

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 18th September 2023 at 7pm

Venue	Walliswood Village Hall
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Ros Doree (RD) Eliza Rudkin (ER) Philip Rawlings (PR) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB – acting Chair) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS) Ros Doree (RD) Philip Rawlings (PR) Ed Bigland (EB)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence - ER & PC
2	Declarations of Interest – All councillors are the trustee for APRGC.
3	Public Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the public attended to speak regarding Planning Application MO/2023/1112/PLA Home Farm Stables. Residents were concerned with the request for a further caravan on the site and any further future plans for expansion. Cllr RD reported that a resident had visited Home Farm Stables and spoke to the owner who stated the additional caravan was for her daughter who wanted to live independently onsite with her family. Councillors agreed to note their concerns and consider when agreeing a PC response.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st August 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
5	Matters arising from previous Minutes - None
6	Chairs Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">None
7	To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve bank reconciliation – Councillors approved the August 2023 bank reconciliation.

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8	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillors noted the Planning Meeting of 4th September 2023 was cancelled due to Clerk/Councillor unavailability.Application MO/2023/1112/PLA Home Farm Stables, Horsham Road, Wallis Wood, Dorking,Surrey, RH5 5QG Site comprises mixed use of land for the stationing of caravans and the keeping of horses, application to facilitate 1 No. additional tourer caravan and 1 No.additional mobile home. Councillors discussed and agreed to respond to MVDC Planning to include the following i) Councillors noted the concerns of the members of the public attending and agreed to send a response to MVDC recommending if approved a condition be applied that there would be no more than 3 caravans on the site (plus 3 touring caravans).																																			
9	<p>Forest Green works -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr RD reported she had met with DT. He was waiting for his tractor to be repaired and would be commencing the flailing and the work on the willow tree as soon as possible.																																			
10	<p>Playground Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillors noted the August Inspection Reports had not been received.																																			
11	<p>HugoFox Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr PR reported he had spoken to HugoFox regarding their ‘Silver Package’ offer for £19.99pcm. HugoFox stated if the PC opted for this option, they would then ensure the Planning Tracker would be fit for purpose and working. Councillors agreed to approve the Silver Package asking the Clerk to inform Hugo Fox stating the PC would revert to the Bronze Package (no planning Tracker) in a month if the Planning tracker was not working. The																																			

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	Clerk was also asked to ask HugoFox to remove any branding on the website within the paid package.
12	CAGNE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr EB spoke stressing the importance of supporting CAGNE as the negative aspects of the Gatwick Airport expansion would affect all Abinger residents. Councillors voted not to contribute to CAGNE. Cllr EB agreed to register the Parish Council's interest with the Planning Inspectorate to allow the PC to comment on the expansion proposal.
13	Date of next Meeting – Monday 16 th October 2023, 7pm Abinger Common Village Hall
14	Matters to consider excluding the public - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No matters needing discussion

The meeting closed at 20.00pm