

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Planning Committee Meeting held on 4th March 2024 at 18.00pm

Venue	Abinger Common Village Hall
Councillors	Maria Belcher (MB) Ros Doree (RD) Philip Rawling (PR) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS) Eliza Rudkin (ER)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Maria Belcher (MB) Ros Doree (RD) Philip Rawling (PR) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apologies received from ER
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">• Approximatley 20 members of the public attended to comment on The Volunteer application. Concerns expressed included the wish of residents that the Volunteer should continue to operate as a public house to serve the local community with standard licencing hours and to serve both hot and cold food lunchtime and evenings. Some residents also expressed that the proposed garden accommodation pods could cause noise nuisance.• The meeting was also attended by the new owner of the Volunteer (JW) who stated the Volunteer would continue as a public house to serve residents and the offer would include hot food although exact offer would be the decision of a manager. He stated the accommodation pods and B&B rooms would be managed by the manager and did not envision the pods would create any nuisance to local residents.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held on 20th December 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Councillors approved the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 20th December 2023.
5	Planning Application MO/2024/0153/PLA The Volunteer (PH), Water Lane, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6PR - Demolition of an existing single storey extension and the erection of a new single storey rear and two storey side extension (to provide 2 No. holiday lets), retention of public house at ground floor level, conversion of Existing building to provide 2 No. self-catered holiday lets and managers flat at first floor level with associated external alterations, erection of 2 No. self-contained garden pods for use as holiday lets and associated landscape works. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors discussed the application and comments from members of public and agreed to comment to Mole Valley Planning asking if the application is approved a condition is applied stating 'The Volunteer would need to operate standard licencing hours, offering both hot and cold food'

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6	Planning Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MO/2021/0891 & MO/2023/0926 Dearleap, Wollards Road, Forest Green, RH5 5PN• Land adjacent to Upper Sent, Okewood Hill The Clerk informed Councillors she had emailed MV Planning, Cllr Cooksey and Piers Mason asking for an update on both properties.
7	Date of next meeting Next Planning Committee meeting: Monday 8 th April 2024, 6pm at Abinger Common Village Hall

The meeting closed at 18.40pm

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