

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2021 at 18.00 pm

Venue	Remote Meeting via Zoom
Councillors	Carla Jones (CJ) Deardre Cunningham (DC) Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Johan Ingles-Le Nobel (JIN) Sam Lucking (SL)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Carla Jones (CJ) Maria Belcher (Chair) (MB) Deardre Cunningham (DC)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence – EB & SL absent
2	To receive any declarations of interests in respect of any agenda items – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
3 Action Clerk CJ	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting attended by a member of the public, Nick Standen, (NC) Chair of the Okewood Hill Residents Association (OHRA)• NC was attending to comment on The Punchbowl Inn application below on behalf of OHRA. OHRA was broadly in support of the development but wanted to support with the following conditions. The field for camping should be fenced in its entirety to only allow access from the car park and screening erected for neighbouring properties. Noise controls should be in place to ensure loud music/parties should not place on the site. NC also raised concerns whether any conditions could be placed to ensure no further development of the site would take place and if the pub would continue operate in the future. OHRA were concerned the parking provision at the site was adequate for visitors to the campsite, the B&B (not open but permission already given) and pub customers. Lastly, NC raised the issue of speed limits in the village, currently 40mph needed to be reduced to 30mph.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 1st March 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Councillors approved the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 1st March 2021.
5 Action Clerk DC	MO/2021/0149/PLA The Punchbowl Inn (PH), Okewood Hill Change of use of land to campsite and erection of an amenity block and 5 Shepherds Huts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors discussed the issues raised by NC. Councillors agreed with the concerns raised and would respond to MVDC offering support of the application but with the conditions of fencing/shielding of camp site, noise controls and appropriate lighting to minimise light pollution. Councillors did not think they could comment on any future developments or keeping the pub open. Councillors wanted raise the issue of adequate parking and the speed limit in the village.
6	Date of next meeting Next Planning Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10th May 2021

The meeting closed at 19.00 pm

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