

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 21st March 2022 at 7pm

Venue	Abinger Hammer Village Hall																																	
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Henry Barnard (HB) Ed Bigland (EB) David Keene (DK) Ros Doree (RD)																																	
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)																																	
Attending																																		
Item																																		
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence – HB																																	
2	Declarations of Interest – All councillors are the trustee for APRGC.																																	
3	Public Question Time - Attending was RP who raised the issue of the management of FG, wanting to find out what plans the PC had to improve on last year. Councillors informed him they were finalising arrangements to clear the bales from last year and arranging a contractor to cut and bale for this year.																																	
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st February 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read with a note on Item 7 to state the £7K transfer from APRGC to cover tree works. They were agreed and signed by the Chair. 																																	
5	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors noted the meeting of 7th March 2022 was cancelled as there were no applications needing discussion. 																																	
6	Matters arising from previous Minutes - none																																	
7	To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve bank reconciliation – The February 2022 bank reconciliation was approved. Approve payments – The payments for March 2022 were approved. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th></th><th></th><th>MARCH 2022 PAYMENTS</th><th></th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chq No</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>2037</td><td>21/03/2022</td><td>Downs Solicitors LLP</td><td>Abinger Hammer CC Lease</td><td>2,137.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>2038</td><td>21/03/2022</td><td>HMRC</td><td>Clerks PAYE & NI March 2022</td><td>520.23</td></tr> <tr> <td>2039</td><td>21/03/2022</td><td>Safeplay</td><td>Playgrounds inspections Feb 2022</td><td>178.20</td></tr> <tr> <td>2040</td><td>21/03/2022</td><td>Rebecca Anderson</td><td>Clerks expenses February 2022</td><td>117.38</td></tr> </tbody> </table>							MARCH 2022 PAYMENTS		Chq No					2037	21/03/2022	Downs Solicitors LLP	Abinger Hammer CC Lease	2,137.20	2038	21/03/2022	HMRC	Clerks PAYE & NI March 2022	520.23	2039	21/03/2022	Safeplay	Playgrounds inspections Feb 2022	178.20	2040	21/03/2022	Rebecca Anderson	Clerks expenses February 2022	117.38
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		2041	21/03/2022	Kelley Smith	AH Playground repairs	470.00
					TOTAL	3,423.01
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerks' Pay Rise – The councillors approved the new NJC rates for 2021/2022, noting the relevant bank standing order was already authorised and sent to the bank. 					
8	APC Website – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors discussed the email from a resident asking for the planning tracker to be rectified. Cllr DK agreed to contact HugoFox to discuss and look at Silver and Gold support options. 					
9	Playground Repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abinger Hammer Playground - Repairs have been completed by KS. Cllr PC will inspect the work and confirm that payment can be released. • Abinger Common – Councillors reviewed and agreed the quote from KS asking the Clerk to instruct the repairs. Councillors will then review any outstanding works with a view to those works being completed by Safeplay. • Other Maintenance – Councillors agreed that the playgrounds need jet-washing. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from JB 					
10	Request for Burial Grants – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors considered the request from St James's Church and approved the grant application for £150 for 2021/2022 but did not wish to grant a backdated claim for 2020/2021. The Clerk was asked to inform the church. 					
11	Tillingbourne Earth www.Tillingbourne.Earth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors reviewed the information provided by Tillingbourne Earth. They agreed they did not want to promote their organisation on the PC website, but Cllr EB agreed to send their details onto the Abingers Facebook. 					
12	Walliswood Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors noted the update from GB and agreed to the request for village children to keep and use temporary goalposts on the village hall grounds. The Clerk was instructed to inform GB 					
13	Chairs announcements - none					

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14	Date of next Meeting – 20 th April 2022, Walliswood Village Hall commencing 7.15pm.
15	Matters to consider excluding the public The Clerk asked the Councillors to note her yearly appraisal is due April 2022 and also wanted her home office allowance to be reviewed with consideration to the recent increase in utilities cost. Councillors agreed to look into the matter, discuss and get back to the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 20.07pm