

Abinger Parish Council

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

Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2023 at 7.15pm

Venue	Forest Green Village Hall
Councillors	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) David Keene (DK) Ros Doree (RD)
Clerk	Beccy Anderson (BA)
Attending	Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) David Keene (DK) Ros Doree (RD)
Item	
1	Attendance and Apologies for Absence - DK
2	Declarations of Interest – All councillors are the trustee for APRGC; Cllr PC has an interest in item 10
3	Public Question Time <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the public attended to speak about the request for a playground at Forest Green. ARK presented a petition from local residents with 144 signatures. She reported she had canvassed many local families with young children who would welcome a play area accessible to children of all ages, favouring a ‘natural play’ area. She stressed it could be a key meeting place for families with children. Members of the public discussed the best site for any playground. GH spoke to say safety concerns of any site close to the road and car parks needed to be considered. DC and ? questioned whether the end of Waterlands track would be a suitable site. The Chair replied, the PC had recognised the need for a playground at FG and the PC would take advice as to the best site for any play area given concerns as the safety, suitable land and the ecology of the site. Cllrs also noted that the petition did not provide addresses of signees wondering if all signees were village residents.
4	Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
5	Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a)Councillors noted the meeting of 9th January was cancelled as no applications needed discussing. (b) The Clerk confirmed APC can

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	comment on Stonehouse Wood and Okebrook to MVDC after the next planning meeting of 6 th February 2023.																																																		
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 – Councillors approved the November 2022 & December 2022 bank reconciliations.• Approve payments – The payments for January 2023 were approved. <table><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>JANUARY 2023 PAYMENTS</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE & NI December 2022</td><td>437.80</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>HMRC</td><td>PAYE & NI January 2023</td><td>437.80</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>Mulberry & Co</td><td>Interim Audit fees Nov 22</td><td>144.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>Mulberry & Co</td><td>Payroll fees Oct-Dec 2022</td><td>126.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>Airlee Building Services</td><td>Abinger Common playground repairs</td><td>532.25</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>Paul Redsell</td><td>Tree planting</td><td>279.06</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>23/01/2023</td><td>Rebecca Anderson</td><td>Clerks expenses Nov & Dec 2022</td><td>111.44</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>TOTAL</td><td>2,068.35</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors reviewed and approved the Interim Budget Report for 2022/23• Councillors reviewed and approved the Qtr 3 2022/2023 Budget Monitoring Report noting they would delay any transfer of funds from APRGC to APC to review at the next meeting.• Online Banking – Councillors noted the Clerk was still waiting to hear back from NatWest re the application.				JANUARY 2023 PAYMENTS			23/01/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NI December 2022	437.80		23/01/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NI January 2023	437.80		23/01/2023	Mulberry & Co	Interim Audit fees Nov 22	144.00		23/01/2023	Mulberry & Co	Payroll fees Oct-Dec 2022	126.00		23/01/2023	Airlee Building Services	Abinger Common playground repairs	532.25		23/01/2023	Paul Redsell	Tree planting	279.06		23/01/2023	Rebecca Anderson	Clerks expenses Nov & Dec 2022	111.44									TOTAL	2,068.35
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8	Platinum Jubilee Trees <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors discussed the planting of trees supplied from the SCC Treescapes Scheme. Cllrs RD & CD agreed to contact the FG resident regarding the planting at FG.																																																		
9	Publication of Parish Council Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors considered the request to publish draft minutes of the APC meetings before they are approved. Councillors voted against this request, asking the Clerk to get back to the resident who made the request.																																																		

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10	Abinger Hammer Playground repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillors noted the repairs were for the village green not the playground. Councillors considered quotes from KS and OG and agreed to approve the quote from OG at the price of £750, asking the Clerk to contact him to instruct the works.
11	Walliswood Recreation Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none">Councillors agreed that Cllrs PC and DC would meet with residents to discuss tree works proposed in Tree Survey
12	Rights of Way Improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk reported Cllr DK was confused as to the request from the last meeting to investigate suitable gates for FG. The Clerk reported she had spoken to LS to confirm that only 1 or 2 gates would be installed on his farm and the Clerk would send details of suitable gate for his approval. The Clerk will forward any suitable gates for councillor approval.
13	Chairs announcements – none
12	Date of next Meeting – Monday 20th February 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 20.35pm