

# Abinger Parish Council

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

## Minutes of APC Planning Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 18.00 pm

<b>Venue</b>	Remote Meeting via Zoom
<b>Councillors</b>	Carla Jones (CJ) Deardre Cunningham (DC) Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Johan Ingles-Le Nobel (JIN) Sam Lucking (SL)
<b>Clerk</b>	Beccy Anderson (BA)
<b>Attending</b>	Carla Jones (CJ) Maria Belcher (Chair) (MB) Deardre Cunningham (DC) Sam Lucking (SL) Ed Bigland (EB)
<b>Item</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Attendance and Apologies for Absence</b> – JIN absent
<b>2</b>	<b>To receive any declarations of interests in respect of any agenda items –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b> – none
<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Councillors approved the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 after amendments.</li></ul>
<b>5</b> <b>Action Clerk</b> DC	<b>APC Planning Policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Clerk informed the councillors about the MVDC Clerks meeting where Mark Turner, MDVC Development Management Manager. He asked for questions from Parishes that could be discussed at the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 training. He also stated he would attend a parish planning meeting to advise councillors on policy formation and the proposed changes to planning legislation. The councillors were asked to email the Clerk any questions to forward to MT.</li><li>• Councillors discussed how they should be approaching commenting on planning applications. The Chair questioned what APC should be objecting to. SM wanted to know the scope of APCs part in the planning process; should it be the voice of local residents? CJ wanted to see principles in place to guide committee decisions aware that MV Planning policies are the ones APC need to refer to. EB thought most planning applications that interest residents are smaller items eg dog grooming parlour and residents were unaware of APC involvement in planning. CJ stated we need to inform residents of APC policy and the limited role in decision making and felt she needs more education in planning. DC stated the parish council do need to be aware of MV planning policy to ensure any objections are following MV policy. CJ felt APC were probably responding quite well already.</li><li>• The Clerk will ask Mark Tuner to attend the next APC meeting to discuss planning policy formation and councillors will send any questions for MT to the Clerk.</li></ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of next meeting Next Planning Committee meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021</li></ul>

**The meeting closed at 18.45pm**

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**Signed.....**

**Date.....**