

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

25/41 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs Lockley, Vaun Davis and Hillman; the Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Westworth and Richards

25/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

25/43 MINUTES: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 14th May were a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

25/44 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a) 25/01381/S73: S73 application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 9 (Archaeology), 10 (NNAMS) and 11 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) of approval 21/00409/FUL for Change of use of agricultural land to residential for the erection of 2 No. single storey dwellings with garaging & shared vehicular access and a track and gate to serve the adjoining agricultural land - Land At Isle Abbotts Taunton Somerset.

After lengthy discussion, the council RESOLVED to submit an OBJECTION to the application. The council felt the proposed changes would have a significant impact on visual amenity and that the scale of the changes represented too great a deviation from the previously approved application to be assessed under a Section 73 application. A new full application should be submitted. The council also expressed disappointment at the proposed use of phosphate credits rather than the originally proposed local mitigation scheme. Concerns were also raised regarding ecological management during construction.

- b) 25/01577/TCA: Notification of intent to perform tree surgery works to T1 Lime, T2 Sycamore and T3 Conifer included within Conservation Area – Church Of St Mary The Virgin Isle Abbotts TA3 6RH. The council had no comments on the application.

- c) Planning Updates and Enforcement: None.

Details of planning applications in the parish can be found on the Isle Abbotts website:

<https://www.isle-abbotts.org.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.

25/45 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) FINANCIAL STATEMENT: RESOLVED to approve the financial statement to 30/6/25.

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

- c) BANKING: The Clerk updated the council on the ease of the transferring accounts to Unity Trust Bank, noting that Lloyds are charging a transaction fee per item on the existing account in addition to a monthly fee. Councillors were comfortable that the previously discussed transfer to Unity could now be progressed.

25/46 VJ DAY COMMEMORATION: The council RESOLVED to re-imburse costs of providing refreshments for VJ day, noting that a budget of £500 was allocated for such events.

25/47 CPRE MEMBERSHIP: Details of benefits of membership was circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting, which highlighted their work to protect the countryside from inappropriate development. Noting that they could provide support with planning concerns, the council RESOLVED to trial an initial years membership at a cost of £60.

25/48 SRA GRANT: Details for the grant application are being prepared by a resident. The council will support with information as needed.

25/49 TRAINING: No requests for training were made, but the Clerk commented that volunteer training (as an alternative to Chapter 8) is now available through Somerset Council.

25/50 UPDATES

- a) HIGHWAYS: The top-dressing at Steamalong has been delayed to the 20th July.

- b) RIGHTS OF WAY: No updates.

- c) FLOODING: Reminder letters regarding ditch clearance will be sent to landowners.
- d) VILLAGE HALL: No updates.
- e) LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN): No updates.
- f) OTHER MATTERS: None raised.

25/51 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: None requested.

25/52 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10th September 2025, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Exempt Business: RESOLVED that, in view of the sensitive nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Members of the public left the meeting.

25/53 CHAIR OF SOMERSET COUNCIL COMMUNITY AWARD

The council recognised that there are many individuals and groups who contribute to the community with their dedication, time, and effort. After careful consideration, the council felt it was impossible to select just one nominee, but wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those who give their time and energy to support the community.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed.....

Date.....

ANNEX. 1 – PAYMENTS

Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
	S MORLEY	INTERNAL AUDIT	£ 50.00
01/07/2025	SLCC	CLERK MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION	£ 21.60
10/05/2025	K LARSSON	ADMIN EXPENSES	£ 6.19

Payments since the last meeting			
30/05/2025	Lloyds Bank	Service Fee	£ 5.25
30/06/2025	Lloyds Bank	Service Fee	£ 5.75