

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at the Surrey Police Headquarters, Mount Browne.

## Councillors Present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
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 George Johnson (SCC), Cllr James Palmer (GBC), Cllr Neil Ward (GBC), PC Ryan Stephens, Chris Jackson (Surrey Police). Approximately forty parishioners attended.

## 1. Apologies were received from:

Guy Catchpole, Clive Grant and Zoe Brown.

## 2. Minutes of annual meeting 2012

Minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were signed as an accurate record at the parish council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

## 3. Chairman's Annual Report

Cllr Musson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Surrey Police for the invitation to hold the annual meeting at Mount Browne and to the councillors who provided the refreshments. He also expressed the best wishes of the meeting to past APC councillor, James More Molyneux, who is seriously ill.

### *Finance*

Annual parish income via GBC has remained at £2,900, which is supplemented by various grants.

### *Planning*

- The council has reviewed 23 planning applications over the last year.
- APC has continued to lobby SCC and GBC about the deposition of waste on fields south of New Pond Road which is now subject of an Environment Agency enforcement order.
- APC is consulting with GBC about a possible extension to the Littleton conservation area.

### *Highways*

- The clearance of the footway between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill, which was left undone following the work on the footway last year, has now been completed thanks to grant from the personal allocation of ex-SCC councillor, Simon Gimson.
- The council continues to ask SCC to repair potholes and road edges. However, experience seems to suggest that the best way of getting these repaired is to report them individually via the SCC website.
- The parish council has received funding to buy replacement posts for Stakescorner Road and is now negotiating with SCC to have them installed.
- Repairs to the collapsed wall in the Old Portsmouth Road have been completed, thanks to the action of Chris Jackson, facilities manager of Surrey Police.
- Speeding traffic through the parish lanes and inconsiderate parking in The Ridges are still causing difficulties. APC continues to work with Surrey Police to try to resolve the problems.
- Cllr Smith continues to organise rat-running and Community Speed Watch events.

### *Parish amenities*

- Cllr Stanford is arranging for two benches are to be installed on the North Downs Way path, which will be grant-aided by GBC.
- Litter picks have been organised by Cllr Curl. These take place periodically and volunteers are always welcome.
- The website continues to help to inform people of activities in the parish.
- The visit to the parish of the mayor of Guildford in April took her to Pilgrims' Wood to meet Artington's oldest resident, Mrs Frances Luck, who is aged 105 years.
- GBC Cllr James Palmer has helped to secure the future of the Littleton polling station.

- Superfast broadband is now available to households in the parish. Residents should contact their internet service provider for details of the service.
- Cllr Stanford and a sub-committee of the council are organising the Big Lunch on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**4. Police report**

The new local policeman, PC Ryan Stephens, introduced himself and spoke of his particular interest in rural crime.

**5. Report by Cllr George Johnson (SCC)**

Newly elected SCC councillor George Johnson introduced himself. He said that he has been in office for just over two weeks and is working hard on learning about the responsibilities of his new role. He will be sitting on the Environment & Transport and the Planning & Regulatory committees of the county council.

**6. Report by Cllr James Palmer (GBC)**

Borough Plan will be open for public consultation after its release in June. It will affect the development of the borough over the next twenty years and will aim to:

- Boost the local economy, encouraging fast broadband, expansion of the university and the North Street development. The latter will be a mixture of large national shops with local businesses.
- Provide 400 homes per year for the next twenty years. This will involve a review of the green belt boundary.
- Protect the environment by expanding the Surrey Hills area of outstanding natural beauty and also, locally, by the possible enlargement of the Littleton conservation area.
- Improve the Guildford town centre, particularly the gyratory system in conjunction with SCC. The Highway Agency is now looking at the A3 / A31 bottleneck at Guilford that has worsened since the opening of the Hindhead tunnel.

**7. The Big Lunch**

Jacqui Stanford told the meeting of the plans for the Big Lunch that is to take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. It is to be a communal picnic with a lamb roast, a tug of war and musical entertainment provided by the Soultanas. An invitation to the event has been sent to all households in the parish.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the APC on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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.**