Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 17th April 2023 at 7pm

Venue	Abinger Common Village Hall
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Ros Doree (RD)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB), Ros Doree (RD)
Item	
1	**Attendance and Apologies for Absence -** PC – Cllr MB acting Chair & EB
2	**Declarations of Interest –** All councillors are the trustee for APRGC and Cllr DC declared an interest in item 5 on the APRGC agenda.
3	**Public Question Time** • Members of the public attended to be updated re the request for a playground at Forest Green. Councillors informed residents of the visit of the Kompan rep. Different sites were viewed with the rep who recommended the area next to the church driveway as this site is set back from the road and would be large enough to site various play items. The rough estimate of price would be £50K. Residents were also informed the Clerk had looked into obtaining funding from the Your Surrey Fund. Any funding bid would involve a though needs assessment and consultation with all village residents.
4	**Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th March 2023** • The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
5	**Planning** • Councillors noted the minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2023 was cancelled as they weren't any applications needing discussion.
6	**Matters arising from previous Minutes -** None
7	**To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques.** • Approve bank reconciliation – Councillors approved the March 2023 bank reconciliation.

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- Approve payments – The payments for April 2023 were approved.

		APRIL 2023 PAYMENTS	
	Mulberry & CO	Payroll services Feb - March 2023	126.00
	SALC	SALC/NALC Membership 2023	616.89
	Tony Kenward	FG Tree works	3,600.00
	Information Commissioner	Data protection reg fee	40.00
	Rebecca Anderson	Clerks expenses March 2023	40.89
	HMRC	Clerks PAYE & NI April 2023	437.60
		TOTAL	4,861.38

- Councillors reviewed and approved the QTR 4 2022/2023 Budget Report

8 **Playgrounds**

- Abinger Common – The Clerk informed councillors that repairs had not started yet as the contractor is still waiting delivery of parts after incorrect parts hand been delivered. Councillors discussed the litter found in the playground. Councillors instructed the Clerk to ask Cllr PC to speak to landlord of Abinger Hatch in person.
- Walliswood – Cllr DC had been in contact with the resident who donated the playground bench which is now broken. She is waiting to hear back from them to see if they wished to repair it. Cllrs discussed, if not replaced/repaired by the resident, it could be possible to repair. Cllr DC will get back to the Clerk.

9 **May 2023 Parish Council Elections**

- The Clerk confirmed to councillors that the May 2023 election was uncontested. The Parish Council will have 8 councillors (with 1 vacancy). The new councillors are Lin Roworth-Stokes (for the South Ward) Eliza Rudkin, and Philip Rawlings (for the North Ward) The new councillors will attend the May 2023 Parish Council meeting where all councillors will sign acceptance of office forms.

10 **Rights of Way Improvements**

- Cllr DC informed councillors that the landowner at Bridgham Farm did not want new gates on her property. The Clerk was instructed to contact LS (farmer) and PR (contractor) and order the gate and arrange installation.

11 **Forest Green Maintenance**

- Councillors discussed the revised quote from DT. The quote of £4250 was considered expensive but given the lack of any contractors wishing to

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	undertake the work, councillors agreed they needed to secure a contractor for 2023. MH (observing meeting) stated he might know of a contractor and would let the Clerk know.
12	**Chairs announcements - None**
13	**Date of next Meeting** – Monday 22nd May 2023, 7pm Okewood Hill Village Hall
14	**Matters to consider excluding the public -** • No matters needing discussion

The meeting closed at 19.45pm