

Abinger Parish Council

Abinger Common, Abinger Hammer, Forest Green, Oakwood Hill & Walliswood

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 17th July 2023 at 7.15pm

Venue	Forest Green Village Hall
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Ros Doree (RD) Eliza Rudkin (ER) Philip Rawlings (PR) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Eliza Rudkin (ER) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS) Ros Doree (RD) Ed Bigland (EB)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence - PR
2	Declarations of Interest – All councillors are the trustee for APRGC.
3	Public Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the public attended. One resident spoke about the PC needing to reach a decision as to what should happen to the silhouette tommies. Cllrs reported that so far 2 village halls were not keen to site the tommies and finding permanent sites has proved problematic. The Chair agreed this needed further attention, agreeing to arrange to view the tommies to ascertain what repairs were needed and ascertaining their suitability to be sited permanently.Members of public interested in joining the Forest Green playground proposal Working party attended as requested to confirm their interest. It was agreed the Chair of the Working Party would be in touch regarding arrangements for the first meeting.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
5	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillors noted the minutes of the meeting of 3rd July 2023.
6	Matters arising from previous Minutes - None

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7	<p>General Power of Competence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors discussed passing a resolution that the PC meets the criteria to qualify for 'general power of competence'. Councillors voted against passing the resolution. 																																
8	<p>To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve bank reconciliation – Councillors approved the June 2023 bank reconciliation. Approve payments – The payments for July 2023 were approved. <table border="1" data-bbox="373 763 1267 1182"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">JULY 2023 PAYMENTS</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Surrey Hills Solicitors</td> <td>Registering change of address for APC/APRGC title deeds</td> <td>333.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mulberry & Co</td> <td>Payroll services April-June 2023</td> <td>126.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Clerk's PAYE & NI</td> <td>437.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jake Burley</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance June 2023</td> <td>1,211.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rebecca Anderson</td> <td>Clerk's expenses June 2023</td> <td>82.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td>£2,191.15</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors reviewed and approved the Qtr 1 2023/2024 Budget Report Councillors review and approved to continue to appoint Mulberry & Co as Internal Auditors at an agreed rate of £65 per hour for 3 years (2023/2024 to 2025/2026). 	JULY 2023 PAYMENTS							Amount		Surrey Hills Solicitors	Registering change of address for APC/APRGC title deeds	333.00		Mulberry & Co	Payroll services April-June 2023	126.00		HMRC	Clerk's PAYE & NI	437.80		Jake Burley	Grounds Maintenance June 2023	1,211.49		Rebecca Anderson	Clerk's expenses June 2023	82.86			TOTAL	£2,191.15
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9	<p>Playgrounds</p> <p>Forest Green proposal for a playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Councillors confirmed the membership of the Working Party would include Cllr LRS as Chair, Cllr ER as Vice Chair and Cllrs RD and DC 2) Councillors discussed applicants to join the Working Party and agreed the member councillors would discuss and agree. 3) Cllr LRS agreed to contact all the Working Party and agree arrangements for the first meeting. <p>Abinger Common Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors noted the playground fence had been repaired and noted there had been evidence of more littering in and around the playground. 																																

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9a	Walliswood Village Hall Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllrs noted the recent issues raised regarding noise from events held in the village hall grounds.
10	Allocation of CiL Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors considered and agreed to re-allocating the remaining CiL funding to any benches needing repairs/replacement to ensure the funding will be spent spread across the whole of the Parish to include raised by Cllr EB and agreed by councillors. Councillors discussed the need to review spending on playground that would include updating playground items to be built in the next budget for 2023/2024 and agreed to review this an agenda item for next month.
11	Chairs announcements - None
12	Date of next Meeting – Monday 21 st August 2023, 7pm Abinger Common Village Hall
13	Matters to consider excluding the public - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No matters needing discussion

The meeting closed at 20.05pm