Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 20th April 2022 at 7.15pm

Venue	Walliswood Village Hall				
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Henry				
	Barnard (HB) Ed Bigland (EB) David Keene (DK) Ros Doree (RD)				
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)				
Attending					
Item					
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence – HB, EB & MB				
2	Declarations of Interest – All councillors are the trustee for APRGC.				
3	Public Question Time - Attending were GB & GQ from WW Village Hall Ass. They updated Cllrs as to the stage of their application for funding for a VH extension. They talked through options for the extension, problems/issues of the existing building, options for more community involvement/activities. They also put forward the suggestion for the feasibility of building a new hall which would provide a building that would be more sustainable and attractive to a broader range of hirers.				
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st March 2022 • The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read.				
5	 Planning Councillors noted the minutes of 11th April 2022. 				
6	Matters arising from previous Minutes - none				
7	 To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques Approve bank reconciliation – The March 2022 bank reconciliation was approved. Approve payments – The payments for April 2022 were approved. 				
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		APRIL 2022 PAYMENTS			
		AH Playground replacement	000.00		
	Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	items	906.00		
	Rebecca Anderson	Clerk's expenses April 2022	92.69		
	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE & NI	409.72		
	Mr C Chrisite (Jake Findlay)	FG works	1,605.06		
	Kelley Smith	AH Playground repairs	470.00		
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	TOTAL 3,483.47			
	2021/2022 Year End Budget Report – Councillors viewed and approved the 2021/22 Year End Budget Report.			
8	Playground Inspections/Repairs — • The Clerk reported KS had completed repairs to AH, replacing the net and rope. Cllrs agreed to discuss any further repairs needed when Cllr EB attends.			
9	 Walliswood Village Hall YSF bid Councillors discussed the presentation and agreed they would support the option of rebuilding the village hall if the YSF would fund the project Cllrs asked the Clerk to email this approval to the WWHA. 			
10	 Grounds Maintenance Contract – Cllrs discussed and approved the request from JB for an uplift to the GN contract, agreeing to his request for a 7% increase asking the Clerk to email him their decision. 			
11	Ewhurst Brickworks			
12	 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Cllrs discussed and agreed APC would plant a cherry tree in each of the five villages. The Clerk was instructed to contact Okewood Hill Resident Association to ascertain if they could help establish a place to plant a Okewood Hill. 			
13	Chairs announcements - none			
14	Date of next Meeting – Monday 23 rd May 2022, 7pm Abinger Hammer Village Hall			
15	Matters to consider excluding the public Councillors to discussed the Clerk's appraisal needs including any upgrade of the Clerks pay grade and agreed to get back to the Clerk shortly.			

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The meeting closed at 20.55pm