbs. A brief discussion took place as to whether it would be a nice gesture and act of solidarity to pledge £100 to the Curry Mallett campaign to raise funds for The Bell hopefully becoming a community run pub which, as a neighbouring village, we might benefit from. The vote was split but it was agreed that if at this stage it was just a pledge then we should do this.	 **FH** **FH AH** **JB**
Dates of Next Meetings: Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 19.00 in the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 8.20pm	

Approved *Bella Lagnado* Date *10th February 2026*