

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
held on 30th April 2012 at the Tithe Barn, Loseley.

Councillors Present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (a)	Mrs C Longstaff (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)
Mrs K Curl (*)	

(*) denotes present, (a) denotes absent with apology.

APC = Artington Parish Council, GBC = Guildford Borough Council, SCC = Surrey County Council.

In attendance: Phil Gorton (parish clerk), Cllr Simon Gimson (SCC), Cllr James Palmer (GBC), PC Matt Taylor, Chris Jackson (Mount Browne). Approximately forty-five parishioners attended.

1. Apologies were received from:

PCSO Fiona Fyfe, Cllr Neil Ward.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4th May 2011 were signed as an accurate record.

3. Chairman's Annual Report:

Cllr Musson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Planning

- The council has reviewed eighteen planning applications over the last year.
- It has continued to lobby SCC and GBC about the deposition of waste on fields south of New Pond Road and SCC have now served an enforcement order on the owners of the land.
- It has continued to put pressure on GBC to deal with the proliferation of signs at Pew Corner and the retail activity in the business parks.
- The largest new development in the parish, Orange Court Farm, is complete and everyone is pleased with the outcome.

Highways

- A part of the Old Portsmouth Road footway has been cleared thanks to grant from Cllr Gimson.
- The council has asked the highway authority to change the roadside verge-cutting regime through the parish and to repair potholes and road edges.
- Cllr Smith continues to organise rat-running and Community Speed Watch events.

Parish amenities

- Two benches have been installed on the Artington to Littleton path, granted aided by GBC.
- Three grit bins have been installed at no cost to APC. Thanks are due to Loseley, Mount Browne and College of Law who provided sites for the bins.
- A new bus shelter has been supplied and fitted by GBC near Loseley South Lodge, also at no cost to APC. Thanks were given to the APC volunteer demolition team that removed the old one.

Activities

- River Wey lengthsman, Rob Craig, has offered a guided walk along the navigation to explain his work.
- During a recent visit to the parish by Cllr Terence and Angela Patrick, the mayor and mayoress of Guildford, about twenty parishioners had the opportunity to meet them and to visit the police museum at Mount Browne.
- Earlier this year a First Aid session was organised by Clare Pace, our community first responder. The parish council made a contribution towards the cost of running the course.
- Lobbying by APC and support from Cllr Palmer has led to the retention of St Francis church as the Littleton polling station.

Finance

Parish income has come from the annual precept that has remained at £2,900 and from various grants.

Parking problems in The Ridges

In view of the continuing problems of Mount Browne employees parking in The Ridges, Cllr Musson suggested that there should be regular liaison meetings between APC councillors and Surrey Police.

Thanks and acknowledgements

Cllr Musson expressed thanks to all the councillors, residents and others who had contributed the venue and refreshments that have made this Annual Meeting a successful event.

4. Presentation from Michael More Molyneux on Loseley related matters

Surrey Advertiser report

Contrary to the impression given by the recent report in the Surrey Advertiser, he and Sarah are not intending leave Loseley. Their son Alexander and his wife Sophia will be moving into the house in 2015.

Re-roofing of the house

The house is to be re-roofed in the near future and discussions are underway with GBC and English Heritage about the most suitable material for the work.

The Bothy

A planning application is to be submitted shortly for the conversion of the building into overnight accommodation.

Orange Court Farm

Cllr More Molyneux was glad that people liked the development of the farm. He sought to allay fears of increased traffic that may result from the plan to use one of the barns for storage and distribution.

Events at Loseley

Cllr More Molyneux gave a brief outline of this year's events at Loseley.

5. Diamond Jubilee street party

Jacqui Stanford told the meeting of the plans for the parish street party that is to take place on Sunday 3rd June. So far, 110 people have said that they will attend. She thanked Liz Lambley for the original idea and all those who are helping with the organisation of the event.

6. Police report

The new local policeman, PC Matt Taylor, introduced himself and outlined his priorities for policing the area.

7. Discussion

- There was a general discussion about the problem of drivers speeding through Littleton and Sandy Lane. Cllr Smith said that the rat-running exercises show that the majority of them are Mount Browne employees. Cllr More Molyneux *said* that there had recently been instances of illegal night-time shooting on the Loseley estate.
- Chris Jackson, the Mount Browne estates manager, told the meeting that works have now been commissioned to repair the fallen wall in the Old Portsmouth Road and work would begin once permission has been received from the highway authority.
- Chloe Dancey suggested using St Francis church for occasional showings of the films produced by Terence Patrick's Circle Eight Film Group. Sufficient interest was shown by the meeting to make the idea a possibility.

These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC Annual Meeting in April or May 2013.

**Artington Parish Council meets on the second Monday of alternate months
at St Francis church in Littleton starting at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.**

Meetings for 2012-13: 14th May 2012, 9th Jul 2012, 10th Sep 2012, 12th Nov 2012, 14th Jan 2013, 11th Mar 2013.