# Abinger Parish Council

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

**Minutes of APC Council Meeting held on 21st August 2023 at 7pm**

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| **Venue** | Walliswood Village Hall |
| **Councillors** | Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB) Ed Bigland (EB) Ros Doree (RD) Eliza Rudkin (ER) Philip Rawlings (PR) Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS) |
| **Clerk** | Beccy Anderson (BA) |
| **Attending** | Paul Cleaver (PC), Deardre Cunningham (DC), Maria Belcher (MB Lin Roworth-Stokes (LRS) Ros Doree (RD) Philip Rawlings (PR) |
| **Item** | |
| 1 | **Attendance and Apologies for Absence -** ER & EB |
| 2 | **Declarations of Interest –** All councillors are the trustee for APRGC. |
| 3 | **Public Question Time**<br>• No questions from the member of the public attending, |
| 4 | **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th July 2023**<br>• The Minutes of the meeting having previously circulated were taken as read and approved. |
| 5 | **Planning**<br>• Councillors noted the minutes of the meeting of 7th August 2023. |
| 6 | **Matters arising from previous Minutes -** None |
| 7 | **Chairs Announcements**<br>• Councillors discussed the email from HugoFox informing the PC that they would no longer be offering the hosting of the PC website for free from 4th October. They are offering a 'Silver Service' to include the Planning Tracker at £19.99pcm. The Clerk was instructed to contact HugoFox re the service for the PC to make a decision at the September 2023 meeting. |
| 8 | **Forest Green Hay Making –**<br>• RD reported that the haymaking had taken place and the bales had been removed. DT will be returning to FG next week to flail boundaries to cut back brambles etc. |
| 9 | **To receive Clerk's financial report and to authorise issue of cheques.** |

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- Approve bank reconciliation – Councillors approved the July 2023 bank reconciliation.
- Approve payments – The payments for August 2023 were approved.

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| | | | **AUGUST 2023 PAYMENTS** | |
| | 21/08/2023 | Mulberry & Co | Training Planning LRS, New councillor LRS & PR | 252.00 |
| | 21/08/2023 | Airlie Building Services | AH playground fence repairs 06/23 | 100.00 |
| | 21/08/2023 | DTAS (Daniel Turner) | FG haymaking | 4,350.00 |
| | 21/08/2023 | HMRC | Clerks NI & Paye August 2023 | 437.60 |
| | 21/08/2023 | Jake Burley | Grounds Maintenance August 2023 | 1,211.49 |
| | 21/08/2023 | Rebecca Anderson | Clerks expenses August 2023 | 45.61 |
| | | | TOTAL | 6,396.70 |

10 **Forest Green Working Party**

- Councillors noted the Working Party report of 07/08/2023. Cllr LRS reported the following priorities i) Completion of a Project Plan ii)Surveying of possible sites iii) Researching Funding and Playground Suppliers/Contractors iv) Public Consultation

11 **Playgrounds -**

- Abinger Common damage - This was carried over due to Cllr ER absence.
- New playground item – This was carried over to next month due to Cllr EB absence.

12 **Connect Bus Service**

- Councillors considered the request from Abinger residents and agreed to instruct the Clerk to email Cllrs Hazel Watson & Leah Mursaleen to support extra destinations for the bus service appropriate to Abinger residents' needs.

13 **Speed Limit signage in Abinger Common**

- Councillors noted the request from Abinger Common residents for additional signage and agreed no further action.

14 **Date of next Meeting** – Monday 18th September 2023, 7pm Walliswood Village Hall

15 **Matters to consider excluding the public -**

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| | • No matters needing discussion |

**The meeting closed at 20.00pm**