# **Abinger Parish Council**

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

## **APPROVED Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

Date & Time:	Monday 19 November 2012 at 7.45pm
Venue:	Evelyn Hall, Abinger Common
Chair:	Peter Farley (PF)
Clerk:	Suzanne Bennett
Councillors:	Ros Doree (RD), Barrie Arminson (BA), David Adams (DA), Paul Cleaver (PC), Gary Bennett (GB), Deardre Cunningham (DC)
Present:	PCSO Zuzuna Sucha (part) and eight members of the public

PART ONE		
No.	Item	
12/11/01	Apologies for absence Mike Brady (MB) The Chairman welcomed everyone and started the meeting.	
12/11/02	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> All councillors declared trusteeship of Abinger Parish Recreation Grounds Charity (APRGC) Councillors RD & DC declared an interest in Planning Application for Bennetts Grove, Mayes Green.	
12/11/03	Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2012 were discussed and approved. GB proposed, BA seconded.	
12/11/04	(a) Charity Land Management	
	Forest Green Chairman gave an update regarding the agreed works at Forest Green.  Still outstanding:  - issue of parking to the north & south of The Parrot, preference to install posts, require three quotes.  - Pond at Collins Farm of which APRGC owns 70%, there is a willow to pollard, ash sapling & dead elm to remove. Work on the willows is to be completed by the end of November.  - agreed more sleepers required and these would be purchased in Spring 2013.  - millennium bench requires cleaning & wire brushing, DC advised that she will complete this work.	
	Completed: - agreed to cut back to sight line to our boundary line on Ockley Road - sapling oak east of Forge Cottage - opposite Danes Mead overhanging trees - on the old shop road pollard two willows & remove the ivy - track towards Waterlands Farm there is an ash sapling in the ditch - at the large pond to pollard large willow - willow bushes require trimming - sandy path remove stumps	

### Pointers (Forest Green) by The Parrot

Discussed that the signs had not been installed. Agreed to contact Pointers and inform that the signs should be installed as soon as possible as the end date will be 31 May 2013.

#### **Bonfire (Forest Green)**

Discussed and noted that the bonfire was cleared very nicely this year.

#### **Belmont School (Forest Green)**

To contact the school and reiterate signs are not allowed on the green at any time.

## Abinger Hammer

Discussed the cost of installing a skate park at Abinger Hammer and possible location. Councillors agreed that this project would not be taken any further due to cost and that there are skate parks facilities in surrounding areas.

#### **Abinger Common**

Discussed the condition of the stocks. DA has a lock and chain for the iron railings and will install. Councillors will look at stocks on walk round scheduled for 25 November.

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#### (a) Abinger Hammer tree work

Discussed concerns that tree work recently carried out had not been completed as per specification following site visit. Councillors agreed BA & PC to meet with contractor. Clerk gave PC availability of contractor for site meeting.

#### (b) Playgrounds

Clerk confirmed that the reports are available from the new contractor on their website which was very comprehensive. Agreed to discuss policy for Councillor inspections on bi-monthly basis at the next Trustees meeting.

Future Trustees' meetings (all commence at 8pm)

18 December 2012 at Wastlands, Mayes Green - BA gave apologies

19 February 2013 at Rose Villa, Abinger Hammer

#### **Actions agreed**

- To contact three contractors to quote for installation of posts at The Parrot, Forest Green (Clerk)
- · To install lock and chain to railings at stocks, Abinger Common (DA)
- To write to Pointers confirming decision of Council (Clerk)
- Respond in writing to skate park request (Clerk)
- To confirm site meeting with contractor on 27 November (PC)
- To contact Belmont School with council decision (Clerk)
- Include Councillor playground inspections on Trustees agenda (Clerk)

#### 12/11/05 Public Question Time

**PCSO Sucha** gave crime report for Abinger parish (September to date) explaining that crime had decreased since the last report. There had been four burglaries from sheds, with the theft of garden machinery. PCSO Sucha gave an overview of the Country Watch scheme that allowed the public to be kept up to date with reports in their local areas.

A member of the public reported speeding southbound on the A29 to PCSO Sucha particularly by motorbikes at the weekend. It was discussed that it may be possible for a Traffic Officer to attend the next council meeting, PCSO Sucha to confirm with Clerk.

PF thanked the PCSO Sucha for the report.

A member of the public asked for an update on the stolen post box at Oakwood Hill. The Clerk confirmed that an email confirmation had been received from Royal Mail giving a time frame of 12 weeks to reinstall the post box (approx. 13 December).

A member of the public discussed a letter sent to Surrey Highways regarding the bad state of repair of Ruckmans Lane, explaining that in places the road width has been reduced considerably by volume of heavy goods vehicles. Solutions could include a width or weight restriction as the lane is an unclassified road. RD confirmed that this issue was raised at a recent Highways Forum meeting and should be raised at the next Dorking Rural Highways Forum chaired by Cllr Hazel Watson. Clerk informed the councillors that a date for this had not been circulated and would enquire.

A member of the public confirmed that objections for the Brickworks (Walliswood) fencing in footpaths had been extended to 25 November. RD discussed that Rosemary Thompson; Rights of Way Officer had inspected the plans.

#### Actions agreed

- To confirm attendance of Traffic Officer to January meeting (Clerk)
- To confirm with Cllr Hazel Watson date of next Dorking Rural Highways Forum (Clerk)

#### 12/11/06

- (a) Wasp bus. It was reported that the next meeting is being held on 20 November.
- **(b) Section 137 Grants.** GB distributed and gave an overview of the Section 137 Grant policy (draft) which was discussed and provisionally agreed. The policy will be adopted by the council if agreed at the January meeting in line with setting the budget and 2013-14 precept.
- (c) Financial. The new financial statement and budget document was reviewed and approved. PC proposed, DA seconded.
- (d) Walliswood Village Hall. Mr Quinnell gave a break down of expenditure for the roof replacement and electrical work, confirming the grants received from Surrey County Council and MVDC. PF gave councillors information on previous works completed and that these improvements increased the value of the hall to the community. Discussed and agreed £3000.00 grant, DA proposed and RD seconded.
- (e) Risk Assessments. No amendments to be made.
- (f) Parish Plan. This item to be carried forward to the January meeting.
- (g) Oakwood Hill Village Hall. It was confirmed that the cooker had been purchased and installed.

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	(h) BT Telephone Kiosks. Clerk gave update to councillors and public on the adoption of kiosks. The residents association will adopt the kiosk at The Dene and an association for Oakwood Hill is in the process of being created. In the interim a member of the public will meet the cost of the insurance.
	(i) War memorials. Clerk reported that all the memorials had been refurbished. DC enquired to another plate next to the war memorial. PF confirmed that the work was for war memorials only.
	(j) Parish Council Website. GB discussed proposed content and approval process. Discussed how to draw the community into using the website as it is not very engaging although at the last meeting the public were very enthusiastic. GB gave an approximate time of two days to build the website and estimated would require two hours per week to maintain. Discussed and agreed GB to complete pages with PC to help. PC proposed and RD agreed.
	Actions agreed  • To raise cheque for Walliswood Village Hall (Clerk)
12/11/07	Mole Valley District Council  (a) Planning. Discussed application for Bennetts Grove at Mayes Green for enlargement of pond. Discussed that councillors if available would complete a site visit and if agreed Clerk to write a letter of objection to MVDC.
	Actions agreed  • To liaise with councillors and write to MVDC if required (Clerk)
12/11/08	Surrey County Council (a) Highways. Actions under minute item 12/11/05
12/11/09	SCAP&TC. Nothing to report.
12/11/10	Correspondence/Reports/Invitations Clerk to attend MVDC Chief Executive 28 November
12/11/11	Member's Reports/Notice of Future Business. None.
12/11/12	Future meetings (all commence at 7.45 pm) 21 January at Walliswood Village Hall 18 March at Abinger Hammer Village Hall
	Meeting finished at 10.00pm