



Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Cath Law, Nikki Hutchison, John Scadding, David Stone and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies from Nikki Hutchison.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair informed the meeting that both the adult and paediatric pads had been replaced in the defibrillator.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 1 September 2026 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports The meeting noted that no government reports had been received.		
6	Local Community Networks (LCN) September 21 meeting had been postponed. Highways Working Group Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 29 October at 12.00pm in the Portway Annex, Wells.		
7	Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration.		
8	Financial matters 1. To receive and note a statement of the financial position to date 2. To note receipts since last the report £7,250.00 – Somerset Council – Precept half payment £63.17 – National Grid – Wayleave 3. To note standing order payments since the last report £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – September Salary 4. To approve on-line/cheque payments £52.00 – D Abbott Expenses – ICO Data Protection fee £18.00 – D Abbott Expenses – Postcrete – Footpath maintenance £60.00 – D Abbott Contracted expenses – (6 months) £436.80 – Somerset Council – Playground bin emptying – July to Sept 2026 £54.00 – St Andrew's Press – Macmillan Banner 5. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation The meeting noted that John Bridges had carried out the quarterly bank reconciliation of 9 September 2026.		



9	Macmillan Coffee Morning The Clerk thanked everyone that had volunteered, baked cakes and attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 18 September. A donation of £270.00 had been paid to Macmillan Cancer. It was asked to consider holding the 2027 event on a Saturday.		
10	Budget and Precept – 2027 – 2028 The meeting received and considered a draft budget and precept for 2027-2028. It was agreed to bring an updated budget and precept to the November meeting.		
11	Savings Account The meeting considered and agreed that the Clerk should investigate accounts offering higher interest rates and bring a proposal to the November meeting.	DA	
12	National Salary Award The meeting noted and RESOLVED to adopt the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) pay award of 3.3% on all pay points effective from 1 April 2026.	DA CL	
13	Playground Monthly report The meeting noted the monthly playground report. The Chair raised the issue of the electric cable across the gate. John Bridges undertook to check the electrical cable is dead prior to removal.	JB	
14	Burntwood Crossroad Works The meeting noted that the Chair and Clerk had attended an update meeting chaired by Sam Phripp. It was also noted that regular updates had been published on social media through Wells Nub news.		
15	Highcroft Quarry The Chair gave an update on the Highcroft Quarry drop-in taking place between 4.30 and 7.00pm on Thursday 8 October in the Binegar and Gurney Slade Memorial Hall small meeting room.		
16	Nature Information Boards The meeting noted that the board was in production. The meeting considered the location of the board.		
17	Land Rent The meeting noted that the Clerk had raised the Michaelmas land rent letters.		
18	Heritage at Risk Register The meeting noted that the Clerk had circulated the Heritage at Risk register and after discussion agreed		
19	Remembrance 2026 The meeting considered and agreed to poppies and silhouettes been placed by the cemetery on Friday 30 October.		
20	Website The meeting received an update on quotations for a new parish website. The Clerk recommended that one of the quotes should be followed up to clarify costs.		
21	Correspondence The meeting noted the clerk had circulated the following items of correspondence: 8 Sep - Consultation and Review of Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register 17 Sep - Local Devolution and My Community Programme update – Flood Resilience 2 Oct - Somerset's new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2026-2029		



22	Events Attended The meeting noted that the Chair had attended the National Planning Policy Framework meeting (online) on 17 September.		
23	Parish Maintenance No new comments were raised.		
24	Dates of future meetings 2026: 3 November, 1 December – 6.30pm 2027: 2 February, 2 March, 6 April – 6.30pm		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.