Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 20th February 2023 at 7pm

Venue	Abinger Common Village Hall
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) David Keene (DK) Ros Doree (RD)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ros Doree (RD)
Item	
1	**Attendance and Apologies for Absence -** ED & DK (resigned)
2	**Declarations of Interest –** All councillors are the trustee for APRGC; Cllr PC has an interest in item 11
3	**Public Question Time** • Members of the public attended to speak about the request for a playground at Forest Green. The Chair updated the residents informing them the Parish Council were waiting to get the address details of the petition signatories after previously questioning whether all the signatories were residents of Forest Green. The Chair stressed the Parish Council wanted to ensure there was a genuine need for a playground before taking the request any further.
4	**Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2023** • The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
5	**Playgrounds Maintenance** • Jake Burley attended to talk to Councillors re moss/leaf clearance. Councillors agreed for the 2023 contract. Councillors agreed a) JB would undertake moss/leaf clearance December/January once all the leaves had dropped b) JB would undertake moss/leaf clearance by end of March 2023 (before the Easter holidays) Both tasks would be extra to what had already been agreed in the contract and JB would send quotes to the Clerk.
6	**Planning** • Councillors noted the minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2023.
7	**Matters arising from previous Minutes -** None

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To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques.

- Approve bank reconciliation – Councillors approved the January 2023 bank reconciliation.
- Approve payments – The payments for February 2023 were approved.

		FEBRUARY 2023 PAYMENTS		
	20/02/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NI February 2023	437.60
	20/02/2023	Ollie Golding	AH fence repairs	750.00
	20/02/2023	Surrey Hills Society	Membership	30.00
	20/02/2023	Rebecca Anderson	Clerk's Expenses January 2023	61.59
	20/02/2023	St. James Abinger PCC	Contribution to Notice Board	300.00
			TOTAL	1,579.19

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Platinum Jubilee Trees

- Councillors discussed the request from SCC Treescapes for the location of the planted trees. Cllr PC agreed to record the trees at AH and AC and Cllr RD agreed to record the trees at Walliswood Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

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Surrey Hills ANOB

- Councillors noted Cllr PC will attend the ANOB event at SCC on 13th March 2023

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Abinger Common Playground repairs

- Councillors noted the issues reported by Cllr MB, i.e., the seesaw rocker and the pole. The Clerk was asked to contact KS to ask him to view the items to see if he could undertake the repairs.

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Parish Council Elections

- Councillors noted the date of the upcoming parish elections, noting the deadline of 6th April 2023 for the lodging of nomination papers. The Clerk distributed notices for notice boards asking interested residents asking to consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

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Rights of Way Improvements

- Councillors agreed to go ahead with installing 2 new gates (to replace styles) in locations in Forest Green. Cllr DC agreed to contact one landowner (JC)

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	and the Clerk was instructed to contact LS to agree the placement and gate style/size of gates - one of his land, and one between his land and JC
14	**St James' Church Grant Application** • Councillors noted the payment re the contribution to the new notice board at Abinger Common was approved at the meeting.
15	**Chairs announcements –** The Chair reported the Clerk had been contacted by the new owner of the Volunteer Pub who stated he would be sending details of what he planned to do with the building/business. The Clerk will forward once received.
16	**Date of next Meeting** – Monday 20th March 2023, 7pm Walliswood Village Hall
17	**Matters to consider excluding the public -** • No matters needing discussion

The meeting closed at 20.35pm