

# Minutes of Isle Abbotts Village Hall Committee Meeting

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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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), Sue Vickery, Di Cleal, Sara Bannister |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Boo Grieve, Gaynor Watts, Emily Colenso                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Minutes of Previous Committee Meeting:</b><br><br>Minutes of the last meeting (13 May 2025) were agreed and signed by BL. AH to upload onto village website.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Matters Arising:</b><br><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Windowpanes at front of hall have been replaced as per an earlier action and invoice paid. Window cleaning to be carried out.</li><li>2. It had been established that Gift Aid may not be claimed on payments made to the Village Hall for hall bookings although further enquiries will be made with regards to donations.</li><li>3. Village Hall damaged Compost bin to be disposed of.</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Chairman's Report:</b><br><br>BL excited to be joining the committee and expressed her thanks to SV for her continued hard work as social committee lead. BL added that we are all hoping for a successful result from the forthcoming village show with a good profit to add to the pot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Treasurer's Report:</b><br><br>JB circulated the quarterly statement of accounts (13 May – 13 August) detailing a quarterly total income of £958.86 and quarterly total outgoings of £931.72, so 'breaking even' again. The revised balance in the General Account is £1,361.09 giving a balance of £10,193.92 across all accounts.<br><br>JB advised that the On-Line banking facility for the village hall is now set up and working.<br><br>The outstanding payment from the 'SumUp' card machine has now been resolved and monies received. JB has since purchased a further card machine on a different platform 'Square' at a cost of £170 although JB advised she will not claim expense but retain as a personal belonging that may be used at events. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| <p>The Parish Council have been sent an invoice for the annual fee of £120 for hall hire and will make payment by cheque in September.</p> <p><u>Solar Panels Update</u></p> <p>Solar panels correspondence was circulated. In summary, Scottish Power have still not paid for exports and owe £291.72. After countless emails DS wrote a letter to the Energy Ombudsman and Scottish Power finally sent a response with a complaint reference and we await settlement.</p> <p>In the meantime, DS has transferred from Scottish Power to Octopus who now offer a special rate to charities of 8p per unit and £12.90 has been credited for July together with a credit note for £250.</p> |                                   |
| <p><b>Booking Secretary's Report:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   |
| <p>On the Trains Day the ice cream stall was manned by VH committee members to assist with raising funds for the church gate and to see if it was a good idea for the forthcoming village show. As a result, the VHC donated £50 to the PCC from the profits and kept the remaining profit of £20.</p> <p>On behalf of the PCC SR thanked the committee for not charging for use of the VH facilities on church fundraising events.</p> <p>There has been a hall booking enquiry for the end of August (N Nutt), but this has not been confirmed to date.</p>                                                                                                                              |                                   |
| <p><b>Parish Council Representative Report:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| <p>AH advised that the Parish Council will fund refreshments to commemorate the VJ Day Event in the village which had been organised by Liz Lockley.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                   |
| <p><b>Secretary's Report:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |
| <p>FH circulated a revised Declaration of Trustees Form which was duly signed and dated, and the Charity Commission page will be updated accordingly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>FH</b></p>                  |
| <p><b>Social Committee Report:</b></p> <p>SV advised that the Midsummer Pub Night (Friday 27 June) raised approximately £200. Plans are underway for the forthcoming Barn Dance and Village Show at the end of August and a separate meeting followed with regards to logistics and actions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |
| <p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the annual renewal for the Green Garden Waste bin should be renewed.</p> <p>Two further quotes are to be obtained for cleaning/sanding the village hall wooden floor before a decision is made.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><b>AH</b></p> <p><b>FH</b></p> |

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| <p>FH mentioned that the Village Hall sign outside could benefit from being repainted and will reach out in this regard.</p>                                                                                                    | <p><b>FH</b></p>    |
| <p>AH enquired if there was a tariff for furniture hire as well as hall hire. CS advised she had seen one and will make available for review at the next meeting. AH will then add as an annex and upload onto the website.</p> | <p><b>CS/AH</b></p> |
| <p>It was also agreed to check electricity charges for the winter with the thought of increasing tariff for bookings over the winter period.</p>                                                                                | <p><b>JB</b></p>    |
| <p>Entries into the Isle Valley News to be submitted to Lesley Sutcliffe by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month and quarterly to Carolyn Pix for the village newsletter. SV agreed to continue to be liaison in this regard.</p>       |                     |
| <p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 19.30 in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.20pm</p>                                                                                     |                     |

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