

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2022 at 18.00 pm

Venue	Abinger Common Village Hall
Councillors	Deardre Cunningham (DC) Maria Belcher (MB) Ros Doree (RD)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Maria Belcher (MB) Ros Doree (RD) Paul Cleaver (PC – stand-in)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence – Cllr DC
2	To receive any declarations of interests in respect of any agenda items – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
3	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the public attending; from neighbouring properties MC & AB; neighbour using surrounding land (JM) and the applicant (LE). MC & AB expressed interest in the planning process and were concerned if proposed properties would then lead to further development of the area. JM pointed out the proposed properties and gardens spread into land currently being used for equestrian purposes as the current footprints were not suitable for residential accommodation. LE stated on the positive side the properties would be 2 bed properties which would fulfil a need in the area, and he had no plans to build any further properties on the site.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14th November 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Councillors approved the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 14th November 2022
5	Planning Application MO/2022/1844/PLA Forest Green Farm, Mill Lane, Forest Green, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 5SJ. Erection of 2 No. dwellings following demolition of existing non-agricultural buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors considered the comments from members of public, LE and the comments emailed from Cllr DC. The majority of Councillors agreed to respond to MVDC recommending refusal for the following reasons:- (a) Proposed properties fall within the the ANOB, the Metropolitan Green Belt and Forest Green Conservation Area (within 50 metres) (b) Proposed properties fall within a flood risk area (c) Proposed properties would not be built on the original footprints of the buildings to be demolished and the proposed footprints would also be larger than the original buildings (d) Proposed properties would detract from the openness of the countryside by their form, mass and siting which would be much larger than the current buildings which are very flimsy sheds used for storage.
6	Date of next meeting Next Planning Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 9th January 2023, 6pm at Walliswood Village Hall

The meeting closed at 18.30 pm

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