



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall 7.00pm – 31 people in attendance

	DETAILS	ACTION
1.	IN ATTENDANCE Chris Davis, Paula Grant, David Hobbs, Jackie Jackson, Beverley Banks, John Moon, Julie Moon, Jenny Barlow, Steve Randall, Jackie Stanton, Paul Stanton, Polly Whyte, Peter White, Sheila White, Jo Dixon, Simon Tuke, Jill Taylor, Diana Easterbrook, Dudley Alleway, Dee Howarth, Colin Howarth, Philip Harrison, Veronica Tuke, Jill Else, Susan Sorterup, Keith Saunders, Margaret Veale, Jerry Veale, Claire Almond, John Barlow, Maureen Flood.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from: Alex Pugh, Isabel Randall, Audrey Creswell, Graham Whyte, Wendy McCall, Tim Taylor.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Simon Tuke, our interim Chair welcomed everyone to the AAVSA AGM 2026. Minutes from AGM held in 2025 were proposed by Maureen Flood and seconded by Chris Davis 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.	
4.	CHAIR'S REPORT Full report available to read. Simon and his wife moved to the village in October 2025, they immediately fell in love with the friendliness of the village shop. It is a great asset, and we need to ensure we continue to help it thrive. Thank you to Beverley for the provision of refreshments and nibbles. Thank you to Keith Saunders for the setting up of the technology tonight. We are grateful to all our volunteers and the committee, and Simon as proposed Chair hopes his new perspective can help to continue the great work of all the shop volunteers.	
5	TREASURER'S REPORT Full report is available to read. This is a report relating to year ending 31/12/2025. We would like to thank Mike Bird as outgoing Treasurer who has supported the hand over to David during the year. Thanks also go to Martin Startup who has prepared the accounts and clarified the tax liabilities. This will be the final year that Martin is available to support, so we thank him for his contribution. We will need to find a local accountant who is able to verify the accounts for 2026 and to cast an independent eye over the work produced by David. Should anyone know of a qualified person, please can they let the committee know.	Committee
6.	MOTION TO ACCEPT ACCOUNTS FOR 2025 Proposed by Jackie Stanton and seconded by Paul Stanton 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.	
7.	MOTION TO ACCEPT SURPLUS TO BE HELD IN GENERAL RESERVE Proposed by chris Davis and seconded by John Moon Motion passed.	
8.	MOTION TO ACCEPT UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2026 Chairman requested approval to present un-audited accounts for the 2026 financial year. Proposed by John Barlow, seconded by Keith Saunders	

9.	POST OFFICE REPORT Full text available to read. It is generally known that rural Post Offices are struggling to turn a profit. The new management structure at Post Office Limited (POL) seems to be much improved. There is however a disconnect between the need for commerciality and the importance of the post office as a social connection. The Post Office cannot be considered purely commercial. In the past year the remuneration from POL has changed and more emphasis is placed on digital purchasing, drop off points and parcels. The Abbotts Ann PO is very busy; the remuneration is not increasing from POL and may be subject to change in the future. Maureen thanked the Committee for their work and support during the year.	
10.	The Chairman then opened the floor to questions: 1. Jackie Stanton: We need to thank the original committee for having the foresight to build an income-generating flat above the shop. In addition, the original committee fought to ensure a substantial Post Office was included in the plans, rather than a small hatch or limited-service offer. 2. Paul Stanton: Formal thanks should be given to Judeth Dashwood as outgoing Shop Manager for her hard work and dedication to the shop over many years. 3. Chris Davis: Chris wanted to thank Simon for taking on the role of Chairman. David Hobbs was also thanked for the number of hours he has put into working in the shop and supporting a new team, plus the role of Treasurer. 4. Thank you to Henry for stepping up to work in the Post Office 5. Jackie Stanton wished the Committee to consider closing on Boxing Day to ensure staff and volunteers did not feel obliged to work on a Bank Holiday but spend time with their family. Polly Whyte commented that she and many others were happy to work a limited 2-hour shift on Boxing Day. Stock Take on 1st January is also well supported and no one is forced to work or volunteer either of these days. The committee and Manager to review at next committee meeting.	Committee
11.	ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Paula Grant stated that all existing members of the Committee were willing to stand again, no other members of the meeting came forward. 8 nominations were received for the Management Committee: Simon Tuke Chris Davis Paula Grant Steve Randall David Hobbs Jackie Jackson Claire Almond John Moon	
12.	AOB Voting of the committee will take place at next committee meeting scheduled for 21st July 2026	
11.	Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.	