

Ashbrittle Parish Council

Meeting 11/7/25

present

Charles Doble Chair  
Jeremy Robbins  
Philip Wilson  
Paul Leyland

apologies  
Charlotte Westcott

Everyone agreed with the last minutes.

### **Community**

PL said he and PW had met with Jon Dawes to see how the PC could help with the refurbishment of the VH.

PL had visited the VH to take damp readings and feed back.  
He thought the damp was caused by poor flashings and had arranged for a roofer to come and look at the roof. especially the lead work.  
deteriorating coping stones on the roof.

He offered to get a roofer to inspect and quote.  
The roofer pointed out a number of issues with the leadwork and a lack of soakers. He also suggested covering the coping stones with lead as a long term solution.

He has since sent a quote of £2800. This has been forwarded to Jon Dawes.  
Everyone was in agreement that this seemed a very reasonable price and that the PC could offer to pay half and the VH the other half. Jon Dawes was very happy with this and has contacted the roofer to proceed.

### **Fingerposts**

Everyone agreed the newly repainted posts looked very good and that there had been a huge saving on original costings.

### **Highways**

Poole Hill has become terribly potholed.  
PL said he would report it on the County Council website.

### **Planning**

The new entrance that has been created and the removal of hedgerow was discussed. PW has yet to get a response from the planning office. We have heard by word of mouth that the owner of the field wishes to use it as a play area for his autistic son.

CD had noticed a stone barn on the north side of the road at Burrow Farm had been knocked down. PW thought it should be reported to avoid setting a precedent.

PW asked about the new large building being built on Endicott land. Charles explained it had planning permission from 5 years back and the footing had been put in place to keep the permission current. the building will have an agricultural tie.

## **Finance**

PW shared copies of the current balance and a draft forecast for the year ahead.

Everyone agreed to an increase in funds to the parish mag.  
JR to contact Andrew Millard to discuss what might be appropriate and affordable.

JR said Wivey Link and Wivey Carers were becoming important lifelines for some members of the community. APC currently offer funds to Wivey Link. JR to look into support if needed for Wivey Carers.

PW asked if there were plans for the refurbishment of the telephone box.

PL to ask the decorators who did the fingerposts to give a quote.

JW asked if he could submit an invoice for the last and a new pennant for the church tower.  
Everyone agreed this was fine.

## **Contacts**

Everyone was happy to share more contact details such as a mobile number and how we would like to be contacted. CW to be asked once she is available.

## **AOB**

JW said that Gigabit plan to have super fast in the village next year. You can register interest on their website. PL expressed a little scepticism as this has been said on numerous occasions in the past. PL said he was now using a 4g router and getting speed of around 20mb at a cost of approx £25 per month.

JR raised the topic of registering the village green. this would secure it as a village asset in perpetuity. he had looked at the process for applying and felt it to be considerably easier if registered by the owner, ie CD. CD was happy to do that but would like a bit of clarity on matters of liability etc. JR said he would be happy to help with the registration. He also said a map of the green would need to be signed by a Notary. PL said his sister-in-law was a Notary and he would ask if she could help.

## **Date of AGM.**

To allow for a published date in the parish mag it was agreed a date in mid-September could work.

PL to suggest dates.

